

News from the Guidance Department – January 2017

SENIORS

College Application Notes: Counselors will be glad to help any seniors still struggling with making decisions regarding future plans. Make an appointment with your counselor ASAP! Any students still thinking of applying to college should turn in their applications as soon as possible, as application deadlines for some colleges and universities are approaching in the coming weeks. Also, seniors are reminded to inform their counselor of any action taken on applications -- admitted, denied admission, etc. We want to help. Generally schools do not send this information to us directly. We also delight in hearing of any scholarship awards offered! Also, don't forget to let counselors know if 7th semester grades need to be sent to any schools.

Scholarships for College: Encourage your senior sons and daughters to be careful about scholarship application directions and deadlines. Sometimes forms must be turned in to Guidance for a selection process before they are submitted, and hence the deadline date is earlier than what may be printed on the actual application. We try to make note of that with a special notice on the application. Students are also sometimes good about picking up applications, but then do not follow through and meet deadlines. This causes them to miss out on some great opportunities. Please be sure to check out the Guidance Bulletin for the latest scholarship information! <http://www.saintcats.org/guidance-department/>

JUNIORS

Junior Parents/Guardians: Please plan to attend one of the informational meetings on the process for College/Career Planning which will be held in Room 100. We will share much of the information that we are giving to the juniors at school and more! Come on **either** Saturday, January 28, 2016 at 9:00 -10:30 a.m. **or** on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 6:00-7:30 p.m. We will be meeting with the Junior class during STEP on Thursday, January 26th. Please RSVP [here!](#)

PSAT Results: Scores for the 2016 PSAT/NMSQT, taken in October, are now available online. In December, the College Board emailed students (to the email address provided on test day) an access code to view their online score reports. Students will receive their individualized score report, which includes their answers and their test booklets so that they can study/correct their errors, during their individual Junior planning meeting with their counselor. The paper reports will also provide students with their online access codes. Further instructions regarding using and interpreting this information will be communicated at that time. Please contact your student's counselor with any questions

2017-2018 COURSE SELECTION – Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors

In February, the Guidance Department will meet with each of our current freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes. At this meeting they will review the Course Selection Process and highlight required courses for the sophomore, junior, and senior curriculum. **Note that the 2017-2018 Course Selection Guide will be on the web site for your reference when updates have been completed.** The counselors will be happy to schedule individual student appointments as needed to help students confirm their course selections. Parents are encouraged to call their son's/daughter's counselor with any questions they might have.