

September 2017 Counselor News

College Visit Opportunities

Go Ivy Day @ Ivy Tech Lafayette (all high school students)

Go Ivy Day 2017 will provide vital information to high school students about Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Life, and Programs of Study. Learn more at www.ivytech.edu/goivyday Students can fill out a college visit form (located on the literature rack inside the student services doors) to be excused from school to attend this event.

Monday October 2, 2017

10:00am-2:00 pm

Ivy Tech Lafayette

3101 S. Creasy Lane

Lafayette Indiana

College Visit Days (sophomores, juniors, and seniors)

Most colleges have fall visit days that are designed for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. To sign up, go to the website of the school you are interested in visiting and view the available program days. These fill up quickly, so take some time to look into it soon if interested. After you set up the visit through the school's website, students should pick up a blue college visit form from student services, which will excuse them from school.

NMHS College Representative Visits (seniors)

Many college representatives come to NMHS during the school day to meet with interested seniors. See below for the current schedule. Dates will be added so students should listen to the announcements for updates and additions.

Date	College	Time	Location
September 5	Indiana University	9:45 a.m.	Lecture Room
September 12	Anderson University	9:00 a.m.	Lecture Room
September 13	Wabash College	9:00 a.m.	Lecture Room
September 14	Purdue	9:00 a.m.	Lecture Room
September 18	Holy Cross College	2:30 p.m.	Lecture Room
September 18	ISU	9:00 a.m.	Lecture Room
September 25	Marian	2:15 p.m.	Lecture Room
September 26	Indiana Tech	9:00 a.m.	Lecture Room
October 10	IUPUI	9:00 a.m.	Lecture Room
October 31	St Mary's College	9:00 a.m.	Lecture Room

Freshman News

- As a reminder, freshman can take part in a free Career Technical Education after-school program on September 12th. The program is geared toward females interested in automotive or criminal justice fields as well as males interested in early childhood education careers, but any freshman can sign up. Students should contact their school counselor by September 6th if interested in attending.

Sophomore News

- All Sophomores will take the PSAT/NMSQT (practice SAT) at NMHS on Wednesday October 11, 2017. There is no cost and students will be given a study guide prior to the exam. Visit the College Board website for more information: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/inside-the-test>

Junior News

- Any Junior that would like to take the PSAT (practice SAT) at NMHS on Wednesday October 11, 2017 should sign up in Student Services by September 8th. The test is offered at no cost to those who sign up by the deadline. To be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program, students must take the PSAT their Junior year. **Our top Juniors are strongly encouraged to take the PSAT** so that they can enter the competition. Go to www.nationalmerit.org to learn more.
- College bound juniors should plan to take the SAT or ACT this year. See the information below for important registration dates.

College Admission Test Information

- Most 4-year colleges and universities require either the SAT or ACT for admissions.
- The SAT and ACT are equally accepted in Indiana and nationally.
- **Many of the Montgomery County Community Foundation Scholarships require the SAT and will not accept the ACT. This includes the Lilly Endowment Scholarship, so please keep this in mind if you plan to apply as a senior.**
- We recommend taking the SAT and/or the ACT **JUNIOR YEAR!** This will give you time to retest at the beginning of senior year if you aren't satisfied with your scores.
- When you register, you will be asked to indicate your high school code. NMHS code is **150668**. Using our code will make sure your scores are sent to us. We will then put them on your transcript.
- Keep in mind that some colleges/universities (such as IU and Purdue) require that your scores be sent directly from SAT or ACT. You can choose to do that for free at the time you register for the test. You can also do it later, but there will be a fee. Be sure to check the policies of the colleges and universities you are considering.

SAT

- Register at: www.sat.org/register
- The SAT Essay is optional, but some colleges require or recommend it, so you should take the essay section unless you can confirm that your intended school does not require it.
- Cost: \$60 (with essay); \$46 (no essay) Fee waivers are available for those students who qualify; see your counselor.

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required (online) (+\$29)
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 9-27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 6-25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 3-21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 10-28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 7-25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 4-23, 2018

ACT

- Register at: www.actstudent.org
- Certain colleges require the writing component so it is recommended to take the **ACT plus Writing** unless you can confirm that your intended school does not require it.
- Cost: \$58.50 (with writing); \$42.50 (no writing) Fee waivers are available for those students who qualify; see your counselor.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required (+\$27.50)
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

