

COLLEGE TIMELINE FOR SENIORS

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_____ Schedule a “senior interview” with a School Counselor to review your credits, requirements, and future plans.

_____ **Review pages 1-11 of this timeline (booklet) before continuing on with the next step!!** Write the date on the line next to each step for when you completed it or write N/A if the step was not applicable to you.

_____ The best way to help you keep on track with all your many deadlines along with learning more about the college admission process is to get a **Premier Agenda for CollegeEd®** from the School Counseling Office.

_____ Another great organizer: the College Organizer Packet created by your school counselors (available from your school counselors).

_____ Get a **transcript form** from the School Counseling Office. **Complete and have the form signed by you and your parents.** Once completed, give the signed transcript form to Mrs. Benson. You only need **one** transcript form signed for as many colleges and scholarships for which you need transcripts. Please give Mrs. Benson at least two days to complete this request. **If you decide to have our office mail a paper application with your transcript, you must provide 2 stamps.**

_____ Remember to also indicate on your transcript form if and how you want your SAT® scores sent to colleges. Review Score Choice™, the new SAT® Score-Reporting Policy. Before you decide to utilize Score Choice™ you must research each college’s score-use practices. For more information concerning Score Choice™, please refer to the information packet available in the School Counseling Office or go to www.collegeboard.com .

_____ Request a personal copy of your **transcript** and check it over. Inform Mrs. Benson (in writing) of any additions to your activity section. If you have any questions about your grades or G.P.A., discuss it with your school counselor first.

_____ **Do not miss a registration deadline!** Review the **SAT® Information Sheet** on **page 28** of this booklet. Review the **ACT® Information Sheet** on **page 29** of this booklet. Refer to these informational sheets for test centers, test dates, and registration deadlines. Our **high school code is 394060**.

_____ Every year, students have questions about how many times he or she should take the SAT in order to improve his or her scores. College admissions officers usually recommend **once during the spring of your junior year and once in the fall of your senior year (recommend October or November), then take the ACT® in October or December of your senior year. College admissions officers do not recommend taking the SAT® more than 3 times.**

DID YOU REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR MAILBOX THIS WEEK???

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_____ Discuss with your counselor whether you qualify for a **fee waiver** for the SAT® or ACT®. You must include the fee waiver with your paper registration. You can also register online using a fee waiver. You must do this with the help of your counselor. If you use a fee waiver you are eligible to receive up to 4 Request for Waiver of College Application Fee forms. These forms notify participating colleges that you have participated in the SAT® fee-waiver service and request that they consider waiving their application fee.

_____ If you are eligible for a fee waiver, you are entitled to 2 fee waivers for the SAT® and 2 fee waivers for the SAT® Subject Tests. If you do not take the SAT® on the date for which you registered, College Board™ still considers the fee waiver used. The ACT® also allows 2 fee waivers and considers the fee waivers used if you do not take the test for the date you register.

_____ Fee waiver students are eligible for up to 4 **Flexible Score Reports**. These Reports are in addition to the 4 score reports that are included with registration. If you previously used a fee waiver, go online to My SAT® at www.sat.collegeboard.com. Sign in to determine how many “credits” you have left before placing your order, or call Customer Service at (866) 756-7346.

_____ **Register** to take the **SAT®** for October, November, or December or the **ACT®** for October or December. You can register by paper forms or at www.sat.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org. Don't forget the date!

_____ Most colleges will accept October and November scores for their Early Decision or Early Action programs. If you plan to apply to a college for ED/EA, please check with your specific college to understand when SAT® (or ACT®) scores need to be received in order to meet application deadlines.

_____ If you plan to take the SAT® on October 9th, the registration deadline is September 10th (students with fee waivers have until September 24th). If you plan to take the SAT® on November 6th, the deadline is October 8th. If you plan to take the ACT® October 23rd, the registration deadline is September 17th.

_____ If you would like, you can have a counselor check your SAT® and ACT® registration forms before you mail them or you can schedule an appointment to register online for either of these tests with your school counselor. If you are uncertain which colleges you may be considering, leave this question blank. You can make changes to your score recipients in your My SAT® account. You will have until 11:59 EST on the Monday one week after your scheduled test date. (Although we can include your scores on your transcript, some colleges (Penn State) will only accept scores directly from the testing agency).

_____ If you are planning to register for **NCAA Clearinghouse**, the SAT® and ACT® code numbers are both 9999. Test scores must be reported directly from College Board.

HAVE YOU LOOKED IN YOUR MAILBOX THIS WEEK???

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Begin **preparing** for the **SAT®** by:

- Borrow one of the books available in the School Counseling Office.
- Go to www.sat.collegeboard.com and click on “Practice”. Sections include the SAT® Question of the Day™, Practice Questions for Reading, Writing, and Math, a full-length Practice Test, Answers Imagined, and Skills Insight™.
- In the center of the Practice page is the “SAT® Study Plan”. You will be given a personal study plan based on your answers to 3 questions.
- The SAT Question of the Day™: These questions will increase your familiarity with the types of actual SAT® questions. Each question will provide you with the correct answer and an explanation of how to get the answer. When you sign in, you will save and track your Question of the Day statistics.
- SAT® Skills Insight™ is a free online tool that helps you understand the types of skills that are tested on the SAT®. It is a great tool if you are taking the SAT® for the first time or if you have already taken the SAT® and want to improve your previous scores.
- “Answers Imagined” gives you the chance to watch creative approaches to answering SAT® questions.
- Pick up the handout “The SAT®: Mathematics Review” (available in the School Counseling Office). This information is extremely valuable!
- If you took the PSAT/NMSQT® you have access to My College QuickStart™ www.collegeboard.com/quickstart, a free personalized college and career planning kit based on your test results. One of the many great features is “My SAT Study Plan”: a customized SAT® study plan based on your PSAT/NMSQT® test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice. (Note: if you cannot find your access code see one of your school counselors).
- Register at www.number2.com. This free test preparation site allows you to access a customized course that includes tutorials, practice sessions, a vocabulary builder and more. **Great feature:** Have your parents, teacher, or school counselor sign up as a coach for you on this site! Your coach can monitor your progress, provide encouragement, and work with you on the tutorials.
- Register at www.ineedapencil.com (another fantastic free SAT® prep site!)
- A fraction of a point is taken off for each incorrect answer. You are encouraged to make educated, not haphazard, guesses. The only exception is the student-produced responses section in the math test, which does not deduct any points for incorrect answers.
- Unless otherwise instructed, you need to arrive at your test center by 7:45 a.m.

What to bring Test Day for the SAT®: go to www.sat.collegeboard.com and click on “Register”, go to “Test Day Tips”. Click on “Test Day Simulator” and click on “Scene 1” for a quirky simulated look at taking the SAT®. You should also go into the section titled “Test Day Checklist” for detailed information on what you should and should not bring to the test. You must bring admission ticket, acceptable photo identification, two no. 2 pencils and a soft eraser (no mechanical pencils or pens), and an acceptable calculator. It is recommended (but not required) that you bring a watch without an audible alarm, a drink and snacks, extra batteries and backup equipment, and a bag or backpack. You cannot bring a cell phone, iPod, MP3 player, Blackberry, or any other digital or electronic equipment.

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_____ Begin **preparing** for the **ACT®** by:

- Borrow one of the available books from the School Counseling Office.
- www.actstudent.org and enter the section for “Test Prep” (under “Services section) where you will find practice questions and much more.
- www.number2.com and www.4Tests.com also have test preparations.
- Remember to **answer every question**. There is **no penalty for guessing**.

_____ Register to take **SAT® Subject Tests** for October, November, December, or January (check with your college to see if these tests are required or recommended).

_____ Design and complete a “college resume” sheet (for grades 9-12) to use and/or provide as a supplement for your application packet. It will be extremely difficult to successfully complete numerous college bound tasks throughout the year if you do not complete this task.

