

Guidance Newsletter

December 2017

Important Dates (6-12)

December 11, 2017	PSAT scores available to students online
December 20-22, 2017	FINAL EXAMS
December 22, 2017	End of 1st Semester
December 25- January 5	Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL
January 8, 2018	Begin 2nd Semester
January 11, 2018	Report Cards Issued
January 12, 2018	Registration deadline for Feb. 10th ACT

Financial Aid Information (Seniors)

- The new 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To receive consideration for state or federal financial aid, individuals' 2018-2019 FAFSAs must be filed and received at the federal Central Processor by April 15, 2018 and corrected by May 15, 2018. A complete list of deadlines can be reviewed at www.in.gov/ssaci/2403.htm
- The FSA ID – a username and password – has replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN and must be used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents. If you do not already have a FSA ID, you can create one when logging in to fafsa.gov.
- Following the April 15th deadline, if your student has any edits or corrections to make to their FAFSA, these edits must be made by May 15, 2018 in order to stay in the state grant pool. The Division of Student Financial Aid will no longer use paper edit letters or award letters to communicate with students. (You will not receive anything via the mail. It will be sent to the email you list on your FAFSA.) SFA will use emails to alert students of their eligibility or required edits. It is the student's ultimate responsibility to review their state grant file to know if there is anything they need to do before SFA's correction deadline of May 15th.
- Sometimes colleges or universities require additional forms to apply for institutional aid. Students will want to check with their college or university for any institutional aid deadlines or additional required forms.
- Remember, filing a FAFSA is required in order to keep your scholarship if you are a 21st Century Scholar.
- Young men must register with the Selective Service in order to receive any type of federal aid. Register today at www.sss.gov.

Sophomores & Juniors: PSAT Scores Available December 11th (10th & 11th)

On Monday, December 11th, students will be able to access their Fall 2017 PSAT scores online at <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home> . We will receive paper score reports at the end of December and pass those out to students as soon as possible. All sophomores and juniors took the PSAT on Oct. 25th.

VU Scholarship Deadline January 15th!! (Seniors)

If you are planning to attend VU next year, please make sure you have applied to VU by Jan. 15th. This is the deadline to receive priority consideration for the many scholarships VU awards every year. Students can apply after Jan. 15th, however after Jan. 15th students will only be able to receive whatever scholarship monies are still left. As a reminder if you graduate with an Academic or Technical Honors diploma, you can automatically receive a \$1,250 scholarship (renewable), but YOU MUST APPLY!! Students can apply online at www.vinu.edu. Please see Mrs. Sward with any questions.

Attention 7th & 8th Grade Students & Parents

Your child may be eligible for a college scholarship. Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program offers income-eligible Hoosier students up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university after they graduate from high school. Scholars who enroll are connected to programs and resources to help them plan, prepare, and pay for college. 7th & 8th grade Indiana students whose families meet income eligibility guidelines must apply to become a 21st Century Scholar by June 30 of the student's 8th grade year. Visit www.scholars.in.gov to learn more or to apply today. If you participate in the free/reduced lunch program, your child automatically meets the requirements for 21st Century Scholars, but you still have to apply.

University of Indianapolis Full Tuition Guarantee (9-12)

The University of Indianapolis is offering a full tuition guarantee for Indiana students who are eligible for maximum state aid through the Frank O'Bannon Grant and who file a FAFSA by the state deadline (April 15). Students must: be a U.S. citizen living in Indiana, be admissible as a full-time student, have a 2.7 GPA or higher, and qualify for the maximum amount from the Frank O'Bannon Grant. There is no separate application for the Promise award; however, priority is given to those that apply prior to Feb. 1st.

