

Counseling News







The Counseling News is a valuable tool for students and their parents. By the first Friday of each month this bulletin will be updated and available on our school's website at shs.fz.k12.mo.us. It is designed to guide students as they plan for life during and after high school. College and Tech school admission deadlines, scholarship criteria and deadlines, campus happenings, financial aid etc. will all be highlighted each month.

ACT TEST DATES 2016-2017

Test Date

Registration **Deadline**

Jun. 10, 2017 May 5, 2017

Test Fees

ACT no writing \$42.50 ACT plus writing \$58.50

Register **ONLINE** at

www.actstudent.org and remember it is important to enter our school code **263137**

NEW ACT POLICY!!!!

Most colleges require your ACT score be sent directly to them from ACT therefore.....

Include college codes when registering for ACT

Having score sent later directly from ACT will cost you extra!

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IMPORTANT INFO FOR PARENTS

We are required by Federal law to provide lists to military recruiters of our junior and senior students. We will provide students' name, address and phone number (unless the number is unlisted). If you do not want this information given, you must submit a request in writing to your students' school counselor. Additionally, if for any reason you have a problem with a military recruiter or you feel your student is being unduly pursued, please don't hesitate to let us know.

SELECTIVE SERVICE (Males only)

DID YOU KNOW? The law requires virtually all male U.S. Citizens and male immigrants residing in the U.S. (permanent resident aliens), to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. By neglecting to do so, you could be denied student loans, government jobs and possibly your driver's license. For more information, go to www.sss.gov



HELPFUL INFO & WEBSITES

Career Planning

www.Bls.gov/oco (Occupational Outlook Handbook) www.Dhe.mo.gov www.Missouriconnections.org (Get user name from Counselor) www.Careerkey.org www.Explorehealthcareers.org

College Info

www.Collegeboard.com www.Collegeview.com www.Atozcolleges.com www.Petersons.com The College Handbook (available in career center)

Financial Aid

www.Finaid.org www.Studentaid.ed.gov www.Fafsa.ed.gov www.Collegeanswer.com www.Ssfstl.org

Military

Air Force

www.Afas.org (Aid Society) www.Afrotc.com (ROTC) www.Usafa.af.mil (Academy)

www.Aerhq.org (Army Relief) www.Armyrotc.com (ROTC) www.Usma.edu (Academy)

Navy/Marines

www.Nmcrs.org (Relief Society) www.Nrotc.navy.mil (ROTC) www.Usna.edu (Academy)

Coast Guard

www.Cga.edu (ROTC)

National Guard

www.Nationalguard.mil

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IMPORTANT DATES

Senior Awards Night

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6:30p.m. in the auditorium Students and parents will receive an invitation in April

SAVE THE DATE!!

** Be sure to complete and turn in your Senior Information form

ACT TESTING: Wednesday, April 19, 2017. All **juniors** will be taking the ACT test for FREE. This will be given during the regular school day. Students will register during school with their English class.

END OF COURSE (EOC), AP AND FINAL EXAM TESTING: The first two weeks of May. Attendance is very important during this time.

THE ROAD TO COLLEGE FOR JUNIORS: Find out what you need to know to prepare for College. Each month there will be an information session held in the Auditorium to share tips on applying to college, ACT information, college expenses and discussing the senior-year timeline. Each session is held immediately after school on early release Thursdays at 1:00p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 - Topic: Money, Money, Money

ESSAY WRITING TIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 101: THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017 7:00, P.M. ROOM 135, SOUTH BROOKINGS HALL. Washington University is hosting two informational sessions for parents and students. No reservation is necessary, but seating is limited. Session check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. For additional information call 314-935-6000.



COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES VISITING SOUTH HIGH

To get the up to the minute list of College and University Representatives visiting South High...

CLICK HERE

MILITARY VISITS

Representatives from the various branches of the military visit monthly during all three lunches. They will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Navy - 2nd Tuesday of each month
Army - 2nd Tuesday of each month
Air Force Reserve - 3rd Tuesday of each month
Marines - 3rd Tuesday of each month
Army National Guard - 1st Thursday of each month

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Do you need help finding scholarships? Click <u>HERE</u> to see some that we have found for you. The list is constantly being updated so check often.



FYI

All seniors must return a completed Graduating Senior Scholarship Information form if offered ANY scholarships. You are required to enter information about any awards, scholarships, etc. you have been offered. We use this data for many different things from county and state reports to Senior Awards Night. Start compiling your list now!

SENIORS WHO ARE ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT, MAY 3rd

BRING WRITTEN VERIFICATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WITH THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE.