_____ At a loss as to what college major to choose? Here are some of the things you can do to help with this decision:

- Borrow “**90 Minute College Major Matcher**”, “**Book of Majors**”, or “**College Majors & Careers**” from one of the school counselors.
- Go to www.pacareerzone.com (click on “Assess Yourself”), www.mappingyourfuture.org or www.myfuture.com .
- Take the interest inventory on **AES** (American Education Services) Education Planner web site (www.educationplanner.org). Click on any of the choices listed in the “Discovering” section, next click on “Career Assessment”, then finally “Take the Career Key™ Assessment”.
- **Job shadow** someone who has a career in which you are interested.
- Go to www.collegeboard.com , click on “Majors and Careers” listed under “Finding a College”.
- Another site that you could visit to learn about selecting a major is: <http://www.psu.edu/dus/md/mdmisper.htm>

_____ **Complete the College & Scholarship Application Sheet on page 30.**

_____ Begin completing applications. It is recommended that you apply to at least 3, but no more than 8 colleges. (You can apply to more or less as you and your parents decide). Obtain Waiver of College Application forms from your school counselor if you previously used a fee waiver.

_____ The completion of applications is **your responsibility! Your parents SHOULD NOT (!) be completing your applications for you.** Every year we hear that parents have completed applications for their sons and daughters. Colleges expect that the student complete the application. **YOU** are applying to college, not your parents.

_____ Most colleges prefer that you apply online. Some even require you apply online. Applications done this way are much neater looking, make a good first impression, and are also time savers. If you do not have access to a computer at home, arrangements can be made through one of the school counselors to have access to applications. Most college websites have a section for applying online. Be careful to make sure you complete any necessary supplemental forms.

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_____ Although you can google a college's web address and find the application, the www.educationplanner.org website can possibly be the fastest way to get to a college's online application with ease. Go to the section titled "Applying" then click on "more". On the left side of the screen click on "Apply to School Online" then go to college via the alphabetical tabs in the middle of the screen. Once you find your college, click on the college and you will be taken directly to the application process.

_____ Please note that if you apply to colleges online you should make a copy of the application you plan to submit. Check it for mistakes, including spelling errors.

_____ If you plan to do paper applications, you can sometimes download or request an application from the college's website, or you may be able to get one from the School Counseling Office. If you decide to request the applications directly from the college, make certain you have the ones for the 2011-2012 school year.

_____ Have applications (paper and online) checked by your counselor. (Please give your counselor at least 3 days). Remember, this is a college admission's counselor's first impression of you. Do NOT just leave your applications with your counselor and expect him or her to remember to mail them or get them back to you. **This is your responsibility!** Your counselor will not be offended if you check back often to determine the status of your application(s).

_____ Begin composing college application essays if recommended or required. You can use one of the several resources available in the School Counseling Office or online. You **must** complete these essays yourself. However, you can and should get assistance from an English teacher to check your grammar and your counselor to give suggestions on what colleges are looking for in an essay. Carefully follow any instructions for uploading an essay electronically. You may need to include your name and/or other identifying information as the college directs.

_____ When writing your essays, you will find excellent online help at www.educationplanner.org. Go to the section titled "Applying" then click on "How to Write a Killer Essay". After some general information there will be 6 lessons in an "Essay Writing Course" that will help you with different aspects of writing your essay.

_____ **Request recommendations** if you need or would like them for your colleges or scholarships. Please give counselors a minimum of one week to complete a recommendation. (At certain times of the school year, you will need to allow 2 weeks for your counselor to complete this).

_____ If you plan to ask your counselor for a recommendation, complete the **"Questionnaire for College Recommendations"** and return it to your counselor. Your counselor or Mrs. Benson can make copies of this completed questionnaire for you to distribute to any teachers you may ask to write a recommendation. It is absolutely imperative that you look at this recommendation as a collaborative process. The more information you provide, the better your recommendation will be.

_____ Ask your **parent** to complete a **"Brag Sheet"** for a college recommendation. This sheet is available through your school counselor.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CHECKED YOUR MAILBOX???

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

_____ **Register** with **NCAA Eligibility Center** (www.eligibilitycenter.org) if you plan to play **Division I or Division II** sports in college. All prospective student-athletes intending to enroll in an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time must complete the NCAA Amateurism Certification questionnaire and academic information. The number of core courses required for students planning to attend an NCAA Division I college is 16. Division II schools require 14 cores courses (Division II schools will require 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2013). Official test scores (SAT® & ACT®) must be sent directly from the testing agency using the code 9999. Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average (only core courses are used in the calculation of the G.P.A.). Division II has a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 (Only core courses are used in the calculation of the G.P.A.), a minimum SAT® score requirement of 820 (math and critical reading only) or a minimum ACT® sum score of 68 (sum of the four sections: English, math, reading, and science). Be sure to look at our school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's web site. See the NCAA Eligibility Center website for further details.

_____ Complete college applications and essays.

_____ Gather all information: applications, recommendations, transcripts, checks or Waiver of College Application form, and essays. Have all this information sent electronically or by mail to your colleges. Pay close attention to deadlines! It is recommended that all this information be sent together, but always follow the method that the colleges tell you first. (Note: If you are retaking or taking the SAT®, the SAT® Subject Tests or the ACT®, you should not wait for the scores from these tests in order to submit your college application packet. You should make a note on your application or have your counselor make a note on your transcript).

_____ Take the **SAT®** or **SAT® Subject Tests** in October (9th) or November (6th) if necessary. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PHOTO ID, REMEMBER TO GET A LETTER OF IDENTIFICATION FROM MRS BENSON! DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE THE TEST TO REQUEST THIS LETTER!!**

_____ If you took the SAT® on October 9th, your scores will be available on the College Board website October 28th.

_____ Take **ACT®** October 23rd if necessary. See note above about photo ID.

_____ Check each college's website (or directly with the financial aid office) for financial aid information. Determine which financial forms each requires (as little as 1 and no more than 3) and the deadlines for each of these forms.

_____ **IMPORTANT!! Schedule an appointment in mid-October or early November with your counselor to review potential sources of financial aid.**

_____ Complete your personalized **CSS Profile® Application** at www.collegeboard.com beginning October 1, 2010. Click on CSS/Profile® under the "Pay for College" section. **Only do this if any of your colleges require this form!!**

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_____ After you have scheduled and met with your counselor for your “scholarship session”, gather information and request applications for scholarships using one of the sources available in the School Counseling Office.

_____ If you or your parents have not already done so, make sure you register at www.upromise.com. Send relatives and friends of your family your information so they can add to your college savings through this site.

_____ Enter (or update) your information into FastWeb™ Scholarship search at www.fastweb.com or www.zinch.com. Keep in mind that you don't need to have access to the internet at home in order to benefit from this free scholarship search.

_____ Enter (or update) your information into the scholarship search at www.educationplanner.org. Go to the “Paying” section, click on scholarship search, then undergraduate scholarships.

_____ Complete applications for those scholarships that are due. Remember that it is your responsibility to keep track of the various deadlines.

_____ If you plan to take the SAT® (or SAT® Subject Tests) on December 4th, you must register by November 5th.

_____ If you plan to take the ACT® December 11th, you must register by November 5th. Register early for the ACT® because sometimes the closest test center has filled quickly.

_____ If you took the SAT® on November 6th, your scores will be available on the College Board website November 25th.

_____ You need to begin considering if you are going to take an AP® exam for English Literature and/or Calculus AB. (As of 9/24/10 these were the only 2 AP® exams that will be offered in May). If you think you might take one or both of these exams you should begin preparing for them now.

