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# Counselor's Information

#### Mark Your Calendars

October 9th No School - Columbus Day

October 13th End of 1st Qtr

Oct. 19th-20th No School -P/T Conferences

October 25th MCHS College & Career Day

PSAT/NMSQT-Registered Juniors

#### MCHS College & Career Day

Mercer County High School will be hosting a College/Career Day on Wednesday, October 25th 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 close to 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.

#### PSAT for JUNIORS is Wednesday, Oct. 25th 2023

Juniors who have registered will be taking the PSAT-NMSQT on October 25, 2023 at MCHS. This could qualify them for the

National Merit Scholarship list. The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT. Students will need two number two pencils, a calculator, and a book to read.



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#### College Representatives at MCHS

College representatives meet with interested students September through December. Dates are announced on the daily announcements and in the monthly bulletin. Students must get a pass from the counselor's office at least **one day prior** to the visit & report to their class before leaving to meet with a representative. The following representatives will be at Mercer County High School:

Stay tuned!

#### **Post-Secondary Plans for Seniors**

- Ms. Hainds held Senior Jump Start on Tuesday, September 19th for seniors and their parents. She hopefully answered any questions they 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. Hainds or Mrs. Biddle with any questions.

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



### 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.

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# **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.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023
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

## **ACT Test Dates <u>ACT Plus Writing</u>**

ACT No Writing-\$63

ACT Plus Writing—\$88

Test option change - \$25

(late fee required-\$36)

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

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
October 28,2023	September 22	October 6
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 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. <u>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.</u>

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