SUMMER PROGRAMS: (ALL GRADE LEVELS)

University of Evansville Engineering OPTIONS for High School Girls (9-11)

The Engineering OPTIONS for high school girls summer career exploration camp this year will be a special 10-day program in London, England and nearby Harlaxton College to commemorate the 25th offering of the program. High school girls currently in grades 9, 10, or 11 who have completed geometry are eligible. The program begins on Thursday, June 28th and concludes on Saturday, July 7th. Visit www.evansville.edu/options for registration material or see Mrs. Sward. Participants of this program will have a better understanding of what types of opportunities are available in fields most closely related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

University of Evansville Engineering OPTIONS for Middle School Boys (5-8)

This is a week-long day camp opportunity held at the University of Evansville for middle school boys currently in grades 5, 6, 7, or 8. The program will be held daily Monday, June 18th through Friday, June

22nd from 8:00am-4:30pm (Central Time). Cost is \$300. Participants of this program will have a better understanding of what types of opportunities are available in fields most closely related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Visit www.evansville.edu/options for registration material or see Mrs. Sward.

University of Evansville Engineering OPTIONS for Middle School Girls (6-8)

This is a 3.5 day residential opportunity held at the University of Evansville for middle school girls currently in grades 6, 7, or 8. The program begins on Sunday, June 10th and concludes on Wednesday, June 13th. Cost is \$300. Participants of this program will have a better understanding of what types of opportunities are available in fields most closely related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Visit www.evansville.edu/options for registration material or see Mrs. Sward.

Knights of Pythias High School Poster Contest (9-12)

The Knights of Pythias in New Castle, IN is sponsoring a statewide poster contest entitled 'What is a Friend?' for high school students. Cash prizes range from \$100-\$500. Posters can be computer generated or hand painted or drawn. Contest entries are due April 1st to a local Knights of Pythias Lodge. If interested, please see Mrs. Sward for a full list of contest rules & more information.

Sophomores can attend HOBY (10th grade)

Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) offers highly motivational leadership development seminars for 10th graders in the United States and around the world each spring. Since HOBY's founding in 1958, more than 365,000 high school sophomores have attended HOBY's unique leadership seminars. With one ambassador from nearly every high school in Indiana, it's easy to see how HOBY Indiana mobilizes potential leaders. HOBY Leadership Seminar is held one week in June at the University of Indianapolis. Cost is \$195. Interested students should see Mrs. Sward.

College Preview Days/Open Houses (9-12)

**Students are allowed two days of college visitations during their senior year and one day during the junior year. It is the responsibility of the student/parent to set up an individual college visit. To do so, you should contact the Admissions Office at the particular university at least 2 weeks prior to the date you would like to visit. Students must have proper paperwork (2 forms) on file in the guidance office for the absence to be excused and not count as an absence.*

University of Evansville will be hosting an Open House on January 15th and April 21st. Purple Visit Days on February 19, and March 16th. To register contact the Office of Admissions at 1833-232-6223 or online at www.evansville.edu/visit.

Oakland City University is hosting visit days:

March 23, 2018 Preview Day

Marian University will be hosting the following preview days this year:

February 19 Blue and Gold Day
 April 21 Blue and Gold Day
 March 17 Spring Preview Day
 April 6 Nursing Open House

Reserve your spot at marian.edu/EventDaySignUp or contact Marian at 317-955-6565 or 1-800-772-7264.

University of Southern Indiana: USI will be hosting Open Houses on March 17, and April 7th. Visit www.usi.edu/visit to sign up or call 812-464-1765. Weekday visit options are also available.