THE SAT VS THE ACT

- Fewer Geometry Questions
- More Time per Question
- No-calculator Math Section

KEY Differences

- Lots of Geometry
- Faster Paced
- Tough Science Section

Overall Time 3h

Reading 65m

Writing 35m

Math (No Calculator) 25m

Math (Calculator) 55m

200 - 800 points

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Total Points 400 - 1600

Time per Question

- 75s Reading
- 48s Writing
- 83s Math

TIMING & SCORING

Overall Time 2h 55m

1-36 Reading

1-36 English

1-36 Math

1-36 Science

35m Reading

45m English

60m Math

35m Science

1 - 36 | **Total Points**

Time per Question

- 53s Reading
- 36s English
- 60s Math

Senior News

- If you missed the Senior Parent Meeting on August 16th, you can access the presentation under the Student Services tab of the NMHS website.
- Indiana State University is waiving their \$25 college application fee during the entire months of August and September. If you plan to apply to ISU, do it while it's free!
- Although many scholarship applications do not become available until later in the school year, several are already posted to our spreadsheet. Access the most recent version any time by visiting the student services page of the NMHS website [HERE](#). The scholarship document can be found under the Senior tab, Financial Aid tab, and under the Quick Links. I also periodically email the list to students via their school email accounts. See below for the current listing

2017-2018 Scholarships

Scholarship	Details	Amount Awarded	Deadline
Montgomery County Community Foundation The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship http://www.mccf-in.org/	-HS Senior -3.85 GPA -Ranked in top 10% of class -Attend Indiana College/University	Full tuition and fees to Indiana College/University for 4 years	Submit by 5pm September 8, 2017
Wendy's High School Heisman http://www.wendyhighschoolheisman.com/about/whos-eligible/	HS Senior with 3.00 GPA or higher and participate in HS sports and community service	Recognition and monetary award of \$10-\$500	October 2, 2017
Coca-Cola Scholars http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/#programs	Must be HS Senior, 3.00 GPA, awarded based on achievement Must apply online	Varies	October 31, 2017
Horatio Alger Association https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/	-Based on Financial Need and those who have faced and overcome obstacles -Exhibit determination, integrity and perseverance	Varies	October 25, 2017
Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship http://in.gov/che/4680.htm	-HS Senior or current college student -Ranked in top 20% of class or have top 20% SAT or ACT score -Must attend college in Indiana and be pursuing a degree that leads to teaching certification -Must agree to teach in Indiana for 5 years after graduating	\$7,500 per year for 4 years of college (\$30,000 total) Indiana will award 200 of these scholarships per year!	November 30, 2017

Indiana Association of School Psychologists www.iasponline.org	Must be pursuing a college major in psychology	\$500	March 1, 2018
The Hagan Scholarship Foundation www.hsfmo.org	-High School senior -3.5 + GPA -meet income guidelines (FAFSA EFC -\$6,500) -must have a job in college -23 + composite on ACT or 1200 SAT	Up to \$5,000 each semester	November 15, 2017
AES Engineers Scholarship http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm	For HS Seniors pursuing college in any major, does not have to be engineering, awarded from essay response	\$500	October 6, 2017
Prudential Spirit Award http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc	Grade 5-12, based on volunteerism	\$1,000 State level \$5,000 National level	November 7, 2017
Washington Crossing Foundation http://www.gwcf.org/AppDownload.html	-HS Seniors -Attending Accredited college -planning careers in government service	\$500-5000	January 15, 2018
Beauty Schools Direct Cosmetology Scholarship http://www.beautyschoolsdirectory.com/cosmetology-school-scholarships.php	Must be 18 yrs old and planning to enroll in a US institution of cosmetology	\$2,500	October 31, 2017
Elks National Foundation 2018 Most Valuable Student Scholarship www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm	-High School senior -candidates should be at the top of their class, active in school and community, and recognized as leaders among peers -Pay special attention to the application formatting requirements	\$4,000-\$50,000	November 27, 2017
Louie's Tux Shop Model Search 2017 www.louiesprom.com	The model search begins with a photo submission. Go to the website to enter. Voting will begin Sept 1. Selected students will do a photo shoot and win a scholarship.	\$1,000	Submit photo now. Voting begins Sept 1 and ends October 15, 2017
Ethel Voris Scott Scholarship Applications can be picked up at Montgomery Circuit Court office or at www.montgomeryco.net (from website, search "scholarship" at the top)	-must have one or both parents deceased and plan to pursue post high school education	Varies	June 1, 2018

VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest http://www.vfw.org/VOD/	-HS Student in Grade 9-12 -Recorded Essay Contest -See Website	\$1,000-\$30,000	Return to: VFW Post 1431 117 N Water St. Crawfordsville IN October 31, 2017
Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/	-HS Student in Grade 9-12 -Submit artwork -See Website	Up to \$21,000	Return to: VFW Post 1431 117 N Water St. Crawfordsville, IN By March 31, 2018
Students are also encouraged to utilize free national search programs such as:	www.fastweb.com www.scholarships.com www.collegenet.com www.studentscholarships.org		Updated 9.5.17