DECEMBER/JANUARY

_____ Continue working on scholarships.

_____ You may be “offered” many credit cards. Please discuss usage of credit cards with your parents. You don't want to increase your college debt any more than absolutely necessary. For more information refer to the Credit Card Act of 2009 on p. 12 of this booklet and “The ABCs of Credit Card Finance: Essential Facts for Students”.

_____ Take the SAT® (or SAT® Subject Tests) on December 4th if necessary. (See note about **photo ID** under October/November section).

YOU MAY BE MISSING OUT ON FREE \$\$\$- CHECK YOUR MAILBOX!!!

DECEMBER/JANUARY (continued)

_____ Attend the Financial Aid workshop with your parents. This is sponsored by the School Counseling Office and is scheduled for **December 15th at 6 p.m. at the high school.**

_____ Take the ACT® on December 11th if necessary. **Remember photo ID!!!**

_____ If you took the SAT® on December 4th, your scores will be available on the College Board website December 23rd.

_____ If you plan to take the SAT® (or SAT® Subject Tests) January 22nd, the registration deadline is December 23rd.

_____ If you have not already done so, finish all applications to colleges before Christmas. The longer you wait to apply, the harder it is to be accepted.

_____ If you are planning to do the FAFSA online, you **and** one of your parents must apply for a pin at www.pin.ed.gov so you can sign your FAFSA form online electronically.

_____ Complete and mail the FAFSA paper form or do the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. (It is easier to do the online FAFSA form). Remember to make copies of this form. **(This form cannot be done until after January 1st, 2011).**

_____ Take the SAT® (or SAT® Subject Tests) January 22nd if necessary. (See note about **photo ID** in October/November section).

_____ Complete and mail the CSS Profile® financial aid application if necessary (Check with your colleges and scholarships to see if this is required). Remember to make a copy of this application. Do NOT file this form if it is not required by any of your colleges!

_____ Make sure that your school counselor has your mid-year report and completes it. (Not all colleges require a mid-year report.)

_____ Check to see if your college requires a placement test. Most colleges that require placement tests use either the Accuplacer® or Compass® placement tests. Take the practice tests before you take the actual placement test. For practice with Accuplacer® go to www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer. For practice with Compass® go to www.act.org/compass/tests/index.html.

_____ You can earn credit and/or placement at most colleges and universities in the U.S. (as well as many other countries), through qualifying AP® exam scores. Individual colleges and universities (not the College Board or the AP® Program) grant course credit and placement. Because policies vary by college, you should obtain the college's AP® policy in writing.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY!!!

DECEMBER/JANUARY (continued)

_____ Check the AP® Credit Policy information for any of the colleges you are considering attending. You can find the links for your college's AP® Credit Policy by going to www.collegeboard.com, click on AP® (listed under "College Board Tests"), go to the "Tools" section and click on "AP® Credit Policy Info". Once you enter your college's name the AP® Credit Policy will be either listed immediately or you will be given a link to go to the college's AP® information on its individual website.

_____ If you plan to take an AP® exam in May, you should prepare throughout the year by using the resources available in the School Counseling Office or directly through the College Board's website. (www.collegeboard.com) Go to the website, click on "AP®", and then click on "Preparing". An especially helpful resource is the "Free-Response Questions" that are available for previously administered exams. The School Counseling Office should have at least one hard copy of some of these Free-Response Questions.

_____ The School Counseling Office has a bound copy of the AP® Course Descriptions for Calculus AB and English Literature and Composition which you could borrow (these booklets are also available online for you to download and have your own copy). Each book has valuable information concerning course topics, the exam, and sample multiple choice and free-response questions.

_____ Become familiar with the exam and basic preparation tips. The School Counseling Office has several tip sheets for the AP® exam including "Exam Day: What to Bring and What Not to Bring", "Study Skills: Reading", "Study Skills: Writing", "The Exam" (for both Calculus AB and English Literature and Composition), as well as several other informational sheets. All of these sheets can also be downloaded directly from the College Board Website.

_____ The AP® Calculus AB Exam is 3 hours and 15 minutes. There is a 105-minute, 45-question multiple-choice section and a 90-minute, six-problem free-response section. The multiple-choice section has two parts: Part A has 28 questions to complete in 55 minutes without a calculator and Part B has 17 questions to complete in 50 minutes using a graphing calculator. Total scores on the multiple-choice section are based on the number of questions answered correctly. Points are not deducted for incorrect answers. There are also two parts to the free-response section. Part A gives you 30 minutes using a graphing calculator to answer two problems and Part B gives you 60 minutes without the use of a calculator to answer four problems. During your time allotted for Part B in the free-response section, you are allowed to continue work on problems in Part A, but you are not allowed to use a calculator during this time. The multiple-choice and free-response questions each count for one-half of your final exam grade.

_____ The AP® English Literature and Composition Exam is 3 hours. It usually has a one-hour multiple-choice section and a two-hour free-response section. The multiple-choice section tests your critical reading skills. Total scores on the multiple-choice section are based on the number of questions answered correctly with no points deducted for incorrect answers. The free-response section will have you writing essays. The multiple-choice section of this exam counts for 45% of your grade and the free-response section counts for 55%.

February ----- May

_____ Take care of a variety of details: forms, fees, final year reports, and anything else that the college requires. The College Organizer II (created by your school counselors) will help you keep track of these details.

_____ Contact our school's AP® Coordinator (currently Mr. Budd) no later than March to register for the AP® exams. Mr. Budd, or another designee, will then order your exam materials and inform you when and where the tests will take place. AP® exams are usually given in early May.

_____ If you have registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse for Division I or Division II sports, you will need to go back to your Eligibility Center account after April 1st to update your academic and amateurism information and request final amateurism certification.

_____ Notify all colleges to which you have applied of your final decision. Notify those colleges where you decline admissions, as well as the college you have selected to attend.

_____ Take the AP® exam in May (date will be released at a later date).

_____ In May request a **final transcript** be sent to the college you have decided to attend in the fall. You must give Mrs. Benson a written request for this to be sent. Some colleges will provide a form for this request; other colleges do not provide this form. It is your responsibility to request this final transcript. This **MUST be done before your last day of school!!!!!!!**

_____ AP® Exam scores range from 1 to 5. The multiple-choice section is scored by computer, while the free-response section is scored at the annual AP® Reading held during the first two weeks in June. Specially appointed college professors and experienced AP® teachers evaluate the free-response answers. The total scores from the multiple-choice and free-response sections are combined to form a composite score. The next part of the scoring process is called "score-setting". (To read more about this part of the process please refer to the informational sheet "The Score-Setting Process" or go to www.collegeboard.com, then AP®, Exam Scores, and finally "The Score-Setting Process").

_____ Scores for AP® Exam are converted from composite to the 5-point scale. **5:** Extremely well qualified*, **4:** Well qualified*, **3:** Qualified*, **2:** Possibly qualified*, **1:** No recommendation**. (*=Qualified to receive college credit or advanced placement. **=No recommendation to receive college credit or advanced placement.) Please refer to the information about the AP® Credit Policy listed on the bottom of page 8 & the top of page 9.

_____ Colleges that received your AP® score report usually notify you of any placement, credit, and/or exemption during the summer.

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DO IT TODAY!!

MISCELLANEOUS: IMPORTANT

AFTER YOUR SENIOR INTERVIEW, SCHEDULE AS MANY APPOINTMENTS WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AS YOU NEED! WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!!

_____ **Remember to check your mailbox in the School Counseling Office frequently.**

_____ **Inform your counselor when you have been accepted to college.**
Bring your acceptance letter(s) to your counselor.

_____ Use the "Checklist of Things to Do!" on p. 31.

_____ **Utilize the 2 organizers we have created for our students:** the **College Organizer I** (while applying to colleges) and the **College Organizer II** (after you have been accepted to college).

