

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Counselor Assignments

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Upcoming Events:

Feb 2nd: Scarlet Prospective Student Open House 5:30-7:30pm

Feb 10th: Juniors ASVAB testing 8:15am

Feb 11th: ACT

Feb 16th: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:15PM

Feb 16th: College Credit Plus Parent/Student meeting for anyone grades 7-12th at 6pm

Feb 20th: No School

Feb 18th: Jr./Sr. Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30pm

Feb 28th: Counselor Visit to Diamond Oaks 8am

Mar 1st: Counselor Visit to Scarlet Oaks 8am Juniors & 8:30am Seniors

Mar 1st: Deadline to enroll in the Costa Rica trip this June. Deposit is \$150. Info can be found on the school website under school's tab

Mar 5th: SAT

Mar 8th: Accuplacer test (CCP course placement test) at 8:15am

Mar 10th: No School

Mar 13-16th: Spring OGT test week

Mar 15-17th: Prom Tickets go on sale \$50 per/ticket

What should my senior be doing right now?

1. If they haven't finished or even started applying to schools they are interested in, they need to finish ASAP. Many colleges/universities have a rolling application deadline of March 1st.
2. Colleges and universities will want to see your mid-year transcript. Transcripts should be requested through Naviance: www.succeed.naviance.com/sbephs under the colleges tab.
3. Send your official ACT or SAT scores to the colleges and universities you are applying to.
4. The FAFSA should be completed. Dec 1st is when many schools want the FAFSA completed for priority consideration for limited funding sources. **APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!**

What to look for: Letters of acceptance or denial, financial aid award packets, and on campus housing information. *Make sure to show Mrs. Wiedmeyer your acceptance letters, so she can put an congratulations announcement in the main lobby.*

What's next?

- Reviewing your letters of acceptance and financial aid packets.
- Determine which college/university you will attend in the fall. There are confirmation deadlines, normally around May 1st. This is when you tell the college/university you plan to attend you will be enrolling. Normally there is a deposit you pay to confirm.
- If you plan to live on campus, you will need to review campus housing. You will be asked to put a deposit down to commit. Deadlines for housing tend to be around May 1st.

GRADUATION/END OF YEAR SENIOR INFO

Cap and Gown: Any senior that has not ordered your cap and gown yet, call (513) 272-5890. The cost will keep increasing the longer you wait.

Senior Pictures: Due to Mr. Kalsey by Friday May 5th. Due to printing timelines this is a strict deadline. They can be emailed to tkalsey@sbepschools.org

State-Funded ACT Test: *Starting this spring every district and community school must administer a state-funded college and career readiness test to juniors as one of the three diploma options.* Our school will be using the ACT, non-writing test. The test day will be **March 21st** at St. Bernard-Elmwood place high school **at 8am**. All Oaks students will be required to report to St. Bernard at 8am on March 21st. More information about the testing day and how this will affect all students will be relayed closer to the day of.

There will be a Pre-Test session on **March 2nd** during all junior English classes. The Pre-Test session will ask for student demographic information, as well as an interest assessment. All juniors will be required to complete the pre-test session BEFORE test day. Even if your student has previously taken or registered for the ACT, they will need to complete this form. Mrs. Wiedmeyer will meet with Oaks juniors to complete their pre-session test during her monthly meeting, Feb 28th (Diamond Oaks) and Mar 1st (Scarlet Oaks). Please make sure your student is in attendance at school to for these upcoming days.

10 Studying Tips:

1. **Don't try to do a cram session the night before a test. Instead, space it out, review notes and other class materials several times a week, focusing on one topic at a time.**
2. **Find your "study spot". This should be a comfortable and quiet place with good lighting and few distractions.**
3. **Start by studying the most important information. This is normally what the teacher has discussed multiple times and strongly emphasized.**
4. **Learn the general concepts first, and then work on learning the details.**
5. **Take short breaks frequently.**
6. **If you study with a group, study with people that are serious about it.**
7. **Test yourself or have someone else test you on the material to find out what your weak and strong areas.**
8. **Listening to relaxing music such as classical or jazz on a low volume can help you focus.**
9. **Space out your studying. By studying every day, the material will stay in your long-term memory, compared to studying at the last moment it will end up in your short-term memory that you'll just forget. Review notes: right before bed the night before the test, in the morning, and right before the test.**
10. **Get a good night sleep the night before the test and get a good healthy breakfast in the morning.**