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# Counselor's Information

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## Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 21st                      *Holiday Dismissal at 2:00 pm*

Nov. 22nd -24th    *No School (Thanksgiving Break)*

## Attention SENIOR Parents

Senior Parents- Filing of the FAFSA is now a graduation requirement in the state of Illinois. If you absolutely know that you will not be needing financial aid or federal student loans, there is a waiver that can be filled out and signed to meet this requirement. If you haven't completed the FAFSA yet and need some help or guidance, please contact the counseling office. We can steer you in the right direction.

## MCHS College & Career Day

On Wednesday, October 25th MCHS held their College/Career Day.



This was a great opportunity for our students who attended to receive information from over 40 colleges, universities, local unions, businesses, trade schools and military personnel. One college bound student and one trade/career bound student had an opportunity to win a **\$500 scholarship** each just for attending the College/Career Fair. To become eligible to have their name put into the drawing for this scholarship the student needed to check-in with Ms.Hains upon arrival. Congratulations to our \$500 college bound scholarship winner **MEGAN MORROW** and to our \$500 trade/career bound scholarship winner **KYLE YATES !!!**

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## Attention Seniors!!



1. **Seniors.....**By now, you should have submitted two or more college/university applications. If you have not heard from the schools within 3 weeks, call admissions and ask about the status of your application.
2. Students going directly into the workforce after high school should begin working on resumes & researching for possible job opportunities.
3. For graduating Seniors who want to work and/or receive advance training consider:

Apprenticeships: more information available in the LRC or in the Counselor's Office

Military Service: [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)

Trades: <http://www.tcbuildingtrades.com/>  
<https://www.illowaimpact.org/>

## Post-Secondary Visits

Juniors and Seniors may use a total of three attendance days 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 drawing.



# SAT Test Dates—SAT.org

**SAT No Essay—\$60**

(late fee required—\$30)

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>
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024

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

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# ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

**ACT No Writing—\$60**

**ACT Plus Writing—\$85**

Test option change - \$25

(late fee required—\$36)



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>
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21

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.