_____ **Pay careful attention to the many deadlines.** Always double check to make sure your applications, recommendations, transcripts, and anything else was sent. You should make a note of the date when they are mailed in your planner. Provide Mrs. Benson with the address of where the transcript is to be sent. Check and make sure that the college received your transcript.

_____ **Keep the counselor** you have chosen to work with informed of all changes, additions, and decisions concerning college choices, majors, and scholarships.

_____ **Maintain or work to improve** your grades. Colleges **do** look at senior year grades and courses. Colleges look at grades in this order: (1) junior year, (2) current year, (3) sophomore year, and (4) freshmen year.

_____ Make certain that your **senior year course load is challenging.** Colleges "frown" on students who weaken their course load in an attempt to improve their G.P.A. **Although your G.P.A. is important, so are the types of courses you select.** (Colleges sometimes re-configure your G.P.A. based on certain courses).

_____ Students **should not combine all three test scores on the SAT®** (math, critical reading, and writing). Most colleges are still only using the scores from math and critical reading. Colleges sometimes use scores on the writing portion of the SAT® to determine eligibility for honors English in college and other times use these scores to possibly predict success in college.

_____ **Write down questions** you may have for your counselor as you think of them so you won't forget before your appointment. You can e-mail the counselor with questions or requests. This way, if you think of something over the weekend or in the evening, you can e-mail your counselor and not be concerned about remembering it later. Your counselor will then either e-mail or contact you directly.

_____ Utilize the Federal Student Aid's FAFSA4caster with your parents. This internet tool will provide you with an early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid (ex. Pell Grant). Access the FAFSA4caster at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS*

***Scholarships may be added or deleted once the school year begins.**

NORTHERN TIER PENN STATE CHAPTER: scholarships are for graduating seniors from Potter and McKean Counties who will be attending any of the Penn State campuses. Interested students must complete an application, an essay, and provide letters of reference. Applications will be available in the School Counseling Office in the spring. The application deadline is usually in May.

PORT ALLEGANY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (P.A.E.A.) AWARD: local teachers' association scholarship. Must write an essay explaining why he or she is deserving of this award and how it will be used in the pursuit of higher education. The essay should include the name of the post-secondary institution you will attend and the course of study you will take. This scholarship is available to everyone pursuing a post-secondary education. There is **NO** reason you should not apply!! Deadline is usually in April or May.

PHYLLIS J. JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR HEAD START GRADUATES: must be a former student and graduate of Head Start who is currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary institution. Students must submit a completed application, questionnaire responses, and proof of acceptance or enrollment in a post-secondary institution, and three letters of reference. Applications and further information is available in the School Counseling Office. Deadline is usually in May.

CHARLES COLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS: must be majoring in registered nursing; student must fulfill a two-year employment commitment to Charles Cole Memorial Hospital upon graduation. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office in April, or you can contact the hospital directly. Deadline is usually no later than June 1st.

CHARLES COLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS: must be majoring in one of the many allied health fields; Students must fulfill a two-year employment commitment to Charles Cole Memorial Hospital upon graduation. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office in April, or you can contact the hospital directly. Deadline is usually no later than June 1st.

THE LT. WILLIAM E. DAISLEY, JR. MATH AWARD: requirements include: resident of district for at least 3 years; take calculus; cumulative grade in academic mathematics of at least 92% for 4 years of high school; member of NHS; accepted to four-year college. See your math teacher for more information.

ROBERT MERTEN 'CIRCLE OF FIFTHS' MUSIC AWARD: this scholarship was awarded for the 1st time in 2007. It is a contest for eligible area music students. Criteria included were an essay, written application, and a 5-10 minute performance portion (play an instrument, sing, or submit an original composition, score, or arrangement). The deadline last year was in May. Further information will be available from one of the music teachers or your school counselors.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

COUDERSPORT BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

SCHOLARSHIP: applicant must be female from Coudersport, Roulette, or Shinglehouse area. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office usually in November or December. Deadline is usually in February. (It is uncertain if this scholarship is still available.)

THE BRENDA A. ROSS MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP: must be pursuing nursing as a career. Students do **NOT** need to be employed by Charles Cole Memorial Hospital following completion of their nursing program. To apply the student must provide the following information: (1) a formal letter requesting consideration for the scholarship, (2) a completed scholarship application, (3) a high school transcript, (4) proof of acceptance in an approved nursing program, (5) and 3 letters of reference. Application packets should be mailed to: Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, Human Resources Department, 1001 East Second Street, Coudersport, PA 16915.

T.LEE BENNETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND: must be pursuing a career in teaching or the ministry. Requirements include an essay of 500-1000 words telling why you feel called to the field you have chosen. You must submit 2 copies of the essay to the School Counseling Office: one copy with your name, phone number, and name of your school, and one copy without that information. Deadline is usually the 1st Friday in May.

JUNE DUNN PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: to be eligible the recipient must be (1) active in the Port Allegany High School music and/or drama club, (2) a participant in community service, (3) pursuing performing arts/music education in college, (4) accepted in a music or drama program at a 4-year college or university. Eligible recipients must submit a transcript, a concise list of extra curricular performing arts activities, a list of non-school activities, and a one-page typed essay explaining why he/she has chosen the performing arts as a career. Applications may be submitted through the music department and will be reviewed by the Port Allegany Women's Club Scholarship committee. The fund will provide an annual total award of \$1,500.00 cash to be divided among eligible seniors from Port Allegany High School. Deadline is usually sometime in May.

RICHARD K. TAYLOR AWARD: must be a senior who has participated in community service and is accepted to a college/university or trade school. Applicants must submit a list of non-school activities and a typed essay explaining why you are pursuing your chosen educational or trade school field. Your goals must also be part of this essay. Two copies of your application (one with your name and one without your name) need to be submitted to the School Counseling Office. This award will provide a scholarship of \$500.00 Deadline is usually in May.

JOEL KNOWLTON MEMORIAL FUND: must be a Potter County resident and pursuing an undergraduate degree at Edinboro University. Financial need may be a factor. Applicants must first apply for financial aid before being considered for this scholarship.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

_____ **ROBERT C. EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:** must be from a borough that is a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. Applicants must have been accepted for admission to an accredited college, university, or school that offers a two or four year degree/certificate program. Applicants are judged on knowledge, demonstrated leadership, and community service. Applications are available in the School Counseling Office usually in March. Scholarship deadline is in May.

_____ **ELEANOR BOSNICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING:** must meet the following criteria: (1) graduating senior from Port Allegany High School who intends to enroll at Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a declared major in nursing; (2) have at least a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. and demonstrate promise for continued academic success; (3) demonstrate financial need; (4) demonstrate good character and citizenship, and have good moral standing; (5) demonstrate involvement in extra-curricular activities and/or volunteer service in community activities.

_____ **FOSTER MCCARL, JR. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** must be entering plumbing, HVAC, engineering, construction management, or other construction related fields of study. Students must be planning to attend a two or four year program at an accredited college, university, or technical school. Students must be well-rounded individuals with a deep interest and involvement in their communities. Applicants must spend time volunteering, have outstanding academic performance, and be leaders in their schools through involvement in athletics, clubs, and student government. Applications are available online at www.mcanwpa.com or from the School Counseling Office in March. Deadline is usually May 1st.

_____ **JAMES E. SPRINGER/ DALE L. BROWN SCHOLARSHIP (WACOPSE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION):** must be a member of WACOPSE for at least 6 months and be pursuing a post-secondary education as a full-time student. Students must complete an application and answer 1 or 2 essay questions. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office in February. Deadline is usually in April. For further information call 1-800-322-7206.