Evaluating Award Letters

Online Award Analyzer - www.wiredscholar.com/ deciding/award_comparison/ac_index.jsp

Using this tool you can:

- Enter and compare award information from each school.
- Determine if the financial aid award and your savings are enough to cover the cost of attendance.
- Analyze options for borrowing additional money when your savings are not enough to cover the cost.
- View an estimate of the monthly payments associated with borrowing different loan amounts to get a better understanding of whether or not you can afford a school.
- Enter and view different financing scenarios to find the right solution for you and your family.
- Save all of the data you enter so you can analyze it now and update it later to explore different options.

Final Transcripts

Once you have decided on your plans (college, military, workforce, etc.) after graduation, you must fill out an **ORANGE final transcript form** and return it to the counseling office. Most colleges and tech schools require a **final** transcript before you can begin classes in the fall. You can pick up a final transcript form in the counseling office. This also gets your name on the bulletin board! EVERY STUDENT IS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.

College Credit Transcripts

You must also send the college or tech school you plan to attend a transcript from the college (SLU, UMSL, Missouri Baptist) where you received college credit while in high school. There are forms in the counseling office for SLU, UMSL, and Missouri Baptist or online at the college website. Ask your counselor if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Pre-College Checklist for April

- $\sqrt{}$ Watch the mail for college acceptance and financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid awards you receive.
- √ Make your final decision and send in a deposit by the deadline.
- Check with the college you've chosen to attend about the details of signing and returning financial aid award letters.
- $\sqrt{}$ Notify the other schools that you will not be attending.
- √ Watch for important deadlines at your chosen college (housing, financial aid, etc.)





- ◆ Do you love animals and kids? Passionate about wildlife and conservation? Want to help others appreciate the natural world? Have some time to give? Then check out the coolest opportunity for teens in St. Louis ZOO ALIVE! You must be at least 15 years old before June 2017. Applicants should enjoy working with children, and should be interested in animals and conservation. No experience is necessary, but you must be willing to try new things. Zoo ALIVE is a year-round program, which requires at least one full year commitment. Twenty to thirty new members will be accepted each year. For further information visit www.stlzoo.org/education/zooaliveteenvolunteers
- The City of St. Peters has plenty of volunteer opportunities, from assisting with special events to providing ongoing support to City departments. Visit http://www.stpetersmo.net/volunteer-opportunities.aspx

Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis

- Offers interest-free loans with a maximum loan amount of \$11,000 per academic year
- Based on financial need. Must file FAFSA
- Apply online at https://sfstl.org/
- **Deadline:** April 15, 2017

Preparing for College

Below is a link to a new website provided specifically to help high school students and their families prepare for college and career, regardless of where they ultimately decide to go to college.

http://www.BeReadyForTheFuture.com

Are you Interested in the Air Force Academy?

If you have questions or want more information about the Air Force Academy you need to contact the local

Representative; Lt Col. Natalie W. Onuoha onuoha1@msn.com.

Junior year in high school is when the application process to the Academy truly begins. Students will start by filling out the Pre-Candidate Questionnaire, which becomes available online March 1 every year and starts the application process. Visit this website for complete instructions goo.gl/OfB4tA



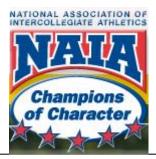
IF YOU PLAN ON PLAYING A COMPETITIVE SPORT IN COLLEGE YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE NCAA OR NAIA CLEARINGHOUSE



Students may apply online at www.eligibilitycenter.org
You will be asked for your high school code. FZS code is 263137

After completing the online process be sure to come to Guidance and get a transcript release form. The clearinghouse requires a transcript be sent after 6 semesters, and another one at the end of your senior year.

When registering to take the ACT you <u>MUST</u> enter code **9999** in your college and scholarship choices section (0). This will ensure that your ACT score will be sent directly to NCAA.



Students may apply online at www.playnaia.org

You will be asked for your high school code. FZS code is 263137

After completing the online process be sure to come to Guidance and get a transcript release form. The clearinghouse requires a transcript be sent at the end of your senior year.

When registering to take the ACT you <u>MUST</u> enter code **9876** in your college and scholarship choices section (0). This will ensure that your ACT score will be sent directly to NAIA.



COLLEGE HAPPENINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Finding a college that is right for you means figuring out what you want in a college.
Remember that making a decision about college can take some time. As you do some research and some college visits, you will begin to identify the characteristics that are really important to you.

Once you have some college choices, visit their website to see when they will be offering "visit" days. You can visit during the scheduled days or call and schedule your own personalized campus visit. It is difficult to make a decision on a college when you have never set foot on the campus to see if it "feels" right for you.

CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE - PRESIDENTIAL PREVIEW DAY - MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2017 You can sign up for a Presidential Preview Day or schedule an individualized visit. Go to www.culver.edu/visit or call 800-537-1883

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY - OPEN HOUSE & DISCOVER DAY

The Open House program includes campus tours and presentations from the College of Engineering and Computing and from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Business. Students will also visit the academic departments of their choice. Lunch is included. Register online at http://futurestudents.mst.edu/visit/

OPEN HOUSE Friday, April 14, 2017
DISCOVER DAY Friday, April 7, 2017

VATTEROTT COLLEGE ST. CHARLES - HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT - THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

Financial Aid Introduction and Scholarships, FAFSA Assistance, Campus Tour, Career Education Choices and College Selection, Program Demos, Program Director Meet & Greet. R.S.V.P. by calling 636-940-4100 or e-mail Brandon.fann@vatterott.edu. Refreshments will be provided.

RANKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE would like to invite you to experience the superior hands-on training of their technical and automotive programs by participating in the Shadow-a-Tech program. You can spend the day on campus, attend class with a Ranken student, tour the campus, and learn about the admissions process. Space is limited, so please Register early online at www.ranken.edu early. The dates and location are:

WENTZVILLE Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

St. Louis Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI - VISIT DAYS

Visit campus, take a tour, enjoy lunch, meet with the faculty in your major and learn about admissions, financial aid and on-campus living.

CHOOSE RED DAY- (ANYONE)

Friday, April 14, 2017

SENIOR DAY (FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS ONLY)

Friday, April 15, 2017

K-STATE - JUNIOR DAYS

The cost is \$20 per student and \$15 for each parent, family member, or guest, which covers program materials, parking, and lunch. There will be five Junior Days during the spring semester. You must register at www.k-state.edu/admissions/juniors.html

Friday, April 7, 2017 Monday, April 10, 2017 Friday, May 5, 2017



COLLEGE HAPPENINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY - SHOWCASE EVENTS

Individual campus visits can be arranged for most weekdays while classes are in session, or students can attend one of the special Saturday Showcase Events. To schedule a visit go to www.truman.edu/visit
Saturday, April 29, 2017

CHAMBERLAIN COLLEGE OF NURSING - OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Meet with a Chamberlain Admission Representative - Review the BSN degree program, curriculum, admission and clinical requirements - Learn about Chamberlain student life, student services and financial aid opportunities - Meet with Chamberlain faculty - Tour the Chamberlain campus - See the brand new, high-tech skills labs. RSVP at www.chamberlain.edu/events or call 314-991-6200. The events are held on campus at 11830 Westline Industrial Drive, Suite 106, St. Louis, MO 63146

SUMMER PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM June 11 - July 15, 2017; July 16- August 18, 2017; June 11 - August 5, 2017 Open to rising juniors and seniors, this program allows students to experience all the facets of college life. Students live on campus, enroll n courses, and study alongside undergraduates. Students select from a broad range of stimulating introductory courses in the humanities, math, sciences, and social sciences as well as noncredit college success workshops. The program fee is \$8,085 or \$10,585 (depending on session chosen. Scholarship assistance is available to students who demonstrate financial need.

SAM FOX SCHOOL OF DESIGN & VISUAL ARTS - SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Are you passionate about art or architecture? The Architecture Discovery Program (July 9-22, 2017) and Portfolio Plus Program (July 9-29, 2017) gives high school students the opportunity to develop skills that are fundamental to these fields. Application fee is \$45 if you apply by April 15, 2017. Early applications are encouraged. For more information visit http://www.samfoxschool.wustl.edu/precollege

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER EXPERIENCE - Every summer an academically talented group of high school students gather at Washington University to get an early taste of college life. Take college courses, participate in academic institutes, and attend specialized seminars that give them a head start on their path to college all while living on campus. To see all the programs offered visit http://summerexperiences.wustl.edu/

CAMPCARDIAC - JULY 10 - 14, 2017 8:30A.M. TO 4:00P.M. (DAILY)

A 1-week summer day camp to all high school students at least 15 years and older as of the first day of session. Camp Cardiac's primary focus is on care and maintenance of the heart, although it provides an excellent starting point for careers in all fields of medicine. No application fee required. Deadline and tuition of \$700 is due Monday, April 24, 2017. Apply at http://www.campcardiac.org/saint-louis.html

CAMPNEURO - JULY 17 - 21, 2017 8:30A.M. TO 4:00P.M. (DAILY)

A 1-week summer day camp to all high school students at least 15 years and older as of the first day of session. Camp Neuro's primary focus is on care and maintenance of the brain as well as psychology, although it provides an excellent starting point for careers in all fields of medicine. No application fee required. Deadline and tuition of \$700 is due by Monday, April 24, 2017. Apply at http://www.campneuro.org/saint-louis.html



SUMMER PROGRAMS continued...

