



golden eagles

Counselor's Information

Mark Your Calendars

- Nov. 26th *Holiday Dismissal at 2:00 pm*
- Nov. 27th-29th *No School (Thanksgiving Break)*

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Attention SENIOR Parents

Senior Parents- Filing of the FAFSA is now a graduation requirement in the state of Illinois. If you absolutely know that you will not be needing financial aid or federal student loans, there is a waiver that can be filled out and signed to meet this requirement. FAFSA is set to open on December 1st this year. We will hold a FAFSA completion night in January if you need help.

MCHS College & Career Day



On Wednesday, October 16th MCHS held their College/Career Day. This was a great opportunity for our students who attended to receive information from over 50 colleges, universities, local unions, businesses, trade schools and military personnel.

Attention Seniors!!



1. **Seniors.....**By now, you should have submitted two or more college/university applications. If you have not heard from the schools within 3 weeks, call admissions and ask about the status of your application.
2. Students going directly into the workforce after high school should begin working on resumes & researching for possible job opportunities.
3. For graduating Seniors who want to work and/or receive advance training consider:

Apprenticeships: more information available in the LRC or in the Counselor's Office

Military Service: www.military.com

Trades: <http://www.tcbuildingtrades.com/>
<https://www.illowaimpact.org/>

Post-Secondary Visits

Juniors and Seniors may use a total of three attendance days to visit post-secondary schools. Forms may be picked up in the counselor's office and must be returned to the main office at least one day prior to the visit, for the absence to be excused. Keep in mind that most post-secondary schools have special fall preview days on Saturdays and encourage parents/students to make private appointments if they cannot attend a preview day. Several colleges are currently offering scholarships to students who attend the preview days. Scholarship eligibility is often based on a qualifying essay or drawing.



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>
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

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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>
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.

