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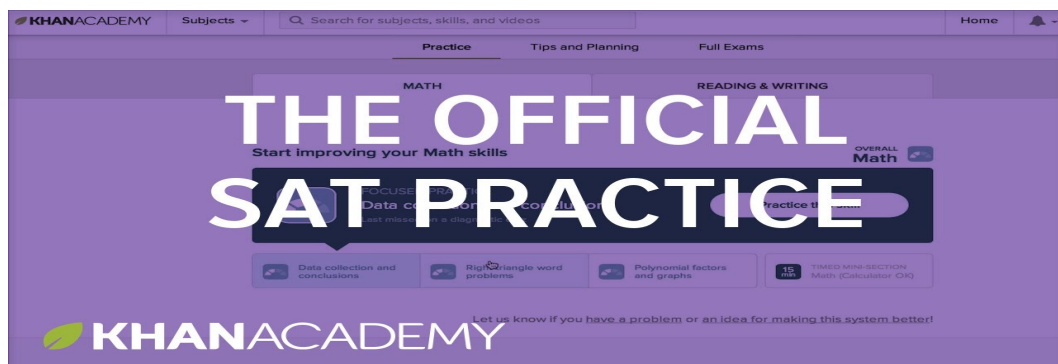
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Counselor's Information

Mark Your Calendars

- March 8 End of 3rd Quarter
- March 25-29 Spring Break
- April 10 PSAT 9 & 10 for all Freshmen/Sophomores
- April 17 SAT for all Juniors (9, 10, 12 Remote Learning)
- May 8 Awards Night



SAT Test Free for All Juniors—April 17th

This year our juniors will be taking the SAT test for their college entrance exam. The state of Illinois has contracted with the College Board SAT for schools to administer the SAT to all juniors at no cost to the school. All colleges and universities will accept the SAT and/or the ACT score. On Wednesday, April 17th all juniors will take the test at the Mercer County High School. When testing is finished around 1:00 pm, the juniors will be free to leave for the day. Khan Academy is a free practice site for the SAT and all juniors should have an account where they can get on and practice test questions, test sections, or take a whole SAT test. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors will be Remote learning on the 12th.

The Freshman and Sophomores will be taking the PSAT 9 and 10 on April 10th.



Post Secondary Visits

The last Friday in April is the last day for post-secondary visits. Pre-arrange college visit forms can be picked up in the Mrs. Clark's Office. Students are allowed 3 total college visit days to be used within their Junior and Senior years. Additional visits can be scheduled on Saturdays or during our Spring Break March 25th-29th.

Scholarships for 2023 Graduates

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

Attention Seniors!!! Please check our scholarship link on our Counselor's Page. An updated list of scholarships is available on the school website at www.mercerschools.org. We update Scholarships daily as they come in. Most scholarships are linked to the application so students may print the application. Check the scholarship closely for criteria, instructions, due date and procedures for submitting. The following is a list of **SOME** of our local scholarships that are coming due.

March 1	Holocaust Education/Hagan/IL Pork Donor-Advised/Adam Fesser/RI Arsenal Welcome Club/Mercer County 4-H Memorial/Patti Jeanne Higgins
March 7	Illinois Retired Teacher Association
March 9	Edmond and Hebel FFA
March 11	Elyssa's Mission/Kathryn G Hansen
March 13	IL Chemical Education Foundation
March 15	Farmers State Bank of Western, IL/ Illinois Sheriff's Association/ Compeer Financial High School Senior
March 20	American Legion O'Fallersans
March 22	Exchange Club Youth of the Year
March 24	Mercer County Farm Bureau/Rock Island County Farm Bureau
March 25	BPW Illinois Foundation
March 31	Society of American Military Engineers RI Post

****Seniors ~ Don't forget to check our Scholarship page at mercerschools.org!! We update the links as Scholarships arrive!!!**



SAT Test Dates—SAT.org

SAT No Essay—\$60.00

(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>
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



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(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>
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 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.

