

Counseling Newsletter
April 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7th Registration Deadline for May 6 SAT at MVHS
April 8th ACT at MVHS 8 a.m.
April 14 No School
April 15 Deadline to submit FAFSA
April 17 No School
April 25 Service Academy Night 123 NW 4th in Evansville 6 pm
May 5th Red Cross Blood Drive at MVHS 9 am to 2 pm
May 6th SAT at MVHS 8 a.m.
May 15th Senior Honors Night 7 p.m. PAC
May 18th Senior Recognition Practice 1:45 p.m. Main Gym
May 19th Senior Recognition 9:15 a.m. PAC
May 19th Senior Trip Holiday World
May 22th Graduation Practice 8:05 a.m. Main Gym
May 26th Commencement

FAFSA DEADLINE IS APRIL 15th!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FAFSA-students and parents now sign their FAFSA using a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) instead of a 4 digit pin. The website Outreach@ ISMCollegePlanning.org is a resource to use in finding how to create a FSA ID provided by the US Department of Education:

To apply for a college

1. Apply to the college online
2. Go to parchment.com and create an account asking MVHS to send your transcript to the college of your choice
3. In many cases you can apply through the Common Application or SENDedu make sure you have the correct counselor email: A-R guthriede@mvschool.org
Or S-Z walkerkn@mvschool.org

For free SAT practice tests and other tools go to the Khan Academy website at <http://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

Questions to consider when choosing a college:

What are class sizes like?

Is there a freshman orientation or transition to college program?

What is the graduation rate?

What percentage of students graduate in two/four years, depending on the program?

What kind of student activities or organizations are on campus?

What do students like best about this college?

What academic or other support is offered such as free tutoring, a writing lab, counseling

Other factors: small campus, large university, community college, living at home

You must bring your calculator, admissions ticket and drivers license/ picture school ID with you to take the SAT and ACT.

Each college and university in the United States is required to have an updated college cost calculator, which indicates accurate current prices and fees for colleges. Check this out to determine the cost of your school. Many use the college cost calculator supplied by the College Board. You can find it at <http://www.netpricecalculator.org>

Seniors have 2 days to visit college campuses. Deadline for approved MVHS college visits is May 1st. You need to pick up a college visit form from Mrs. Martin in the guidance office and follow the guidelines regarding your attendance. Juniors can also take a college visit 2nd semester with the same approve guidelines.

Mt. Vernon High School will again be a national test site for the SAT and ACT this year. Our high school code is 152460. All tests will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the regular location is the social studies hallway at the high school. ACT test center for Mt. Vernon is 164-330 and SAT will be 15-580 MVHS will be offering testing the following dates:

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| ACT | SAT |
| April 8, 2017 | May 6, 2017 |

SAT practice <http://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

The NCAA Clearinghouse: The NCAA has implemented an on-line registration for those students wanting to play Division I or Division II athletics in college. You can register at: http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html. GO TO PARCHMENT.COM AND ASK YOUR TRANSCRIPT BE SENT TO THE NCAA FROM MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

The cost is \$70. You must have your SAT/ACT scores sent directly to the clearinghouse if you are going to play Division I or Division II athletics. Changes in for 2016 include:

1. Must have 16 core cores, 10 before senior year
2. gpa in core courses must be a 2.3 7 of 10 core classes must be in English, math, and science. Go to 2point3.org to look at the changing NCAA guidelines

NAIA colleges and universities require registration with <http://www.playnaia.org> if you want to participate in NAIA competitive sports programs.

The following are some scholarship and informative websites you will find useful:

<http://www.IndianaCollegeCosts.org> available scholarships and college costs

<http://www.scholarship.com> free scholarship search service

<http://www.freescholarshipguide.com> free scholarship search service

<http://www.collegeanswer.com> free scholarship search service

<http://www.finaid.org> free money, financial aid search service

<http://www.schoolsoup.com> free scholarship search service

<http://www.scholarshiphunter.com> free scholarship search service

<http://www.fastweb.com> free scholarship search service

<http://www.srnexpress.com> free scholarship search service

<http://www.myfuture.com> career information
<http://www.universitys.com> college search
<http://www.kaplan.com> test preparation
<http://www.mycollegeguide.com> student life
<http://www.DriveOfYourLife.org/Educator> Indiana Career Exploration
<http://www.learnmoreindiana.org> college and career information
<http://www.collegeboard.com> career and college information
<http://www.TriptoCollege.org> steps to prepare for college
<http://www.learnmore.org> steps to prepare for college
<http://www.indianacollegecosts.org> to find Indiana college cost info
<http://www.collegegoalsunday.org> help in completing the FAFSA
<http://www.upromise.com> how to set up an Indiana 529 savings plan for college

Scholarships: Scholarships are generally found in two categories 1) need based 2) merit based. The scholarship search engines above are very valuable. Also check out:

- *your mother or father's employer
- *your church or religious affiliated organizations
- *minority serving organizations
- *libraries
- *book stores

When completing a scholarship application it is important to: be neat, be original, be timely, no mistakes

The following scholarship opportunities have been received by the counseling office
**INDICATES LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

*Animation Career Scholarships Scholarship for students wanting to major in animation
Go to <http://www.animationcareerreview.com> <http://www.onlinebareport.com> June 1st deadline

*Ball State University Scholarships access at
<http://www.bsu.edu/admissions/scholarships> No special application is necessary for need based scholarships.

**Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship given to senior who wants to enter teaching profession. Application available in MVHS Counseling Office. Due April 10

**Peckinpugh Emick Scholarships for area students wanting to go into a medical related college or vocational major. Applications in Counseling Office Due April 14

*Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship for students from New Harmony who have documented community service helping New Harmony and a 2.5 grade average. More information in the Counseling Office

*Kyle Parker Memorial Scholarship given to area seniors Must be planning on going to college and have documented community service. Applications for \$4000 scholarship available in MVHS Counseling Office. Deadline is April 10th

**Schultz Scholarship is given to MVHS senior who plans to major in veterinary medicine or engineering. Applications will be available in the counseling office Deadline is April 21st

*Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at Indiana University is offering a Balanced Man scholarship worth \$500 planning to attend IU. Deadline is May 1

*Tropicana Evansville deterring underage gambling. Essays must be published in a school publication or videos must be no more than 2 minutes and at least 60 seconds played to group of 50 or more or posters must be displayed in school for at least 1 week Applications available in MVHS Counseling Office Deadline April 7

*USI Alumni Leadership Award \$1500 must be in top 20% of graduating class You must do the following: 1. Apply for admissions to USI 2. attach a list of participation in school, community, and church related leadership roles to application 3. Two letters of recommendation from a school and non- school person giving evidence of leadership 4. 200 word essay on My Goals in Life or The Leadership role, person, or event that has influenced me most. If you are having problems email alumni@usi.edu for an application

*Vincennes University Scholarships: <http://www.vinu.edu/scholarships>

*Western Kentucky University Scholarships <http://www.wku.edu/topdollar>

