

MHS COUNSELING OFFICE NEWSLETTER December 2018

Current Happenings



Curriculum Event

A parent night to discuss unique curriculum available to our students (Advanced Placement, Online, & Dual Enrollment) is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan 15, 2019, 5:30-6:30 pm in MHS Auditorium.

JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT January 17, 2019, 5:30-6:30 pm MHS Auditorium

Counselors will review curriculum selection for senior year, college exploration and MME testing.



Specialty Course Applications

Students wishing to enroll in an AP course, honors course, or School Store next year must submit an online application by Jan 17, 2019, at www.mhscounseling.weebly.com/specialty-course-applications.html.

TIP Scholarship

On December 5th, MHS Counselors hosted the Michigan Office of Scholarships and Grants to register 42 qualifying seniors for the TIP Scholarship. TIP scholarships are available to any student that was signed for MEDICAID health insurance for at least 24 months between age 9 and high school graduation. For more information: www.michigan.gov/documents/mistudentaid/5111_SSG_TIPFlyer_598709_7.pdf

Wilson Talent Center Applications for the 2019-2020 School year

Students who wish to enroll in a career or technical education program for the Wilson Talent Center or the Eaton County RESA can apply online at <https://www.inghamisd.org/wtc/>. Applications are due January 28th. Enrollment is based on availability in the program and student rubric scores. Rubric scores are based on grades, attendance, discipline, and credits. Wilson Talent Center will send out enrollment verification at the end of March.

Ele's Group at MHS

Ele's Group, a grief support group for students who have experienced the death of a family member or close friend, will again be offered during the school day, once a week, in the spring. Students will have the opportunity to talk about their feelings and experiences with others who understand, participate in a variety of hands on activities, and learn positive coping skills. Email williamss@masonk12.net to express interest in participation.



Credit Letters

At the conclusion of each trimester, counselors assess the credit status for each student. If your student is credit deficit or near credit deficit, you received a letter outlining your student's credit total and a plan. Please contact your student's counselor with any questions.

Senior Spotlights

We have been celebrating the Class of 2019 by spotlighting them in social media and in our building. Seniors have been completing spotlight forms with their future plans, role models, and advice to underclassmen. Look for highlights of these amazing young people from now until the end of the school year on MHS Facebook and Twitter.

10th Grade PSAT Test Interpretation

Counselors will work with students in the English classes to help students view and interpret their PSAT scores from 9th grade and find how those scores can be used in career and college planning. Each 10th grader will create a College Board account and gain access to career and college planning resources.



STRESS AND THE HOLIDAY

The holidays can be a fun and exciting time for kids, but it can also induce stress and anxiety for some. The travel, multiple activities and celebrations, buying gifts, and change of everyday routine can create mood shifts as well as physical symptoms like headaches and stomachaches. To reduce the stress and anxiety, the organization “Each Mind Matters” suggests that families set expectations for the season – such as predictable activities and traditions. Also helpful is to organize activities into small, manageable pieces to avoid being overwhelmed. Finally, remind your child to enjoy the break from school and celebrate the present moment. Keep time this season intentional and full of memory making moments.



Junior Class Information

MME: Michigan Merit Exam

April 9-11, 2019, all juniors will take a three day series of tests (SAT, ACT Workkeys, MSTEP) during the school day. The MME is a graduation requirement of Mason Public Schools.

SCHOOL DAY SUMMARY FOR TESTING IN APRIL

MME Test Dates: (All 11th grade students)

Day 1 (4/9/19)	Day 2 (4/10/19)	Day 3 (4/11/19)
7:40 AM-1:30 PM	7:40 AM-11:30 AM	7:40 AM-9:40 AM
<u>SAT with essay</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading • Writing and Language • Math no calc • Math with calc • Essay 	<u>WorkKeys</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading For Information • Applied Mathematics • Locating Information 	<u>MSTEP online</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Science ✓ Social Studies
Day 1 Make-up (4/23)	Day 2 Make-up (4/24)	Day 3 Make-up (4/25)
Accommodated MME test dates may be different		



SAT Test Prep

All juniors in the state of Michigan will take the SAT on April 9, 2019. The SAT is a standardized test measuring academic skills like reading comprehension, computational ability and clarity of expression. It is used by most colleges and universities to make admission decisions and award merit-based scholarships. The best preparation for the SAT is by taking a rigorous curriculum. Additional opportunities may include:

- ✓ Creating a College Board account and trying practice tests and questions
- ✓ Creating a Khan Academy account and linking it to your College Board account (see pg. 4)
- ✓ Read lots of nonfiction outside of class
- ✓ Sign up for a SAT prep class. Mason Community Education offers one at Mason Middle School starting January 12th on Saturdays. ZAPS also offers one at Mason High School February 25-26th after school. Enrollment information for ZAPS will come out in January.

