

**THE EAGLE EYE**

**October 2025**



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*Mercer County High School*

# *Counselor's Information*

## **Mark Your Calendars**

|                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| October 15th   | MCHS College & Career Day |
| October 17th   | End 1st Qt                |
| Oct. 30th-31st | No School P/T Conferences |

## **MCHS College & Career Day**

Mercer County High School will be hosting a College/Career Day on Wednesday, October 15th during school in the high school gymnasium. We are excited to announce that we will have a mixture of colleges, universities, local unions, local businesses, trade schools, and military personnel on hand. We really want to make sure that we have something for everyone. They will be available in an "open house" format, with a table set up, to answer questions or obtain information from. Right now, we have over 40 tables that will be set up but are expecting a few more.

There will be a scholarship opportunity/opportunities for senior students just for attending and signing up.

## **Mind Over Miles 5K Run/Walk**

Do you love to run/walk AND care about mental health awareness? Save the date for our Gray Matters Collective 5K run/walk: Mind Over Miles.

**May 23rd, 2026**

More info to come at a later date.

# **THE GRAY MATTERS COLLECTIVE**



## College Representatives at MCHS

College representatives meet with interested students September through December. College visits are held during advisory. Students must report to their class before leaving to meet with a representative. The following representatives will be at Mercer County High School:

U of Dubuque Oct 7th 12:00pm-12:30pm

U of Chicago Oct. 16th 10:15am-10:45am

ECC Oct. 23rd 10:15am-10:45am

## Post-Secondary Plans for Seniors

- Ms. Hains & Mrs. Staker held Senior Jump Start on Wednesday, August 27th for seniors and their parents. They hopefully answered any questions anyone had about post grad planning but if you have additional questions please email or call the counseling office.
- Seniors are encouraged to submit college applications at this time. Seniors should submit post-secondary school applications to the school of their choice by mid October.
- Seniors needing a transcript sent to a college should log in to their Parchment account and make their requests. Please stop by the counseling office or email Ms. Hains, Mrs. Staker or Mrs. Clark with any questions.

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*Please stop by the  
counselor's office  
with any questions  
or concerns you  
may have about  
Post-Secondary  
plans.*

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## Post-Secondary Visits

Juniors & Seniors get three TOTAL college visit days that are excused to visit post-secondary schools. Forms may be picked-up in the counselor's office and must be returned to the main office at least one day prior to the visit, for the absence to be excused. Keep in mind that most post-secondary schools have special fall preview days on Saturdays and encourage parents/students to make private appointments if they cannot attend a preview day. Several colleges are currently offering scholarships to students who attend the preview days. Scholarship eligibility is often based on a qualifying essay or a drawing.

# SAT Test Dates—SAT.org

**SAT No Essay—\$68**

(late fee required—\$34)

The following SAT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test. \*Please note the SAT will be given here at the high school in April to all Juniors.

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| October 4, 2025  | September 19, 2025           |
| November 8, 2025 | October 24, 2025             |
| December 6, 2025 | November 21, 2025            |
| March 14, 2026   | February 27, 2026            |
| May 2, 2026      | April 17, 2026               |
| June 6, 2026     | May 22, 2026                 |



\*Fee waivers are available if you qualify. See the Counseling office with questions

## ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

**ACT No Writing—\$68**

**ACT Plus Writing—\$93**

Test option change - \$48

(late fee required—\$40)



The following ACT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test:

| <u>Test Date</u>  | <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>Late Fee Deadline</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| October 18, 2025  | September 12                 | October 10               |
| December 13, 2025 | November 7                   | November 24              |
| February 14, 2026 | January 9                    | January 23               |
| April 11, 2026    | March 6                      | March 24                 |
| June 13, 2026     | May 8                        | May 29                   |
| July 11, 2026     | June 5                       | June 24                  |

Students may register on-line at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and use a credit card for payment. REMEMBER to include Mercer County High School's code 140008 on the registration information so the school has your ACT scores for your transcript. Keep in mind that the ACT can be taken multiple times & colleges do not care if scores go down on retakes. Colleges will not pull the highest scores from multiple dates but do take the highest scores from one single test date regardless of the number of times the test has been taken. \*\*Fee waivers are available if you qualify.

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