

MVHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



August 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/16 National Guard at MVHS
- 8/22 Purdue University at MVHS
- 9/3 Labor Day
- 9/6 University of Louisville at MVHS
- 9/7 Lilly Scholarship Deadline
- 9/10 Wabash College at MVHS
- 9/24 College Go Week
- 9/30 Greater Evansville College Fair, 1:30-3:00 pm, USI
- 10/1 2019-20 FAFSA submission begins
- 10/1 Wells Scholarship nomination deadline
- 10/10 PSAT at MVHS
- 10/12 End of first grading period
- 10/23 Financial Aid Night, 6:00 pm, Media Center
- 10/27 ACT at MVHS
- 11/1 IU priority admission application deadline
- 11/8 Junior Parent Night, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- 11/20 College Day Program
- 12/1 SAT at MVHS

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Posey County ([Additional Information](#))

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will provide full tuition and required fees at any Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North

Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The online application can be accessed at the link above, and the deadline to apply is September 7, 2018.

Applications for other local scholarships will become available in January 2018.

Indiana University Wells Scholarship ([Additional Information](#))

Students planning to attend Indiana University can apply for the Wells Scholarship. The Wells Scholarship pays the full cost of attendance for four years of undergraduate study on IU's Bloomington campus. Scholars may choose to spend one of these years studying abroad through the university's overseas study programs. MVHS can nominate two students for this award. Please let Mrs. McCloud know if you are interested by Friday, August 31.

Scholarship and Financial Aid Web Sites

- [Indiana College Costs Estimator](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Sallie Mae Bank](#)
- [FinAid](#)
- [GoodCall](#)
- [Scholarship Hunter](#)
- [Fastweb](#)

Church or religious affiliated organizations, minority serving organizations, credit unions, trade unions, and parents' employers may also offer scholarships.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Students may apply for the FAFSA from October 1, 2018, through April 15, 2019, for grants and loans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2018. Students and parents will sign in using a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). A step-by-step guide for creating your FSA ID can be found at the [INvested Indiana web site](#). **MVHS will host a Financial Aid Night on October 23, at 6:00 pm, in the Media Center.** A representative from USI will present information and answer questions to help students and parents complete the 2019-20 FAFSA.

SELECTING AND APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Parchment Accounts

All seniors must create a [Parchment](#) account to request transcripts be sent to the college(s) of their choice. Click [here](#) to view a video tutorial on ordering your official transcript.

Free College Applications!

College Go Week is September 24-28, and College Application Day is September 28. Several colleges and universities will waive application fees during this time. A list of these schools will be included in next month's newsletter.

Questions to Consider When Choosing a College

- What are class sizes?
- 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

Use the "[My College Choice](#)" worksheet to compare colleges/universities you are considering.

College Cost Calculators

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. Use this tool to determine the cost of the schools you are considering. Many use the [college cost calculator](#) supplied by the College Board.

College Visits

Seniors have two days to visit college campuses. The deadline for approved MVHS college visits is May 1. Students need to pick up a [college visit form](#) from Mrs. Martin in the guidance office and follow the guidelines regarding attendance. Juniors can also take a college visit during the spring semester with the same approved guidelines.

Greater Evansville College Fair 2018

The University of Southern Indiana will host the Greater Evansville College Fair in the PAC Arena on Sunday, September 30, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Over 60 colleges and universities will be present. Students can register at <http://gotocollegefairs.com/> and provide their basic information and interests. This process will generate a personalized barcode that students print out or display on their phone and bring to the fair. This will eliminate the need to fill out information cards at every table.

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit online or paper application to the college/university.
2. Request a transcript be sent to the college/university using your [Parchment](#) account. (See instructions to the left.)
3. Request that ACT and/or SAT scores be sent to the college/university when registering for the exam.
4. Things to have on hand when you apply:
 - GPA and class rank
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - Social Security Number
 - Email address
 - Parents' information (workplace, address, phone, etc.)
 - Dual credit (CAP) information (course number and dates enrolled)
 - AP course information, if applicable
 - Graduation date (May 24, 2019)
 - Counselor's email address:

A-R: Mrs. McCloud
(mcccloudtr@mvschool.org)

S-Z: Ms. Walker
(walkerkn@mvschool.org)



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Streamlining the College Fair Circuit

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

The NCAA has implemented [online registration](#) for those students wanting to play Division I or Division II athletics in college. Use your [Parchment](#) account to request that your transcript be sent to the NCAA. The cost is \$80 (waivers are available for those who qualify). You must have your SAT/ACT scores sent directly from ACT or the College Board to the clearinghouse if you are going to play Division I or Division II athletics. Academic requirements include the following:

- Complete 16 core courses, including 10 before your senior year
- Minimum GPA in core courses must be a 2.3
- Seven of ten core courses must be in English, math, and science.

SAT AND ACT TESTS

These exams are designed to assess what you learned in high school and what you need to be successful in college. When deciding which test to take, be sure to check with the college/university you are planning to attend to see which test is required or recommended. Many colleges/universities will accept both the SAT and ACT.

The SAT and ACT are both given at MVHS (See dates to the right). Both exams can also be taken in Evansville on additional dates. On test day you must bring your calculator, admission ticket, and picture ID.

SAT Features

- Top score is 1600
- Four sections: reading, writing and language, math, and essay (optional)
- Total time: 3 hours (3 hours 50 minutes with essay)
- No penalty for wrong answers

Free SAT practice tests and other tools are available at the [Khan Academy](#) web site.

ACT Features

- Top score is 36
- Five sections: English, math, reading, science, and essay (optional)
- Total time: 2 hours 55 minutes (3 hours 35 minutes with essay)
- No penalty for guessing
- Has an interest inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests and career options

[Free ACT Practice \(https://academy.act.org/\)](https://academy.act.org/)

Senior Conferences

Guidance counselors will be meeting individually with all seniors beginning later in August.

ACT at MVHS

*October 27, February 9, and
April 13*

School Code 152-460

Test Center 164-330

Register at

<http://actstudent.org/>

SAT at MVHS

December 1 and May 4

School Code 152-460

Test Center 15-580

Register at

<https://www.collegeboard.org>
