Counseling Newsletter
February 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 10th Posey County Community Foundation Scholarships Due
Feb 11th ACT at MVHS 8 am
Feb 19 Application deadline for April 9 ACT at MVHS
Feb 27 SIU Carbondale at MVHS Café noon
March 3 Registration deadline for April 8 ACT at MVHS
March 10 Deadline to submit the FAFSA
March 27 Spring Break Begins
April 3 Local Scholarship Applications due to Counseling Office
April 7 Registration deadline for May 6 SAT at MVHS
April 8 ACT at MVHS 8 am
May 5 Red Cross Blood Drive at MVHS 9am-2pm
May 6 SAT at MVHS 8 am

FAFSA – Deadline is March 10!
Senior students may apply for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) from October 1, 2016-March 10, 2017. This is for grants and loans to attend college beginning in the fall of 2017.
FSA ID – Students & parents sign their FAFSA using a Federal Student Aid ID

Opportunities

- Murray State Commonwealth Academy June 10-July 1. Deadline March 1. Applications in MVHS Counseling Office or at http://www.murraystate.edu/cha
- University of Evansville has announced a "guarantee in four years" for graduation or the 5th year at UE is tuition free if you have followed the academic plan. Must be full time student, maintain satisfactory academic progress, no academic or judicial sanctions. Further information at http://www.admission@evansville.edu

ACT & SAT:

- You must bring your calculator, admission ticket & picture ID with you on test day
- MVHS high school code is 152460.
- All tests will begin at 8:00 a.m. & the regular location is the social studies hallway at the high school.
- ACT test center for Mt. Vernon is 164-330. Register at actstudent.org
- SAT test center for Mt. Vernon is 15-580. Register at collegeboard.org

SAT
SAT at MVHS: Saturday, May 6th
The new SAT is still English/reading & math based.
Ways the new SAT is different:

- Top score will be 1600
- No Penalty for Wrong Answers
- Fewer answer choices
- More time for each section
- No more obscure vocabulary
- Increased use of graphs & charts
- Use of texts that are more similar to what you have seen at school
- Each question has four answer choices
- Essay is optional & revamped

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

ACT
ACT at MVHS: Saturday, February 11th & Saturday, April 8th (reg deadline is March 3)
The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school.
The ACT has 5 parts: English, Math, Reading, Science, & an optional Writing Test. The ACT is scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing. The ACT also has an interest inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests & career options

Applying for College

1. Apply to the college online
2. Go to parchment.com & create an account asking MVHS to send your transcript to the college of your choice Video Instructions can be found online.

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

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

Cost Calculators

Each college & university in the United States is required to have an updated college cost calculator, which indicates accurate current prices & 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

College Visits

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 & follow the guidelines regarding your attendance. Juniors can also take a college visit 2nd semester with the same approved guidelines.

The NCAA Clearinghouse

The NCAA has implemented an online 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 $75 (waivers 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.

Changes in for 2016 include:

- Must have 16 core cores; 10 before senior year
- GPA in core courses must be a 2.0
- 7 of 10 core classes must be in English, math, & science.

Go to 2point3.org to look at the changing NCAA guidelines

Informative Websites: The scholarship search engines are very valuable.

- IndianaCollegeCosts.org available scholarships & college costs
- scholarship.com free scholarship search service
- freescholarshipguide.com free scholarship search service
- collegeanswer.com free scholarship search service
- finaid.org free money, financial aid search service
- .schoolsoup.com free scholarship search service
- scholarshiphunter.com free scholarship search service
- fastweb.com free scholarship search service
- srnexpress.com free scholarship search service
- myfuture.com career information
- universitys.com college search
- kaplan.com test preparation
- mycollegeguide.com student life
- DriveOfYourLife.org/Educator Indiana Career Exploration
- learnmoreindiana.org college & career information
- collegeboard.org career & college information
- TriptoCollege.org steps to prepare for college
- learnmore.org steps to prepare for college
- indianacollegecosts.org to find Indiana college cost info
- collegegoalsunday.org help in completing the FAFSA
- upromise.com Indiana 529 savings plan for college

Scholarships

Scholarships are generally found in two categories 1) need based 2) merit based. 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 - Applications available in MVHS Counseling Office if not otherwise indicated.**
Highlighted Scholarships have an approaching deadline.

