



SENIOR Counseling Office NEWSLETTER



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Happy Fall, Seniors! Just a few very important reminders:

- **Apply to your chosen colleges as soon as possible.** Go to the school of your choice's website and look for an "APPLY NOW" tab. Come see us with any questions you have regarding the application.
- Review your SAT and ACT scores. IF you need to sign up for another SAT or ACT, now is the time.
- Check out a few scholarship applications, see list on next page.
- Work on your college essay.
- **Get your FSA ID.** <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> and create your FSA ID to complete the FAFSA.
- Your transcripts must be sent to all colleges/programs/etc. that you apply. **You must complete and sign a transcript release form** (available in the Counseling/Main Office) and return it to Mrs. Lancaste, Counseling Secretary.



*Seniors will be submitting their FAFSA applications beginning on October 1st again this year, a change that will allow students to see their financial aid award letters earlier to help them make better choices for college enrollment. FAFSA will be using the Prior Prior Year taxes. This means for the class of 2022, 2020 taxes will be used.

***Anyone planning to attend ANY post-secondary education needs to complete the FAFSA to be eligible for grants/loans/scholarships.**

***Penn State University- preferred filing deadline is December 1, 2021!**

***The earlier the FAFSA is completed, the more financial aid will be available to your student.**



Scholarship Opportunities:

- **Horatio Alger Association**- Offers multiple scholarships from bachelor's degree to Career and Technical Education Scholarships. Application must be completed online at scholars.horatioalger.org. Applicants must be a high school senior planning to pursue post high school education and demonstrate critical financial need, be involved in extra-curricular. Application available at: <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>
- The Heisman High School Scholarship: Recognizes both male and female scholar-athletes that are leaders not only on the field, but also in the school community. More information at heismanscholarship.com. **Deadline: October 19, 2021**
- **VFW Voice of Democracy Competition**
Open to all students in grades 9-12. Students must complete application and write an essay on "America: Where do we go from here?". Students must record themselves reading their essay to an audio CD or flash drive. Recordings can be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes. **Deadline: October 31, 2021**. Students can submit applications to both the Osceola and Philipsburg branches. Applications available in the office.

*Remember: the Internet can also be a wonderful resource for scholarship hunting. **Good places to create a profile include www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com.** These sites allow students to make a profile that will match student's information with available scholarships that they can apply for. There are scholarships for **EVERYBODY!!***

College Representatives Coming to POHS!

If you would like to meet with the representative, there is a "College Visit Sign-Up Sheets" binder in the Main Office. Please note: the following list is **not** final! More schools will be added so **PLEASE** check the calendar on the Counseling bulletin board in the cafeteria every day!

Pennsylvania State University- Thursday, October 4th
Clarion University of Pennsylvania-Thursday, October 7th
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford-Tuesday, October 12th
Saint Francis University-Tuesday, October 19th
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania-Wednesday, October 20th
Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Thursday, October 21st





College Entrance Exams Upcoming Dates:

SAT:

October 2, 2021; Regular Registration Deadline: *September 3, 2021*
**SAT Given at POHS*
November 6, 2021; Regular Registration Deadline: *October 8, 2021*
December 4, 2021; Regular Registration Deadline: *November 4, 2021*

- **Register for the SAT at www.sat.org/register.** POHS will be a testing site in October. Students can take the SAT at other testing sites at any time, including Clearfield and State College.

If you receive free lunch services, you are eligible for an SAT fee waiver. Please see your counselor.

ACT:

October 23, 2021; Regular Registration Deadline; *September 17, 2021*
December 11, 2021; Regular Registration Deadline; *November 5, 2021*

- **Register for the ACT at www.actstudent.org.** POHS is not an ACT testing site. Students can take the ACT at other testing site at any time.



Upcoming Open House Opportunities:

South Hills School of Business & Technology: Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Register online at www.southhills.edu/events

Penn State University: Altoona-October 9, 2021 -Register online at Altoona.psuedu/pennstateday

Edinboro University: October 16 and November 6. Register online at Edinboro.edu/visit

Clarion University: October 16, November 13, 2021-Register online at clarion.edu/openhouse