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College and College Testing

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ACT Test Dates and Information

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 10, 2016	August 7, 2016	August 8–19, 2016
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017	January 14-20, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4–17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6–19, 2017

SAT Test Dates and Information

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016	September 13 (mailed); September 20 (online/phone)
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	October 18 (mailed); October 25 (online/phone)
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	November 15 (mailed) November 22 (online/phone)
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016	January 3 (mailed) January 10 (online/phone)
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 18 (mailed) April 25 (online/phone)
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 16 (mailed) May 24 (online/phone)

Events and Suggestions for Juniors/Seniors

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- There are important changes to the the FAFSA this year. Senior students and parents may submit their applications on October 1, 2016 for entering college in fall 2017. Parents will use their 2015 tax information. Some colleges are planning to use this information to send out financial aid award information this fall and early spring to accepted students. Seniors, it is important to complete the FAFSA with your parents this fall! The following locations

will have FAFSA Frenzy events to help parents and students complete these forms (see [FAFSA Frenzy Sites 2016-17](#) for additional dates or locations) :

Hazelwood East High School	11300 Dunn Rd.	St. Louis, St. Louis	MO College Advising Corps	High School	Thursday, 11/17/2016, 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley	3400 Pershall Rd.	Ferguson, St. Louis County		Postsecondary institution	Sunday, 11/13/2016, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Fontbonne University - Ryan Hall	6800 Wydown Blvd.	St. Louis, St. Louis		Postsecondary institution	Sunday, 11/13/2016, 2:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

College Information

Missouri Connections (www.missouriconnections.org) is a massive website that includes online interest inventories and searchable databases of degrees and certifications, occupations and colleges. All NCCS students will be introduced to this resource sometime during the year. Let Mrs. Pollard or Mr. Tatum know if you need help getting signed on. College Confidential (www.collegeconfidential.org) is a good clearinghouse of up-to-date information about colleges. If you are the parent of a high school student, spend some time soon at the website. The site is free and absolutely full of articles and links for rankings, financial aid, tips for the college search, and what students and parents are talking about now.

Other Options for ACT Prep

- Copies of ACT's "Preparing for the ACT" booklet are available for any student who wants one in Mrs. Pollard's office. There are also booklets for Juniors to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT that will be given October 19.
- ACT also has an online prep program that can be purchased for \$39.95 at [ACT Online Prep](#). Students registering with a fee waiver based on income may be eligible for free online preparation materials (see Mrs. Pollard for details.)
- St Louis Community College offers a 7 to 8-week ACT prep class (EDUC 712). It's a non-credit community education class that costs \$189 and is located on different campuses. It is offered one night per week or on a Saturday morning. You can register online at [SLCC Interactive Class Schedule](#) by entering Continuing Education, all campuses, Education, and EDUC 712. The next session is scheduled to start in October.
- Many students would benefit from an ACT workshop and raising their score by 1-2 points could mean the difference in the availability of scholarship funds. There are lots of test-taking strategies that might help students improve their scores.
- Webster University offers ACT and SAT Prep seminars, Saturdays, 7:30 am – 2:30 pm for \$50. These one-day seminars are currently scheduled for Saturday, November 19 (ACT); Saturday, January 21, 2017 (ACT); Saturday, February 25, 2017 (SAT); and Saturday, March 11, 2017 (ACT).

To be announced:

- ACT Prep Workshop at NCCS, Spring 2017

Summer -Things to do

- Take a class at a community college for dual enrollment.
- Participate in a summer program. Many universities (UM-St Louis, UM-Columbia, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Ranken Technical College, etc.) have a variety of free or low-cost summer programs, some of which are residential. Registration usually begins in the spring, and the more popular ones will fill up quickly. This is a great way to get on a campus and have a taste of college life, which is a huge benefit to students when they are actually making the college decision. Mrs. Pollard will post these on Remind and have them read in the daily announcements as they become available.
- Do significant community service in some area that you are passionate about or that is related to your career choice.
- Visit and tour college campuses as you travel.
- Work and save your money for a good laptop computer that you could take to college with you.