- American Honors Program at IVY TECH for transfer to 4 year college & affordability http://www.americanhonors.org/applyivy
- **Addison Scholarships traditionally 3 $9000 scholarships given to MVHS seniors based on academic achievement, leadership, financial need. Deadline April 3
- **Alexander Scholarships-traditionally 5 $2000 scholarships awarded to MVHS seniors based on academic excellence, scholarship and leadership. Deadline April 3
- **American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships are awarded to MVHS seniors based on scholarship & leadership. Deadline April 3
- **American Legion Owen Dunn Post 5 Scholarship must be a child, grandchild, or legal dependent of a Post 5 member in good standing with at least 3 years continuous membership. Traditionally 2 $1000 scholarships have been awarded. A one page typed essay "What being an American means to me" has been required.
- **American Legion "Sons Of American Legion" scholarship. Strong consideration will be given to students who have parents/grandparents active in the post. Deadline April 3
- Animation Career Scholarship available at the following sites: http://www.fashion-schools.org http://www.animationcareerreview.com http://www.onlinembareport.com Deadline is June 1
- Ball State University Scholarships access at http://www.bsu.edu/admissions/scholarships No special application is necessary for need based scholarships.
- Ben Dickhaut Memorial 4H & FFA Scholarship ($4,800): Graduating high school senior who is a resident of Posey County planning to attend a 2 or 4 yr accredited institution of higher learning or technical school. Applicant must have participated in 4H for 5 years and/or FFA for 2 yrs. Apply at www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10
- Bobby Rogge Memorial Scholarship ($200): Graduating seniors of any Posey County High School planning to attend 2 or 4 year college or accredited tech school. Apply at http:// www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10
- **Bolger Scholarship is given to MVHS senior based on scholarship. Deadline is April 3
- **Bostick Steinmetz Scholarship is awarded to a MVHS senior who plans to major in engineering or physical science. Deadline is April 3
- Brescia University Academic Scholarships https://www.brescia.edu/brescia-university-scholarships
- **Business and Professional Women's Scholarship awarded to an outstanding senior. Traditionally a $500 scholarship. Deadline April 3
- Cash Family Scholarship ($500): Graduating senior of MVHS with a 3.0 GPA & planning to pursue a degree in healthcare (e.g. medicine, nursing, physical therapy, & occupational therapy) at any accredited college or university. Apply at http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10
- **Coterie English Scholarship is awarded to outstanding MVHS Language Arts student. Deadline April 3
- **Countrymark Coop Scholarship given to top MVHS seniors who have parents who work at Countrymark Coop. No application necessary but notify the MVHS Counseling Office of interest by April 3rd
- Countrymark Technical Trade Scholarship ($4,500): Graduating seniors of a Posey County High School who have a minimum 2.75 GPA. Applicants must be planning to major in electrical maintenance, electronics, computer

technology, mechanical maintenance, or welding at Ivy Tech Community College. Apply at http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey Deadline Feb 10

- Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Scholarship student must be a direct descendant of a graduate of the Deaconess School of Nursing and wanting to be a nurse. Applications in the MVHS Counseling Office or at www.deaconess.com Deadline March 10th
- Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship available in MVHS Counseling Office for students wanting to be teachers
- DKG Pi Chapter Grantin Scholarship: $1000 scholarship given to a tri-state senior wanting to be a teacher and majoring in education. Contact Paula Harmon at paula.harmon@evsck12.com Applications online at https://goo.gl/GAJao7. Deadline March 1.
- **Elmer T Schenk Performing Arts Scholarship a $1000 scholarship given to an outstanding performing arts senior at MVHS (vocal or instrumental music, technical theatre). Deadline is April 3
- **Ervin Naab Tri County Agronomics Scholarship given to a MVHS senior majoring in Agriculture. Traditionally a $1000 scholarship. Deadline is April 3
- Evansville Teachers Credit Union "Ted Hitch" Scholarship: ten $5000 awards given to area seniors. Must have a 3.75 GPA. Applicants must have parent or guardian who are Credit Union member for a least 1 year prior to the March 3, 2017 deadline. Applications available in Counseling Office or at www.etfcu.org/scholarships
- **Friends of Beulah Lodge Mason's Scholarship: $600 scholarship to a student going to college with financial need. Deadline April 3.
- **Gallucci Steinmetz Scholarship is awarded to a MVHS senior pursuing a degree in engineering or physical science. Applications available in MVHS Counseling Office. Deadline April 3
- Gill Orthodontist Scholarships for patients of Dr. Gill. 2 area scholarships given. Applications available in Counseling Office or at www.gillorthodontics.com Deadline March 15
- Gillenwater College Scholarship $1000 Graduate of any Posey County High School, in the top 1/3 of their class, and planning on attending a four year college. http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10.
- Gillenwater Junior College or State Supported Technical College Scholarship $500 http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/
- Herb and Betty Curry Scholarship: $500. Graduating senior of a Posey County high school pursuing post secondary education in music (vocal or instrumental), music education, or performing arts. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA. Deadline February 29. Applications at http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/
- **Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship: Students from New Harmony who have documented community service helping New Harmony & a 2.5 GPA. More information in counseling office.
- ISTA Scholarships: All Scholarships are $1000. Apply at https://www.ista.in.org/our-profession/scholarships-awards Deadline March 1

  ISTA Dependent Scholarships for dependents of ISTA members
  ISTA Educator Scholarships for dependent of an ISTA member wanting to be a teacher
  Damon Moore Scholarship for ethnic minorities wanting to pursue teaching license
  Lewis Russell Scholarships for ethnic minorities wanting to teach Industrial Arts, Vocational Education, or Technical Preparation
- Indiana University Alumni Association Scholarships Evansville Chapter: students planning to attend IU and have shown outstanding leadership. Application at http://alumni.indiana.edu/students/scholarships/index.html Deadline March 1
- **Kiwanis Club of Mt. Vernon Scholarship $1200. Must list leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, work experience. Application deadline to local Kiwanis Office (Beth McFadin Higgins Law Office) is February 15