_____ **THE GILBERT 'GIB' AND BILLIE ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP:** to be eligible the recipient must (1) have been a resident of the Port Allegany School District for at least three years, (2) have an interest in a health-related field, (3) have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.4 or higher, (4) be accepted to a one-, two-, or four-year college or university. Eligible recipients must submit a transcript, a list of non-school activities and extra-curricular activities, and a one-page essay on his/her main goal and how he/she expects to achieve this goal. The fund will provide an annual award of \$500.00. Deadline is usually in May.

_____ **PSECU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** must be a member of PSECU (usually by December of your senior year) who is planning to attend a two- or four-year college or university. Information and applications will be available at www.psecu.com (click on "Planning & Resources" and then click on "Scholarships"). Deadline is usually in February.

A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MAY BE IN YOUR MAILBOX!

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

E & M ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS CIVIL ENGINEERING/LAND

SURVEYING SCHOLARSHIP: to be eligible a student must intend to major in civil engineering or land surveying, although other engineering degrees will also be considered. Students must provide a letter of recommendation from our high school principal, a school counselor, or a teacher. Students must also submit an essay saying why you think civil engineering or land surveying are important professions. Deadline is usually in March or April.

JOHN J. MURPHY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: must have a family member employed by (or retired from) Dresser Rand in Olean. Preference is given to students pursuing degrees in business, engineering, or nursing.

PHEAA SPECIAL PROGRAMS More detailed information and applications can be found about each of these programs on the www.pheaa.org website. Type “Special Programs” into the search bar on the site and get more information on each of these programs.

ROBERT C. BYRD SCHOLARSHIP: PHEAA administers this federal program. Students must meet three educational standards: rank in the top 5% of your graduating class; have a G.P.A. equal to a 3.50 or above on a 4.0 (unweighted) scale; and have a SAT® combined critical reading and math score of 1150 or above or an ACT® composite score of 25 or above. Application is available by either downloading it from www.pheaa.org (Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Application) or in the School Counseling Office usually sometime in February or March. The deadline last year was April 1st. **Please note: A requirement for this federal scholarship is that students with weighted grades must have their grades unweighted and their G.P.A. recalculated.**

PARTNERSHIP FOR ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION (PATH) GRANT: must be nominated by a participating PATH organization (for list of these organizations go to www.pheaa.org, type in “Special Programs” and click on “Partnership for Access...”); must be a PA State grant recipient; must be enrolled at least half-time at a PA State Grant approved postsecondary institution.

TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP: must be pursuing an approved science, technology, or allied health program at an approved Pennsylvania two- or four-year college or licensed technical school; must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) during college; must begin employment in PA (one year for each year the scholarship was awarded) in a position related to a NETS approved program of study within one year after completion of college studies. Applications will be available at www.pheaa.org and in the School Counseling Office.

PA NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS AWARD: provides tuition assistance for students who enter into a service commitment with the Pennsylvania National Guard. You must be a resident of PA. You must go to a degree- or certificate-granting program of study at an approved PA institution. For additional information go to www.PAGUARD.com and click on “Benefits” then “Education”.

PHEAA SPECIAL PROGRAMS (continued)

_____ **CHILDREN OF SOLDIERS DECLARED POW/MIA:** children of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who (1) has been designated a “Prisoner of War” or as “Missing in Action”, (2) served on active duty after January 31, 1955, and (3) was a resident of Pennsylvania for at least twelve months preceding his/her service on active duty. To apply, you must file a FAFSA and the POW-MIA application. You may obtain the POW-MIA application by calling 1-800-692-7392. Go to www.pheaa.org for up-to-date information.

_____ **PA CHAFEE EDUCATION & TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM:** must be eligible for services under the State’s Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. Student must have been in foster care or adopted from foster care after attaining age 16. You must be pursuing a post-secondary education at least half-time at a college or career school that is approved by the U.S. Department of Education for the Title IV student assistance programs. Students must maintain “satisfactory academic progress” and demonstrate financial need for the grant as defined by the college.

_____ **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRATUITY PROGRAM:** must be a child by birth or adoption of a deceased police officer, firefighter, rescue or ambulance squad member, corrections employee or National Guard member who died after January 1, 1976, as a direct result of performing his or her official duties **OR** a child by birth or adoption of a PA sheriff, deputy sheriff, National Guard member or certain other individual who was on federal or state active military duty and who died in the line of duty since September 11, 2001. You must be pursuing undergraduate studies that will lead to an associate or baccalaureate degree at a PA community college, state-owned institution, or state-related institution as a full time student.

_____ **PHEAA-ADMINISTERED WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS:** the State Work-Study Program (SWSP) provides PA students with employment opportunities in high-tech and community-service fields. You can gain work experience while earning money to help pay for your higher education. You generally work from 10 to 20 hours per week during the academic year and up to 40 hours per week during the summer. You and your employer must complete the SWSP Student Application/Placement form and submit it to PHEAA. Deadlines and the application form are available on the PHEAA website.

_____ **PA 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM:** two plans: Pennsylvania 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (money is guaranteed to keep up with the rate of college tuition inflation) and the Pennsylvania 529 Investment Plan (choose from a wide range of portfolios managed by Vanguard). To enroll or get more detailed information, visit www.makecollegepossible.com or call 1-800-440-4000.

**HAVE YOU BEEN TO YOUR MAILBOX THIS WEEK?
SOMETHING SPECIAL MIGHT BE IN YOUR MAILBOX!!!**

FEDERAL (PELL) GRANT ADDITIONS

More detailed information and applications can be found about each of these programs on the studentaid.ed.gov website.

TEACH GRANT PROGRAM: to be eligible students must be enrolled as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate student in a postsecondary institution that has chosen to participate in the TEACH Grant Program; must be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework; meet certain academic standards; and must agree to teach full-time in a high-need field (bilingual education and English language acquisition, foreign language, mathematics, reading specialist, science, special education, or another area documented as high-need) for at least 4 academic years within 8 calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. For more complete information see the Federal Student Aid TEACH Fact Sheet available in the School Counseling Office or by going to studentaid.ed.gov.

ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT: this grant will provide additional money to those full-time students who are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, and who have successfully completed a rigorous high school program, as determined by the state or local education agency and recognized by the Secretary of Education. When you complete the FAFSA, there will be a part of the process that will determine if you meet the Pell Grant eligibility. If you do you will be directed to answer questions on whether you meet the standards of rigorous course work for Pennsylvania.

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ACCESS TO RETAIN TALENT GRANT or NATIONAL SMART GRANT: this grant is **NOT** available until your third and fourth years of undergraduate study, but it is important to know about it now, because you must meet the requirements during your first two years of college to be eligible for this grant. You must be a third- or fourth-year student who is eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, and majoring in physical, life, computer sciences, mathematics, technology, engineering, or in a foreign language determined critical to national security. The student must also have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 in coursework required for the major. The National SMART Grant is in addition to the student's Pell Grant Award.

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM: provides job opportunities for financially need students. Students generally work between 10-20 hours per week during the academic year and up to 40 hours per week during the summer. Colleges attempt to arrange for positions that correspond to your academic or career interests.

IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN SERVICE GRANT: Beginning with the 2010-2011 award year, a student who is not eligible for a Pell Grant but whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and died as a result of service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001 may be eligible to receive the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant. Students must be under 24 years old and enrolled in college at least part-time at the time of the parent's or guardian's death.

OTHER SOURCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

These are only some of the many scholarships available. Finding scholarships you are eligible for takes work, but it could be worth it. Never count yourself out of the running if you are eligible!! Please note that sometimes scholarships are discontinued or eligibility requirements change.

_____ **SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS:** for students who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences. Go to: www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm . There are two types of scholarships: SAE Foundation funded and University Sponsored. If you qualify, make sure you follow the application process for both. Begin by clicking “High School Seniors-for Freshmen Year in College”. Click on “SAE Engineering Scholarships: SAE Foundation” and follow the “Application Instructions”. Also click on “University-Sponsored SAE Engineering Scholarships” and follow the application instruction guidelines (make sure the application you download is for the 2011-2012 Academic year!) Deadline is usually the beginning or middle of December.

