THE EAGLE EYE

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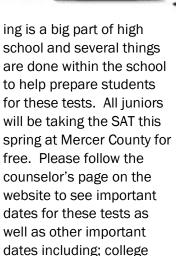
Mercer County HS Guidance Office



Counselor's Information

Welcome Back MCHS!!!

Welcome to the High golden eagles School Counselor's page!! As the counse-Catherine, Ashley & I look forward to getting to know and working with the students. In our office, we work frequently with student's schedules and transcripts, making sure they are on target to graduate as well as taking the necessary classes that may be required or recommended at colleges they are interested in. Our office has an open door policy to any student that is having issues or difficulties in or out of school. Catherine, Ashley, and I hope that every student will feel comfortable enough to come in to discuss these issues. Standardized test-



visits, recruiters, deadlines, & scholarship opportunities. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year here at Mercer County High School!!!

Tami Hainds. Catherine Staker, & Ashley Clark



College Representatives at MCHS

College representatives meet with interested students September through December. Dates are announced on the daily announcements and in the monthly bulletin. Students must get a pass from the counselor's office at least one day prior to the visit & report to their class before leaving to meet with a representative. The following representatives will be at Mercer County High School:

Stay tuned!

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Senior Jump Start



Senior Jump Start will be held on Wednesday, Sept 25th, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. We will highlight applying to colleges, writing for scholarships, college visits, deadlines, retaking the SAT, and touch base on Financial Aid. A Financial Aid Night and FAFSA completion will be held in December.

College Fall Preview Days/Open Houses

Seniors should be visiting to finalize their college selection by mid December. Juniors should try to visit 3 to 4 colleges before the end of the school year. Here are a FEW visit days that we found.....

Please stop by the counselor's office with any questions or concerns you may have about Post-Secondary plans.



Eastern IL University	Sept. 9-12; 14	
Northern Illinois University	Oct. 14, Nov. 11	
Coe College	Oct. 4, 18, 26	
University of Iowa	Oct. 11, 14, 18, 25	
Black Hawk College—QC	Sept. 4, 13, 18, 27	
Augustana College	Sept. 5, 6, 9-14	
St. Ambrose University	Sept. 4-6, 16-20	
Western IL -Macomb	Oct. 14, 26, Nov. 11	
University of IL—Urbana	Sept.21	
Iowa State University	Oct. 16-20	
Illinois Wesleyan	Oct. 14, Nov 9	
Drake University	Sept. 23-27	

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SAT Test Dates—SAT.org

SAT No Essay—\$68

(late fee required—\$34)

The following SAT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test. *Please note the SAT will be given here at the high school in April to all Juniors.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	
May 3, 2025	April 22, 2025	
June 7, 2025	May 27, 2025	



ACT Test Dates <u>ACT Plus Writing</u>

ACT No Writing—\$69

ACT Plus Writing-\$94

Test option change - \$25

(late fee required—\$38)

TheACT

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Secretary Ashley Clark

The following ACT test dates are available for all high school students who wish to take the test:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
Sept. 14, 2024	August 9	August 25
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26
July 12, 2025	June 6	June 20

Students may register on-line at www.act.org and use a credit card for payment. REMEMBER to include Mercer County High School's code 140008 on the registration information so the school has your ACT scores for your transcript. Keep in mind that the ACT can be taken multiple times & colleges do not care if scores go down on retakes. *Colleges will not pull the highest scores from multiple dates but do take the highest scores from one single test date regardless* of the number of times the test has been taken. **Fee waivers are available if you qualify.



^{*}Fee waivers are available if you qualify. See the Counseling office with questions