- **Kyle Parker Memorial Scholarship: Seniors in Warrick, Posey, Vanderburgh, Gibson or Henderson Counties. Must be planning to go to college & have a documented commitment to community service. At least one parent must be deceased. Deadline is April 10 for the $4000 scholarship
- **Larry Blubaum Scholarship last year a $4000 scholarship was given to a MVHS Senior with an essay "My Educational and Career Goals" and two letters of recommendation. Top 5 candidates are interviewed via SKYPE at MVHS. Applications were sent to you via email and are also available in the counseling office. Deadline is March 3. Applications should be sent to lisa@southmadisonfoundation.org or submitted to the counseling office.
- **Logan's Promise Scholarship for academic achievement & those who want to fight Drinking & Driving. You must have 15 hours community service, have strong academic achievement with a 3.0 GPA, have letters of reference & complete the application. Deadline is March 19
- Lincoln Trail CC scholarships contact browningt@iecc.edu
- Mac McCutchan Memorial Scholarship ($500): Graduating senior of any Posey County High School enrolled in a 2-4 year degree program in Agriculture and/or Family & Consumer Science. Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 GPA & must have participated as a 4H member for 5 years and/or FFA for 3 years. Apply at http://www.communityfoundationallianance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10
- Margaret Corbin Wathen Scholarship ($500) Graduating seniors from any Posey County high school majoring in music or music education. Apply at http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10
- Marian University Scholarships http://www.marian.edu/financialaid or admissions@marion.edu
- Manchester College Scholarships http://www.manchester.edu
- **Mason's Scholarship: $600 awarded traditionally based on need. Deadline April 3
- James Moore Scholarship: $400 Graduating senior at MVHS pursuing post-secondary education in Industrial Arts. Deadline Feb 10. Applications at https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/scholarships/james-w-moore-scholarship/
- Jay Lampton Memorial Scholarship: $500 Must be planning to attend Lincoln College of Technology (formally Nashville Auto Diesel), have taken technology classes, have a 2.0 GPA with financial need and plan to seek a degree in Auto Mechanics. Area county graduates eligible. Apply at https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/scholarships/jay-lampton-memorial-scholarship/ Deadline Feb 10
- Mac McCutchan Memorial Scholarship $1200: Given to a Posey County high School graduate planning to enroll in a 2 or 4 year college majoring in Agriculture and/or family and consumer services. Must have a 2.5 GPA and must have been a member of $H for 5 years and/or FFA for 3 years. Deadline February 10 Apply at https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/scholarships/mac-mccutchan-memorial-scholarship/
- Manchester University Scholarships: https://goo.gl/GQWhmI
- Margaret Corbin Wathen Scholarship $500: Graduating senior of any Posey County high school planning to major in music or music education. Deadline Feb 10. Apply at https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/scholarships/margaret-corbin-wathen-scholarship/
- Marion University Scholarships: Deadlines vary. For more information, contact admissions@marion.edu
- **Mount Vernon M-Club Athletic Scholarships: 3 $1000 M Club scholarships and 1 $1000 Tom Collins Memorial Scholarship given to MVHS seniors athletes based on scholarship, character, citizenship, financial need, college athletic potential. Deadline April 3
- **MV Oddfellow's Scholarship 1 letter of recommendation required. Has been a $600 scholarship. Deadline April 3
- **Naab Tri County Agronomics Memorial Scholarship: $1000 scholarship for MVHS senior majoring in Agriculture. Applications available in Counseling office. Deadline is April 3.
- **NEA Dependent Scholarship ($250) is awarded to a son/daughter of an NEA Mt. Vernon member. Deadline April 3

