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Counselor's Information

Mark Your Calendars

- March 13 *Incoming Freshman (2025-2026) Registration*
- March 14 *End of 3rd Quarter*
- March 17-21 *Spring Break*
- March 26 *Pre-ACT for all Freshmen/Sophomores*
- April 2 *ACT for all Juniors (9, 10, 12-work provided by teachers)*
- May 7 *Awards Night*

Freshman Registration for Current 8th Graders

Freshman registration for current 8th graders will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 6:00PM in the high school auditorium. Registration packets will be handed out during this orientation. Reminders will be sent out via email and on our social media platforms.

ACT Test Free for All Juniors—April 2nd

This year our juniors will be taking the ACT test for their college entrance exam. The state of Illinois has contracted with the College Board ACT for schools to administer the ACT to all juniors at no cost to the school. All colleges and universities will accept the ACT and/or the SAT score. On Wednesday, April 2nd all juniors will take the test at the Mercer County High School. When testing is finished, the juniors will be free to leave for the day. Testnav.com is a free practice site for the Pre ACT and the ACT. Freshman, Sophomores, and Seniors will have work provided by teachers.

The Freshman and Sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT on March 26th.



Post Secondary Visits

The last Friday in April is the last day for post-secondary visits. Pre-arrange college visit forms can be picked up in the Mrs. Clark's Office. Students are allowed 3 total college visit days to be used within their Junior and Senior years. Additional visits can be scheduled on Saturdays or during our Spring Break March 17th-21st.

Scholarships for 2025 Graduates

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

Attention Seniors!!! Please check our scholarship link on our Counselor's Page. An updated list of scholarships is available on the school website at www.mercerschools.org. We update Scholarships daily as they come in. Most scholarships are linked to the application so students may print the application. Check the scholarship closely for criteria, instructions, due date and procedures for submitting. The following is a list of **SOME** of our local scholarships that are coming due.

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| March 1 | Holocaust Education/Hagan/IMercer County 4-H Memorial/Patti Jeanne Higgins/ |
| March 2 | IACAC |
| March 7 | IL Retired Teacher Association |
| March 9 | Edmond and Hebel FFA |
| March 10 | Elyssa's Mission/Kathryn G Hansen |
| March 12 | IL Chemical Education Foundation /Kathryn G Hansen |
| March 14 | Illinois Sheriff's Association/ Compeer Financial High School Senior/ Mercer County Soil & Water Conservation District |
| March 20 | American Legion O'Fallers |
| March 28 | Exchange Club Youth of the Year/ Mercer County Farm Bureau/ Farmers State Bank of Western IL |
| March 31 | Trinity Muscatine/ College Raptor/ 'No Sweat'/ Pepsi-Cola of Rock Island |

****Seniors ~ Don't forget to check our Scholarship page at mercerschools.org!! We update the links as Scholarships arrive!!!**



SAT Test Dates—SAT.org

SAT No Essay—\$68.00

(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>
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



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(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>
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.