_____ **COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP:** scholarships based on activities, academic achievements, and leadership. Students must have a minimum G.P.A. 3.0 at the end of your junior year. Students need to apply online. Deadline is October 31st. You can get further information at www.coca-colascholars.org . Go to the bottom and click on “Four-Year Award for High School Seniors-Apply Now!”

_____ **PHI DELTA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR PROSPECTIVE EDUCATORS PROGRAM:** must intend to major in education and meet at least one of a listing of criteria. For further information go online to www.pdkintl.org (click on “awards & scholarships”). Information and application will be available online after November 1st. Deadline is usually February 1st.

_____ **TYLENOL BRAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** must plan to pursue a career in healthcare; based on leadership qualities and academic performance. Application is available online at www.scholarship.tylenol.com There were major changes to this scholarship last year. There is currently no information about possible scholarships for this year. Check the website frequently to get current information once it is posted.

_____ **PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION (PHEF):** Students interested in nursing careers may be eligible for scholarship or grant opportunities established through PHEF. Since funds are administered by eligible nursing schools, students should inquire with their college’s nursing department or financial aid office for eligibility requirements. For more on career, financial aid, and education information related to nursing for Pennsylvania students go to www.futuresinnursing.com .

_____ **SAM WALTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP:** this is a non-renewable award for the student’s first year of college at an approved accredited college or university. Students usually can apply online only from November 2nd until January. For more information and link to the application, please go to www.walmartfoundation.org after November 2nd.

OTHER SOURCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

_____ **NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** must be accepted to one of the 10 specific colleges, have a 3.5 or better G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale, complete an application, and a one-page essay (500 words or less) describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program. Applications can be downloaded or done online at www.co-op.edu Deadline is February 15, 2011. (Early applications encouraged).

_____ **IMAGINE AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** must be pursuing a post-secondary education at one of the 400 career colleges participating in the *Imagine America* program; must have a high school grade point average of 2.5 or greater; have financial need; and demonstrated voluntary community service during senior year. *Imagine America* applications are submitted online at www.imagine-america.org . Each registered high school (your school counselors have registered our high school) may select three graduating seniors to receive a \$1,000 *Imagine America* scholarship. Class of 2011 can start applying on January 1st, 2011. **Talk to your school counselor about this scholarship before January 1st!**

_____ **BEST BUY @15 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** applicant must be a graduating high school senior who will be attending a college, university, or vocational school in the fall immediately following their high school graduation. Recipients are selected based on volunteerism efforts along with academic achievements. Applications will be available online January 2011 at <https://www.at15.com>.

_____ **ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:** scholarship is based on financial need, academics, and leadership. Applications are available online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm. Deadline is December 1, 2010.

_____ **HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** to be eligible students must be planning to attain a bachelor's degree (4-year degree) (can start at a two-year college and then transfer to a four-year college), have involvement in co-curricular and community activities, have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0, have critical financial need or provide an explanation if your family's income is higher than \$50,000, and have a letter of support. Applicants must provide a copy of the front page of their parent/guardian's individual federal income tax return. The scholarship looks for students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Apply online at www.horatioalger.com . Deadline is October 30, 2010.

_____ **BEN FRANKLIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** this scholarship follows the same eligibility criteria as the Horatio Alger Scholarship. To access the application go to www.horatioalger.com . Click on "Scholarship Programs" for the link to the application. Deadline is October 30, 2010.

_____ **BIG 33 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP:** this scholarship is intended for a student who exhibits excellence in a well-rounded educational and extracurricular program. Please visit www.big33.org for more information. The information and application process for current seniors will begin October 26, 2010 and ends February 13, 2011.

KEEP CHECKING YOUR MAILBOX!

OTHER SOURCES OF SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

_____ **THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** to be eligible students must have lost a parent to breast cancer, plan to attend a state-supported college or university in the state where they live, have a G.P.A. of at least 2.8, and never at any time been subject to any disciplinary action by any institution or entity. The application should be available in December. Go to www.komen.org/grants click on “Awards and Scholarships” (on left side of page), then click on “College Scholarship Award”. Applications should be available sometime in the fall.

_____ **PFIZER EPILEPSY SCHOLARSHIP:** to be eligible you must have overcome the challenges of epilepsy, been successful in school, and done well in activities outside the classroom and in the community. You will need to write an essay and have 2 letters of recommendation (one must come from your doctor). Go to www.epilepsy-scholarship.com to register and get an application. (You will be able to either download the application or have them send you an application). The deadline is usually in the spring.

_____ **DAR SCHOLARSHIPS:** there are many scholarships awarded by the DAR for students pursuing a variety of degrees in areas including history, law, nursing, and education. All applicants must obtain a letter of sponsorship from their local DAR chapter. Our state scholarship chairperson can assist in locating a chapter closest to you. Students need to send a self-addressed, stamped, business size envelope to get the name and address of the state chairperson and an application for any of the scholarships. To get the address of where to send your request, as well as the listing of scholarships, please go to www.dar.org.

_____ **HERMINE SOLT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:** The Pennsylvania Association of Educational Office Professionals’ Student Scholarship Fund is for students who are pursuing a career in secretarial, office technology, accounting, or business education (including business education technology). Students must demonstrate qualities and traits of leadership, citizenship, and service to school and community along with having financial need. Applications are available online (www.paeop.org). However, it was difficult to get the online application from the site last year, so you could email dreadinger@pgasd.com or write to Diane Readinger, Pine Grove Area School District, 103 School Street, Pine Grove, PA 17963 and request an application. Application deadline is usually March 1.

_____ **MY GROCER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be planning to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university, or vocational/technical school; have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and be a full-time resident of the Foodland, IGA and Jubilees marketing area. Applications are available at your local Jubilee grocery store. Application deadline is usually March 1.

YOUR COUNSELOR MAY HAVE PUT SOMETHING IN YOUR MAILBOX!

YOU MAY MISS SOMETHING VALUABLE IF YOU DON’T KEEP CHECKING!

UNION/WORK-RELATED AND VETERAN SCHOLARSHIPS

AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION SCHOLARSHIPS: scholarships for children and grandchildren of postal workers who are APWU members. The E.C. Hallbeck Memorial Scholarship is for students going to four-year colleges and the Vocational Scholarship is for students going for specialized training in fields such as culinary arts, auto mechanics, medical or dental assisting, certified IT/computer education, cosmetology, massage therapy, etc. For further information go online in the early part of 2011 at www.apwu.org/dept/sec-treas/stscholarships.htm.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRL SCOUTS: Colleges and universities recognize Girl Scouts who have received the Girl Scout Gold Award. Eligible students should check the availability of scholarships by going to www.girlscouts.org, click on "GS Central", and then click on "Scholarships" (on left side of page).

EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIPS (BOY SCOUTS NESA): There are a number of national scholarships available to Eagle Scouts (as well as a few that do not require being an Eagle Scout). There are also Scouting scholarships based on religion, civic/military, and college-specific. Applications for the 2011 NESA scholarships will be online October 1, 2010 with a deadline of January 31, 2011. For an application as well as information and links to get to all the other available scholarships go to www.nesa.org/applications.html.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP: must be son, step-son, daughter, or step-daughter of veteran who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion. Judging is based on Character/Leadership, Essay/Application, Financial Need, and Scholarship. Applicants must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years. Go to www.legion-aux.org and click on "Scholarships: National President". The deadline is usually in March.