- **NEA/UTP Robert Murray Scholarship: $250 for a MVHS senior who is entering the teaching profession. Deadline April 3
- Navy ROTC Scholarship http://www.nrotc.navy.mil
- Oakland City University Scholarships http://www.OAK.edu
- **Oddfellows – Mt. Vernon Indiependent Lodge Scholarship: $750 scholarship given to a MVHS senior. 1 letter of recommendation is required & completion of application essay. Deadline April 3
- Oscar & Helen Uebelhack Agriculture Scholarship ($500): Graduating seniors at Mount Vernon High School pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture or animal science. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA. Apply at http://www.communityalliancefoundation.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10
- **PAWS Scholarship given to an outstanding MVHS senior member of the wrestling team. Deadline April 3
- **Performing Arts/Elmer Schenk Scholarship: $1000 award given to MVHS senior who has been an outstanding performing arts participant (Band, Choir, Theatre, Tech Theatre). Deadline April 3
- **Pence Scholarships traditionally $1000 given to MVHS seniors based on academic excellence. Applications available April 3
- Posey County Co-op Scholarship ($1,800) Graduating high school seniors who are residents of Posey County with a minimum 2.75 GPA. Applicants must be planning to major in agriculture, electrical maintenance, electronics & computer technology, mechanical maintenance, or welding at an accredited college, university or vocational technical school. Apply at http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10
- **Posey Kids Incorporated Scholarship: $600 given to a MVHS senior who has financial need. Deadline April 3
- Posey County Co-op Scholarship: $1800 Must be a graduation senior from a Posey County HS planning to pursue post-secondary education in agriculture, electrical maintenance, electronics and computer technology, mechanical maintenance or welding at any accredited college, university or technical/vocation school. Apply at https://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/scholarships/posey-county-co-op-scholarship/ Deadline Feb 10
- Posey County Right to Life Martha Breeze $500 scholarship and essay contest. 500-700 word essay is required. Applications available at MVHS Counseling Office or by emailing poseycountyrighttolife@gmail.com Deadline is Mar 1
- **Reibold Scholarships is a traditionally $500 scholarship given to an outstanding senior MVHS Agriculture student. Deadline April 3
- Riedford Health Professions Scholarship ($500): Graduating seniors at MVHS with a 3.2 GPA pursuing a 2 or 4 year degree in Indiana, Western Kentucky (which offers in state tuition) or Wabash Valley College in eastern IL. Applicants must be majoring in nursing, pre-medicine, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, pre-dentistry, or pre-optometry. Apply at http://www.communnityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10
- Right to Life Oratory and Art Scholarships. Apply at http://www.rtlswin.org/ Deadline Feb 16
- **Root Scholarships traditionally are $2500 scholarships awarded to outstanding MVHS seniors based on academic excellence and need. Deadline April 3
- SABIC Innovative Plastics Scholarship ($1000): Graduating seniors of any high school in the US who are the natural or adoptive children or legal dependents of an active employee at SABIC in Mt. Vernon. Applicant must have a 2.75 GPA & planning to attend an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school. Apply at http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10
- **SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Amy Lindenberg Scholarship
  Must be an active member of SADD, have a 2.5 GPA, & complete an essay "How do you feel about underage drinking and how would you discourage it. Applications available in Counseling Office. Deadline is April 3
- **Schultz Scholarship Fund-Old National Wealth Management for Engineering and Vet Medicine majors graduating from MVHS. New applications not yet available
- Southeast Missouri State Scholarships http://www.semo.edu/sfs/financialaid/scholarships/

- Southeast Missouri State-In state tuition if you have a 21 ACT 980 SAT & 3.0 & apply by March 1
- Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association Scholarship given to a graduating seniors at Gibson, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Posey counties who are planning to attend a college, university, or vocational technical school full time & have at least a 2.65 GPA. Applicants must be planning to major in botany, horticulture, or landscape architecture. Apply at http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey Due Feb 10
- Trine University Scholarships http://www.trine.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/
- Tropicana Evansville Scholarship: deterring underage gambling. Essays must be published in a school publication or videos must be no more than 2 minutes & at least 60 seconds played to a group of 50 or more or posters must be displayed in school for at least 1 week. Application available in Counseling Office Due April 7
- University of Indianapolis scholarships apply at http://www.uindy.edu/apply
- USI Alumni Association Scholarship $1500 scholarship, must be in top 20%,
  Instructions: 1 Apply for admission to USI, 2:Attach a list of participation in school, community, and church related leadership roles to application, 3: Provide 2 letters of recommendation from a school and non-school person giving evidence of leadership, 4: Write a 200 word essay on My Goals in Life or The Leadership Role, person or event that has influenced me most. Email at alumni@usi.edu or call 812-464-1924 for details
- Valparaiso University Scholarships http://www.valpo.edu/financialaid
- Vincennes University Scholarships: http://www.vinu.edu/scholarships
- Virtual Business Scholarship for students interested in business, person finance or marketing. Apply at https://knowledgematters.com/about/scholarships/ Deadline April 1
- Washington of St. Louis Scholarships http://www.wustl.edu
- **Wehr/Vaughn Memorial CGB Scholarship: given to a student who has had a part time or summer job. Deadline April 3
- Western Kentucky University Scholarships http://www.wku.edu/topdollar/
- Whitney Wehr Memorial Scholarship ($1500): Graduating seniors at MVHS planning to go to college with preference given to a senior who wants to major in education. Apply at communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Due Feb 10
- William Keck Leadership Scholarship ($3500): Graduating seniors of MVHS planning full time enrollment at IU-Bloomington. Apply at http://www.communityfoundationalliance.org/posey/ Deadline Feb 10