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

There are many summer programs held on campus each summer; from designing a race car to explosives. Visit http://futurestudents.mst.edu/summercamps/ to register for a program that suits you. Registrations/applications typically open the first week in February. Some camps fill quickly, so register/apply early to guarantee a spot.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING - SPORTS MEDICINE CAMP JUNE 7 - 10, 2017

The Bear's Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Camp is designed for students who are interested in gaining basic athletic training knowledge and skills. Camp participants will have the opportunity to work along side nationally certified and Missouri licensed athletic trainers and meet current MSU athletic training students and athletes. For information and to register visit http://sportsmed.missouristate.edu/athletic-training-camp.htm

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY SUMMER CAMPS

FILMMAKING - JUNE 12 - 16, 2017 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

This camp will expand your knowledge when you learn to plan, shoot and edit a short feature film.

Music Recording Camp - June 12 - 16 or June 19 - 23, 2017 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Campers will learn useful recording/music mixing skills while working with a local band to create a compact disc of their own. Enrollment is limited in both camps, and early registration is strongly encouraged. Register online at http://www.webster.edu/mediacamps

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY - SUMMER CAMPS

Academic Camps, Athletic Camps, Cheer & Dance Camps, Arts Academy Workshop. Register online at http://www.semo.edu/camps/

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA - ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMP - JULY 9-14, 2017 AND JULY 16-21, 2017 See how your math and science talents can pave the way for a rewarding career in engineering. Enjoy hands-on lab experiments, team design projects and competitions, Campus life and new friends, Industry tours and opportunities to earn MIZZOU engineering scholarships. Registration deadline is April 14, 2017. Get eligibility requirements and download a registration form at http://engineering.missouri.edu/k-12

University of Missouri-Columbia - MedPrep Medical Explorations - Online June 23 - July 7, 2017

One Onsite Session Friday, July 7, 2017

Workshops are designed to assist students in exploring healthcare careers and guide those interested in medical school through the application process. **Medical Explorations** is developed specifically for rising juniors and seniors to gain awareness through self-assessment and explore various career opportunities in healthcare. The fee is \$50 plus a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Register at http://medicine.missouri.edu/medprep/ or contact Andrea Simmons at 573-884-6375 for more information

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE - ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMPS JUNE 4-9, 2017, JUNE 11-16, 2017 Camps are designed to introduce high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors interested in science and technology to various areas of engineering, computer science, and construction. Campers will design and program a video game, build robots, bridges, hovercars, and hydropowered vehicles, and get to see engineering in action. Register at http://www.siue.edu/engineering/summercamps/index.shtml



SUMMER PROGRAMS continued...

ENGINEERING/STEM SUMMER CAMPS

Each summer, the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), in collaboration with the Military Components, sponsors a series of engineering/STEM camps designed for High School students who excel in math, science and technical courses and are interested in pursuing engineering in college. These week-long camps are high intensity, fun-filled, hands-on events where students from across the country can learn about engineering and related fields, as well as leadership. Visit http://www.same.org/STEMCAMPS for more information.

FIDM 3-DAY FASHION PROGRAM - June 2017 (DATES VARY ACCORDING TO LOCATION)

Pick your campus: San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco or Orange County. Experience fashion through the eyes of a college student in their immersive summer program. Three days for \$300. Register at http://FIDM.edu/go/summerprogram

OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN - SUMMER OF ART JULY 3 - 28, 2017

This intensive, four-week, pre-college program is for individuals 15 and older who wish to study at one of the top art and design colleges in the country. Serious young artists seeking to strengthen and enhance their art and design skills, as well as students with limited art training, are invited to participate. To receive a 2016 Summer of Art brochure by mail just fill out the Rush Me Info form. Questions? Please call 310.665.6864, email soa@otis.edu . Also, if you register by April 28, 2017 you will receive a \$100 discount.

SCAD SUMMER PROGRAMS - ATLANTA, HONG KONG OR SAVANNAH

Art and Design workshops are open to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. Participants choose two workshops from a host of disciplines that include animation, architecture, fashion, jewelry, photography and more. For more information and to register visit http://www.scad.edu/academics/pre-college-summer-programs/scad-summer-seminars

COLUMBIA COLLEGE SUMMER CAMPS

<u>Various Camps</u>; Arts, Entrepreneurship, Nursing, Biotechnology, Forensic Science & Criminal Justice, just to name a few. Visit <u>www.ccis.edu/day/summercamps</u> to register.

AUDREY WALTON YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - JULY 20 - 22, 2017

Hosted by the Show-Me State Games in Columbia, Missouri. Rising sophomores and juniors have the opportunity to attend this three-day conference, which focuses on teaching youth about leadership, higher education and a healthy lifestyle - <u>ALL FREE OF CHARGE</u>. Food, lodging, and transportation to and from the conference is provided. For further information and application stop by the counseling office. Deadline to apply is May 5, 2017