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Senior Class Information

FAFSA/CSI PROFILE

The Michigan deadline to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is March 1. Families should go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to create an FSA ID and complete the FAFSA online. Completing the FAFSA is required for any student wishing to obtain federal aid in the form of grants, federal loans, or work study. Some schools require it for scholarship consideration. Students should also check their college's financial aid requirements to see if additional forms such as the CSI Profile is required. Students can contact their college's financial aid office by phone or check the college financial aid webpage for required documents and deadlines.



Financial Aid and Scholarship Season

As many of our seniors have completed college applications, they now turn to financial aid and looking for scholarships. The following is a list of resources:

- Check the counseling office for new scholarship applications weekly
- Local scholarships will be available February 1st online on school website
- There are large, reputable scholarship databases available at:

www.michigan.gov/studentaid www.bigfuture.collegboard.org www.fastweb.com
<http://capitalareacan.org/financial-aid-and-scholarships> <https://www.goingmerry.com/>



Local Scholarships Forms

Each year the Mason community offers local scholarships to seniors attending college in the fall. Students can complete one online local scholarship application for multiple scholarships. Some scholarships have additional requirements. The Local Scholarship Application will be available online at www.mhscounseling.weebly.com FEBRUARY 1st.

LCC Foundation Scholarships

Any senior planning to attend LCC is encouraged to complete the LCC Scholarship application now available online at <https://www.lcc.edu/foundation/scholarships/>



SAT Retake Opportunities

SAT DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	Feb 19 (mail), Feb 27 (online or phone)
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019`	April 16 (mail), April 24 (online or phone)
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 14 (mailed), May 22 (online or phone)

For more information and to register, please visit www.collegeboard.org

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Transcript Requests

Mason High School uses Parchment for all transcript requests. Students can go to the counseling webpage at www.mhscounseling.weebly.com and click Transcript Requests to create an account and send transcripts to colleges or even email a copy to themselves.



FREE TEST PREP FOR ALL!!

All MHS Students are strongly encouraged to set up fee, personalized practice on Khan Academy in order to prepare for the SAT test. This can be done in 3 steps.

STEP1: College Board Account Set Up

1. Go to www.collegeboard.org
2. Click Sign up
3. Click you are a STUDENT
4. Input your information—MAKE SURE INFO IS CORRECT- Do not use nicknames, use valid email.
5. Choose a username and password that you can remember (Follow prompts). Make sure you give this to your TIES teacher/Counselor to keep in case you forget.
6. Set up a security question
7. Agree with the Terms and Conditions
8. Confirm Account Information

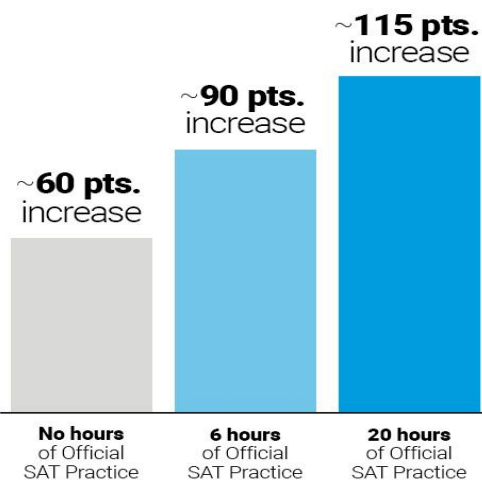
STEP 2: Khan Academy- Account Set UP

1. Go to www.khanacademy.org
2. Click Create a new account (at the very bottom of the page)
3. Click Sign up with email and use same email as for College Board account
4. Check email for verification (use cell phone or log in on computer)
5. Click Finish Signing Up
6. Create with your email or create a username and password (either method works) and give this to your TIES teacher/counselor to record in case you forget.

STEP 3: Link College board Scores with Khan Academy Practice

To link with College Board. Click SAT (some of you may have to click subject tests first) Click "A" then Allow. From here you can choose a practice schedule (April 11th is SAT for juniors), view scores, set skill levels, or start a practice.

Average Points Gained from PSAT to SAT



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