

May 2009 High School Counselor's Page

Important Dates to Remember

April 27	Next year's Seniors meet with counselor to finalize their 2009-2010 schedule
April 28	Next year's Seniors meet with counselor to finalize their 2009-2010 schedule
April 30	Next year's Juniors meet with counselor to finalize their 2009-2010 schedule
May 1	Next year's Juniors meet with counselor to finalize their 2009-2010 schedule
May 4	Next year's Sophomores meet with counselor to finalize their 2009-2010 schedule
May 5	Next year's Sophomores meet with counselor to finalize their 2009-2010 schedule
May 6	PSAE make-up testing (Day 1 – ACT – juniors only)
May 7	PSAE make-up testing (Day 2 – juniors only)
May 8	ACT Registration due by May 8 th for the June 13 th National ACT Test (for Jr. & Sr.)
May 8	Early dismissal at 11:30 (Jr./Sr. plan college visits)
May 13	High School Awards Night (Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.)
May 14	Next year's Freshmen meet with counselor to finalize their 2009-2010 schedule
May 27	First day of final exams for underclassmen
June 2	Students pick-up report cards at the high school

2009 Scholarship Due Dates

May 1	Black Hawk College Scholarship
May 1	Mellinger Foundation Scholarship (www.mellinger.org)
May 1	Mercer Co. Family Eye Care
June 1	Mercer County Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship

ACT Retake

Juniors wanting to retake the ACT should register for the June 13th national test date. This is the last date for students to test if they wish to qualify as an Illinois State Scholar. Students should register on-line before May 8, 2009 at www.act.org.

NATIONAL ACT TEST

Students are encouraged to review ACT study materials and to take the ACT more than once during their junior/senior year. ACT registration packets are available in the counselor's office or register on-line at www.act.org. Students wanting to qualify, as an Illinois State Scholar must have their highest ACT score recorded no later than June 13, 2009 test date.

Fees: ACT Only (NO writing)\$30.00, ACT Plus Writing \$44.50, Late Registration Fee Add \$19.00, Standby Testing Add \$39.50

NATIONAL ACT

Registration Deadline	Test Date
May 8, 2009	June 13, 2009
Aug. 7, 2009	Sept. 12, 2009
Sept. 8, 2009	Oct. 24, 2009
Nov. 6, 2009	Dec. 12, 2009
Jan. 5, 2010	Feb. 6, 2010
Mar. 5, 2010	April 10, 2010
May 7, 2010	June 12, 2010

Post-Secondary Planning Day

Friday, May 1st is the last day for seniors & juniors to take a post-secondary planning day.

SENIORS

Please contact the counselors office for help in finalizing post-secondary plans. Seniors wanting help completing their FAFSA form on-line may make an appointment in the counselor's office or parents may call 582-2223 ext. 3 to arrange a convenient time to meet. Seniors :

- Notify colleges of your intent to attend school next fall if not previously done.
- Contact the college(s) to finalize grants, scholarships, & loan agreements.
- Make sure your housing deposit is paid to save your room for next fall.
- Tuition for many post-secondary schools is due in June. If you do not meet the tuition deadline your classes will be canceled. Please note all due dates.
- Many post-secondary schools register for classes in April, May or June. If you have not been contacted to register please call the school.
- If you have registered for classes, you may now reserve your books at the bookstore.
- It is very important to have your financial aid papers completed and on file at the school of your choice. Preparing now will insure that the state and federal money is at the school waiting to be used by you for your expenses such as housing, transportation, books.
- Remember to send a note of thanks to individuals or community organizations if you are a scholarship recipient.

Driver's Education for Sophomores

Sophomores planning to take Driver's Education this summer should call immediately to register at one of the following schools: United Township High School call 309-752-1648
Rock Island High School call 309-793-5950

Please contact the counselor's office at Aledo after registering for summer so arrangements may be made to put the Driver's Education class on your Aledo High School transcript.

Pre-registration for 2009-2010 Incoming Freshmen

Pre-registration materials for the 2009-2010 school year were distributed to the incoming 9th graders during 8th grade Science class in March. Students will be assigned individual appointments to meet with the high school counselor at the Junior High during the week of May 11th, so class schedules may be finalized for the 2009-2010 school year.

Students may request additional pre-registration materials at the junior high or high school office. Parents and students are encouraged to call 582-2223 (ext. 3) with questions regarding registration.

The Last Day For Schedule Changes Is June 8, 2009

A schedule will be distributed to each student prior to summer vacation. Students may make an appointment in the counselor's office to correct scheduling conflicts. Students may change schedules up through June 8, 2009.

Student driven schedule changes will not be made in August during registration since a great deal of time will be taken arranging teacher's class sizes prior to August 2009.