AMVETS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: must be a graduating high school senior who is a child or grandchild of a United States veteran. This scholarship is renewable for up to a maximum of 4 years, but can be used for full-time study at four-year and two-year colleges or an accredited trade/technical school. Students must demonstrate academic promise and show financial need. Applicants need a minimum of a 3.0 G.P.A. (or have documented evidence of extenuating circumstances that caused a lower G.P.A.). For more information go to www.amvetsnsf.org/scholarships.html. Deadline is usually in April.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL: must be a graduating senior who has been accepted to an accredited college or university. You must have a father, mother or legal guardian who is a full-time active employee, and not on disability. Parent or guardian must be a volunteer member of the police or Sheriff's department, or a full-time paid or volunteer member of a fire department in Pennsylvania. Judging criteria for these scholarships are class average, SAT® scores, essay, academic awards, hobbies, and school and outside extracurricular activities. For more information, write: PBFAA Youth Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 8264, Erie, PA 16505-0264. Or call 1-800-458-8512. Applications are usually available in the School Counseling Office. Deadline is usually March 1st.

U Promise™

This program is a great way to get rid of some of your college debt.

UPROMISE: UPromise™ is a free service that helps parents and students earn extra money for education. UPromise™ has partnered with hundreds (and growing) of companies who agree to provide monetary rewards for using their products or services. Earn from 1% to 25% in college savings from UPromise™ partners when you shop online, in-store, buy groceries, travel, and much more. These rewards add nothing to your cost of an item or service and go into your UPromise™ account, where they become actual savings for college, grad school, or paying down an educational loan. The savings grow by doing what you normally do: shop online, buy groceries, dine out, and get gas for your car. You can earn money when you take a trip or buy or sell your house. Better yet, you don't have to do this alone! You can invite family and friends to register and have some or all of the college savings go towards your loans. You can choose to use your UPromise™ earnings in a high-yield savings account or a tax-deferred 529 plan; use it to pay down a student loan; or request a check that can be used for college or other expenses. For more detailed information go to www.upromise.com

If you have not already gone to this site, do it today!!!

Education Tax Benefits

Under the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**, more parents and students will qualify for a tax credit, the **American Opportunity Credit**, to pay for college expenses during tax years 2009 and 2010. The new credit modifies the existing **Hope Credit for those same tax years.**

American Opportunity Credit: (Part of The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009). This tax credit is specific for tax years 2009 and 2010. It is available to individuals whose modified adjusted gross income is \$80,000 or less, or \$160,000 or less for married couples filing a joint return. The credit is phased out for taxpayers with incomes above these levels. Many of those eligible will qualify for the maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student.

Hope Credit: The new American Opportunity Credit has replaced the Hope Credit for most taxpayers. However, in tax year 2009, a larger Hope credit (\$3,600 maximum) was available for students meeting the special rules for the Midwestern disaster areas. Recheck a www.irs.gov for any changes for the 2010 tax year.

Lifetime Learning Credit: This provides a tax credit of up to \$2,000 per taxpayer for qualified education expenses paid for all eligible students. There is no limit on the number of years the Lifetime Learning Credit can be claimed for each student.

Please Note: You can choose the education benefit that will give you the lowest tax. For each student, you can elect for any year only one of the credits.

**KEEP YOUR COUNSELOR UPDATED...
IT WILL EFFECT WHAT'S IN YOUR MAILBOX!**

SCHOLARSHIP CHECK LIST

- _____ Employers and unions (parents, yours)
- _____ Clubs or organizations (parents, yours)
- _____ Religion (almost all religions have scholarships)
- _____ Colleges (each catalog and website has a financial aid/scholarship section)
- _____ Majors or career fields
- _____ Local based (within your community)
- _____ Armed services (parents who are veterans, National Guard)
- _____ Leadership/community involvement based
- _____ Ethnic background (race/nationality)
- _____ Skills, talents, and contests

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

All these resources are available through your school counselor unless otherwise noted. See your school counselor if you would like to borrow or learn more about any of these resources.

- _____ FastWeb™ site (www.fastweb.com)
- _____ FastWeb™ College Gold
- _____ www.educationplanner.org (click on “Paying” section)
- _____ How to Pay for College: A Practical Guide for Families
- _____ Peterson’s Financial Aid 101
- _____ Get a Jump! The Financial Aid Answer Book
- _____ Don’t Miss Out: The Ambitious Student’s Guide to Financial Aid
- _____ Meeting College Costs
- _____ Parents’ Guide to Paying for College
- _____ www.zinch.com
- _____ The ABCs of Credit Card Finance: Essential Facts for Students
- _____ The National Guard Guide to Paying for Your College Education
- _____ Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid
- _____ Pennsylvania’s Guide to Student Aid
- _____ Student Loan Buying Guide
- _____ See p. 26 of this booklet for more website addresses

INTERNET RESOURCES

Following are only some of the numerous sites for college/career planning, applications, financial aid, SATs, careers, and various issues to do with the college process. (Sites were verified as of 9/24/10).

COLLEGE/CAREER SITES: (*may include information on financial aid)

- www.myfuture.com
- www.educationplanner.org
- www.college.gov
- www.pacareerzone.com
- www.campustours.com
- www.4Tests.com
- www.knowhow2go.org
- www.careersandcolleges.com
- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- www.ecampustours.com
- www.nationalappcenter.com
- www.collegeview.com
- www.collegeconfidential.com
- www.commonapp.org
- www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp
- www.VisitCollege.com
- www.collegenet.com/about/index_html
- nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
- www.futuresinnursing.com
- www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cohome.htm
- www.mappingyourfuture.org
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.zinch.com
- www.actstudent.org
- www.adventuresineducation.org
- www.number2.com
- makingcollegcount.com
- www.petersons.com
- www.nextstepmagazine.com
- www.collegesurfing.com
- www.talbotsbook.com
- www.Going2college.org
- www.monster.com
- www.pennsylvaniamentor.org
- www.campuscorner.com
- www.testprepreview.com
- www.collegeadmissioninfo.com
- www.matchcollege.com
- collegeapps.about.com

FINANCIAL AID SITES: (*May include other college & testing information)

— www.educationplanner.org

— finaid.org

— www.pheaa.org

— www.makecollegepossible.com

— www.fastweb.com

— www.upromise.com

— www.fafsa.ed.gov

— pin.ed.gov

— www.zinch.com

— www.studentaid.ed.gov

— www.salliemae.com

— www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

— www.pasfaa.org

— www.aessuccess.org

— www.nasfaa.org

— college-scholarships.com/

— www.students.gov

— federalstudentaid.ed.gov

— www.scholarships.com

— www.fastaid.com

— www.gocollege.com

— www.collegebound.net/studentrewards

— www.irs.gov

RESOURCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

A Great Place to Start:

College & Financial Planner for Seniors
Premier Agenda for CollegeEd™
College Organizer I & II

SAT® & ACT® Guides:

Panic Plan for the SAT
Princeton Review: Cracking the SAT
Fiske Nailing the New SAT
Kaplan's SAT Comprehensive Program
SAT in a Box
SAT Strategies for the Super busy Student
Gruber's Complete SAT 2010
ACT Strategies for the Super busy Student
The Real ACT Prep Guide
The Procrastinator's Guide to the ACT
Cliff's Test Prep ACT
Insiders Guide to the ACT Assessment
Kaplan 2007 SAT.ACT.PSAT (CD software)

And Don't Forget These Guides:

Get into Any College
College Rankings Exposed
Peterson's 2-year College Guide
Peterson's 4-year College Guide
Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges
US News & World Report Ultimate
College Guide 2009
Colleges With Programs for Students with
Learning Disabilities or A.D.D.
Choices: A Guide to Pennsylvania
Post-Secondary Career Schools
College Guide for Visual Arts Majors
College Guide for Performing Arts Majors
Television, Film & Digital Media Programs
Nursing Programs 2010

What About My Major?

