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Counselor's Information

Mark Your Calendars

May 6	AP Chemistry 12pm
May 8	National Honor Society Inductions 2:30pm Top 10 Dinner 5:30pm Awards Night 7:00pm
May 10	AP Euro 8am and AP Art Portfolios Due
May 13	AP Calc 8am
May 16	AP Bio 12pm
May 19	Graduation 2pm
May 23	Finals — 1:55 pm Dismissal
May 24	Finals — 1:55 pm Dismissal Last Day of School (End of 4th Qt/Sem 2)

2024 AP Exams

Students who are currently taking AP European History, AP Chemistry, AP Biology and AP Calculus will be taking their AP exams in May at the United Methodist Church in Aledo. The AP Chemistry exam will be May 6th starting at 12 noon, please arrive by 11:40 am. The AP Euro exam will be May 10th starting at 8:00 am and AP Calc will be testing on May 13th @ 8:00am. Please arrive by 7:40am for both of these. The AP Bio exam will be May 16th at 12 noon, please arrive by 11:40 am.

AP Art submissions are due on May 10th. Any questions, please see the counseling office.

MCHS Senior Awards Night 2024

Awards night will be held at the high school on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium for Seniors (Class of 2024) only. Students who will be receiving an award and or scholarship will be sent an invitation letter.



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

Seniors Planning to Attend BHC

Seniors who plan to attend Black Hawk College (BHC) should register for the Accuplacer Placement Test by calling BHC at 309-796-5352 or 796-5100. The Accuplacer is an untimed, computerized test that helps colleges evaluate your skills and places you into appropriate courses. Accuplacer offers tests in **Reading, Writing, Math, Writing Essay, and English as a Secondary Language**. Students will receive their Accuplacer test results immediately upon completion of testing, and your score report will include a placement message informing you of what courses you should take and how to register.

Top Ten Percent of the Senior Class

The top ten percent of the Senior class may receive two consecutive years of free tuition at Black Hawk College immediately following high school (including summer) if renewal criteria is met. Students must submit the following information before May 15th.

Complete BHC application

Enroll at BHC full-time

Complete a BHC Academic Achievement Award Form

Scholarships for 2024 Graduates

The following scholarships are due in May. Please check details on the Guidance scholarship page on the school website.

May 1 Mellinger Education Foundation

Other scholarships still available:

June 1 NursingExams.org Student Scholarships

American College Foundation Visionary

June 30 IPRB Scholarship

College Raptor

July 15 Gold Star FS Scholarship & Work Program

July 31 City Property Management HOA Service Scholarship



Attention Juniors & Seniors

Things to think about over the summer for Junior & Seniors:

Juniors need to start thinking about their post high school plans. If a student is planning on attending a two or four year college/university we encourage them to start looking into their options. We would encourage all juniors to narrow down their choices to no more than five before the start of the school year.

If possible, take a visit to one or two over the summer. Seniors should try to narrow down their college/university selections to around 3 by the beginning of their senior year. Take the summer to research what the guidelines are for these colleges/universities and visit them if possible.

ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

ACT No Writing—\$63

ACT Plus Writing—\$88

(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>
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.



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