

November 2008

Looking Ahead From The High School Counselor's Office

<u>Date</u>	<u>Important Dates to Remember</u>
October 28	PSAE retakes for seniors (at unit office 8:00 a.m.)
November 3	Parent/Teacher Conference (Call for appointment) No School (Jr./Sr. arrange college visits)
November 4	Parent/Teacher Conference (Call for appointment) No School (Jr./Sr. arrange college visits)
November 5	Registration deadline for December 6, 2008 SAT (National Test Date)
November 6	Seniors meet 1 st hour to select graduation announcements (place orders by 11-13-08)
November 7	Registration deadline for the Dec. 13, 2008 ACT (National Test Date)
November 11	Veterans Day, no school (Jr./Sr. arrange college visits)
November 13	Funding Education After High School (A Student /Parent Program for Seniors 6:30 p.m.)
December 19	Dismissal for winter break (2:00 p.m.)
December 26	Registration deadline for January 24, 2009 SAT (National Test Date)

Attention Seniors

1. Any student requiring a particular ACT composite score for college admission or scholarships may ask to take the test at the college of their choice. Please note that scores are only good at that specific college or university where you take the test.
2. All seniors should have submitted two or more college applications. Allow the schools 3 weeks to process your college application. If you do not receive correspondence from the school after three weeks, call and ask the admission office about the status of your application.
When submitting an application and a resume to prospective employers, always follow-up with a phone call.
3. Seniors wanting to work and receive advance training at the same time should consider the following:
 - Apprenticeships: More information available in LRC or Counselor's Office
 - Military Service: www.todaysmilitary.com, www.armedforcescareers.com
4. Seniors are encouraged to make an appointment in the counselor's office to discuss post-secondary plans and scholarship opportunities.

Senior Information Night - Funding Your Education After High School

A Senior information program for students and parents will be held at Aledo High School at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, November 13, 2008. Local college representatives will discuss time lines, grants, scholarships, subsidized/unsubsidized loans, FAFSA application process, how to be a wise consumer and how to compare financial aid packages.

Attention Juniors.

This year all Juniors attending a public high school in Illinois will take the Prairie State Achievement Exam on Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday April 23, 2009.

This test will have two components:

Day 1 ACT assessment component - meets college entrance requirements

Day 2 Illinois Learning Standards Test and WORKKEYS Test (determines workplace readiness skills)

National ACT Testing Information

Even though all juniors will be taking the ACT component of the Prairie State Test on April 22 (at no expense to the student), students may still take the ACT on one of the national test dates either before or after the April testing at Aledo High School. Keep in mind there is no limit to the number of times students may take the ACT. The testing does get more difficult each time the test is taken. *To qualify as an Illinois State Scholar, students must have their highest score recorded by June, 2009.*

For more information or to register online go to (www.ACT.org)

To request an ACT test date change call 319-337-1270.

Basic fee for each national test date is \$31(no writing), \$46 (ACT plus writing).

Register online with a credit card at www.actstudent.org. A limited number of ACT registration packets are available in the Counselor's Office. Please note testing dates and registration deadlines.

<u>Act Registration Deadline</u>	<u>ACT Test Date</u>
November 7, 2008	December 13 2008
January 6, 2009	February 7, 2009
February 27, 2009	April 4, 2009
May 8, 2009	June 13, 2009

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SAT Program Test Calendar *Required for some colleges on East Coast* (www.collegeboard.org)

<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Test Dates</u>
Nov. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 26	Jan. 24
Feb. 10	Mar. 14	Mar. 31	May 2

Attention Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and Parents

Now is the time to visit colleges. Check the school calendar for days out of school and make arrangements to visit colleges. Keep in mind that most schools are open on Saturday, so students may visit. Reminder: juniors get one excused college day and seniors get two excused college days during the school year.

Suggested Dates for College Visits and Job Shadowing:

Between the junior and senior year, 18 schools may be visited without missing attendance days at Aledo High School. Sophomores have approximately 27 non attendance days at Aledo High School that may be set aside for college visits.)

Parent/Teacher Conferences	Nov. 3 & 4 2008	Teacher's Institute	March 27, 2008
Martin Luther King's Birthday	January 19, 2008	Spring Break	April 9-13, 2008
President's Day	February 16, 2008		

College Open House Dates

(It is recommended that juniors visit 2 or 3 colleges before winter break. A 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. appointment should be arranged for schools nearby.)

(Seniors should be visiting schools now, so they may finalize their college selection by December 5, 2008.)

<u>College</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Augustana	Nov. 1	800-798-8100
Eureka	Nov. 8, 11 or 22	888-4-eureka
Illinois State	Nov. 11	1-800-366-2478
Northern Illinois	any Sat.	815-753-0446
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Nov. 11	800-447-SIUE
Western Illinois University	Nov. 11	www.admissions.wiu.edu or 877-pickwiu
	Dec. 6	
	Feb. 16	

WWW.collegezone.com Helps Students & Parents With College Plans

The State of Illinois has developed collegezone.com to assist with college plans. **Please make time to visit the following links under College Zone.:**

How to apply for Financial Aid, Financial Aid Sources, Illinois Aid Programs, Higher-EdNet, College Cost and Savings Calculator, State and Federal Aid Estimator, Loan Repayment Calculator, Illinois Colleges, Planning for Your Child's Future, Academic

Preparation, College Selection and Admission, Loan Repayments, and Other Sites. *(Click on State and Federal Aid Estimator to fill out an estimate of your Expected Family Contribution and Federal Pell Grant award for college.)*

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www.aledoschools.org