90-Minute College Match Major
College Majors Handbook
Book of Majors
Making the Major Decision
Great Career in 2 Years
Pennsylvania Career Guide
College Majors & Careers

Essays: I Need Help!

Accepted! 50 Successful College Admissions
Essays
College Applications & Essays
The College Application Essay
College Admissions Essay Handbook
Majoring in Success
One-Hour College Application Essay
Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10
Steps

Admissions & Applications

75 Biggest Myths about College Admissions
Acing the College Application
The New Rules of College Admissions
101 Ways to Become the Perfect
College Applicant
Admissions Decision-Making Models
How to Make Colleges Want You
Winning the College Admissions Game:
Strategies for Parents
From Here to Your Freshmen Year
Creating Your High School Resume
(college resume pp.17-21)
Fiske Guide to Getting into the Right College

Campus Visits & Interviews

Campus Visits & College Interviews
Visiting College Campuses

Money...\$\$\$\$

Resources listed on p. 24

Also . . .

What to Do When for College
Next Step Magazine
What Colleges Don't Tell You
Choices for the High School Graduate
Summer Programs for Kids and
Teenagers
College.EDU
Creating Your High School Portfolio

SAT® REGISTRATION INFORMATION*

*This information is subject to change
Port Allegany HS CEEB Code: 394060
www.sat.collegeboard.com

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration</u> <u>Deadline</u>	<u>Scores Available</u> <u>by Web (after 8:00 a.m. EST)</u>	<u>Test Center</u>	<u>Test Center Code</u>
October 9 th	September 10 th *Sept. 24 th for students with Fee waivers	October 28 th	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
			<u>Coudersport HS</u>	<u>39-216</u>
			<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
			<u>St. Marys HS</u>	<u>39-668</u>
November 6 th	October 8 th	November 25 th	<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
			<u>Ridgway HS</u>	<u>39-620</u>
			<u>Wellsville HS</u>	<u>33-968</u>
December 4 th	November 5 th	December 23 rd	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
			<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
January 22 nd	December 23 rd	February 10 th	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
			<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
March 12 th	February 11 th	March 31 st	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
			<u>Kane HS</u>	<u>39-344</u>
			<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
			<u>St. Marys HS</u>	<u>39-668</u>
May 7 th	April 8 th	May 26 th	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
			<u>Coudersport HS</u>	<u>39-216</u>
			<u>Emporium (Woodland Elementary)</u>	<u>39-249</u>
			<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
			<u>Wellsville HS</u>	<u>33-968</u>
June 4 th	May 6 th	June 23 rd	<u>Bradford HS</u>	<u>39-158</u>
			<u>Johnsonburg HS</u>	<u>39-340</u>
			<u>Olean HS</u>	<u>33-730</u>
			<u>St. Marys HS</u>	<u>39-668</u>

How to register:

- Online at www.sat.collegeboard.com OR
- Complete the paper registration form (available in the School Counseling Office)

Test Fee: SAT® Reasoning Test: \$47.00

Fee Waivers available from Mr. Eskesen or Mrs. Jeselnick

Please note: Score Choice™, the new SAT® Score-Reporting Policy, began with the March 2009 SAT®. Please review the online information about Score Choice™.

Important: Students who do not register on paper will automatically get their SAT® scores through My SAT® Online Score Report only, unless they request a paper score report. Students who register by paper will still receive paper score reports unless they request not to have them mailed.

Scores from **October** & **November** are sent by two-day priority delivery to colleges for ED/EA (early decision/early action) program consideration. Most colleges accept October & November scores for ED/EA programs, but you should still check with your colleges.

ACT® REGISTRATION INFORMATION*

***ACT® test locations may change, so check the website for updates.**

Port Allegany High School Code: 394060

www.actstudent.org

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Multiple-Choice Scores First Posted Online**</u>	<u>Test Center/ Code</u>
September 11 th	August 6 th	Sept. 27-Nov. 5	Coudersport HS 156020 St. Marys HS 184110
October 23 rd	September 17 th	Nov. 9-Dec. 27	Wellsville HS 182150 Olean HS 199500
December 11 th	November 5 th	Dec. 27-Feb. 4	Olean HS 199500 Oswayo Valley HS 162410 St. Marys HS 184110 Wellsville HS 182150
February 12 th	January 7 th	No test centers are scheduled for NY or our area for February	
April 9 th	March 4 th	Apr. 25-June 3	Coudersport HS 156020
June 11 th	May 6 th	June 27-Aug. 5	Olean HS 199500 Wellsville HS 182150

**If you took the ACT plus writing, your Writing scores will be posted online as soon as they are ready, normally about 2 weeks after your multiple-choice scores. Your score reports are not mailed until after your Writing scores have been added.

How to register:

- Online at www.actstudent.org OR
- Complete the paper registration form (available in the School Counseling Office)

Test Fee: ACT® (Plus Writing): \$48.00

ACT® (No Writing): \$33.00

Fee Waivers available from Mr. Eskesen or Mrs. Jeselnick

Test	Content		
English	75 questions	45 minutes	Measures standard written English and rhetorical skills.
Mathematics	60 questions	60 minutes	Measuring mathematical skills students have typically acquired in courses taken up to the beginning of grade 12.
Reading	40 questions	35 minutes	Measures reading comprehension.
Science	40 questions	35 minutes	Measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences.
Optional Writing Test	1 prompt	30 minutes	Measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses.

COMPLETE THIS SHEET TO HELP WITH COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Name _____ Address _____
 DOB _____ SSN _____
 Phone# _____ Cell Phone # _____ email _____

Parents/Guardian Names _____

School Counselor's Name _____

School Counselor's Phone # (814)642-2544 ext. email _____

Port Allegany High School 20 Oak Street Port Allegany, PA 16743
CEEB Code: 394060 Phone #: (814)642-2544 Fax: (814) 642-9574

Date Entered PAHS **August 28, 2005** (for most students) Date Graduated **June 5, 2011**

TESTING

SAT® Dates & Scores _____ CR: _____ Math: _____ Writing _____

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SAT® Subject Tests Date: _____ Test _____ Score _____

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ACT® Date _____ Composite Score _____ English _____ Reading _____ Math _____ Science _____ Wr _____

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AP® Exam Test _____ Date _____ Score _____

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SUBJECTS

Subjects Taken in Grades 9-12:

English CP _____ English _____ English Honors _____

Foreign Language: French _____ Spanish _____ Other _____

Math: _____

Science: _____

Soc. St.: _____

Other: _____

Senior Courses:

1st Semester

2nd Semester

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CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO DO!

WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS

- ___ Senior Interview
- ___ Scholarship Session
- ___ Financial Aid Workshop (12/15)
- ___ College Visit
- ___ Orientation

TESTS

- ___ SAT®
- ___ ACT®
- ___ Placement Tests
 - ___ Accuplacer®
 - ___ Compass®
 - ___ Nursing Entrance Test® (NET)
- ___ SAT® Subject
- ___ AP® Exam

FORMS/REGISTRATIONS

- ___ Transcript
- ___ Applications
- ___ Questionnaire for Recommendation
- ___ Parent Brag Sheet
- ___ College Resume
- ___ NCAA Clearinghouse
- ___ SAT® Registration
- ___ ACT® Registration
- ___ AP® Exam Registration
- ___ FAFSA
- ___ CSS Profile®
- ___ College and Scholarship Sheet

ADMISSIONS

- ___ Application
- ___ Supplemental Forms
- ___ Essay
- ___ Transcript
- ___ Recommendations
- ___ College Resume

FINANCIAL AID

- ___ FastWeb™
- ___ UPromise™
- ___ Financial Aid Office
 - ___ Deadlines
 - ___ Forms Required
- ___ FAFSA
 - ___ Pin (mine)
 - ___ Pin (parent)
- ___ CSS Profile®
- ___ College/Institutional Grants