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Counselor's Information

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Welcome Back MCHS!!!

Welcome to the High School Counselor's page!! As the counselors at the high school, 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-



ing is a big part of high school and several things are done within the school to help prepare students for these tests. All juniors will be taking the SAT this spring at Mercer County for free. Please follow the counselor's page on the website to see important dates for these tests as well as other important dates including; college

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 Hains, 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!

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.

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



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.

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| 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 |



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

ACT Test Dates ACT Plus Writing

ACT No Writing—\$69

ACT Plus Writing—\$94

Test option change - \$25

(late fee required—\$38)



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

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>Late Fee Deadline</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 |

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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.