University of Indianapolis will be hosting the following preview days:

February 12	School of Business Preview Day
	School of Nursing Preview Day
February 19	School of Education Preview Day
March 19	School of Nursing Preview Day
March 21	Preview Days for Anthropology, Archaeology & Communication
March 28	R. B. Annis School of Engineering & Health Professions Preview Day

Scholarships and Financial Aid (Seniors)

New:

Ray L. Angerer Memorial Scholarship

Award:	\$500
School:	Any
Major:	Any
Criteria:	Applicants must be communicant members of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Washington, Indiana pursuing a post-secondary degree at any accredited college, university, or vocational institution. Applicants may be graduating high school seniors, current college students, or non-traditional students. To apply, visit www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess .
Deadline:	January 24, 2018

Lawrell Ray Hilgeman Memorial Scholarship

Award:	\$900
School:	Any
Major:	Desired that applicants plan to study performing arts, other majors may be considered
Criteria:	Applicants must be pursuing a post-secondary degree at any accredited college, university, or vocational institution and have been involved in productions featured at Veale Creek Theatre in Washington, Indiana. If there are an insufficient number of applicants in a given year, applications will be accepted from performing arts students who have not had prior involvement with the Veale Creek Theatre. To apply, visit www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess .
Deadline:	January 24, 2018

Jay Lampton Memorial Scholarship

Award:	to be determined - check website
School:	Nashville Auto Diesel College
Major:	Auto Mechanics
Criteria:	Graduating seniors of any high school served by the Community Foundation Alliance (which includes Daviess County) with a 2.0 GPA and who have been enrolled in technology courses during his or her high school education. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be planning to pursue post-secondary education at the Nashville Auto Diesel College or another institution of higher education seeking a degree in auto mechanics. Apply online at www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess .

Deadline: January 24, 2018

David K. Lynch Memorial

Award: \$250

School: Any

Major: Any

Criteria: Graduating senior of Washington, Washington Catholic, Barr-Reeve, or North Daviess who also attended Lena Dunn Elementary School. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, and plan to attend a two or four year college or university in Indiana. Students who have received or have been named to receive full-tuition scholarships are not eligible for this award. To apply, visit www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess.

Deadline: January 24, 2018

GPC Washington Employees Scholarships

Award: \$3,000 available; multiple awards

School: Any

Major: Any

Criteria: Applicants must be dependents of employees who have completed at least six months of employment with Kent-Grain Processing Corporation in Washington, Indiana. Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be planning to pursue post-secondary education at any accredited 2- or 4- year college or trade school. Students who have received or have been named to receive full-tuition scholarships are not eligible for this award. Apply online at www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess.

Deadline: January 24, 2018

Leonidas (Lon) R. Horrall Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$500

School: Vincennes University

Major: Agri-Business

Criteria: Graduating seniors of any Daviess County high school or Daviess County residents who have participated in 4-H for at least four years and be planning to pursue a degree in the field of agri-business (such as farming, ag sales, ag research, veterinary science, agronomy, animal science, or related fields) at Vincennes University. In the event there are no applicants that meet the agri-business criteria, the scholarship opportunity will be made available to students planning to pursue an ASN or BSN degree in nursing at VU. Apply online at www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess

Deadline: January 24, 2018

Peoples Bank/German American Bancorp Scholarship

Award: \$500

School: Any

Major: Business related course of study

Criteria: Graduating seniors of any Daviess County high school with a 3.0 GPA. Applicants must be planning to major in a business related course of study at any accredited college or university. Apply online at www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess.

Deadline: January 24, 2018

Dwight Risley Scholarship

Award: \$22,000 available; multiple awards
 School: Any
 Major: Any
 Criteria: Graduating seniors of any Daviess County high school for tuition, books, and required fees of post-secondary education. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and good scholastic standing. Apply online at www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess.
 Deadline: January 24, 2018

Jo Ann Shawhan Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$2,000 available; multiple awards possible
 School: Vincennes University
 Major: Nursing
 Criteria: Graduating seniors of any Daviess County high school or Daviess County residents pursuing a degree in nursing at Vincennes University. Apply online at www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess.
 Deadline: January 24, 2018

McKinley Vance Agri-Business Scholarship

Award: \$2,000 available; multiple awards possible
 School: Any
 Major: Field of agriculture (such as farming, ag sales, ag research, veterinary science, agronomy, animal science, or related fields)
 Criteria: Graduating seniors of any Daviess County high school with a scholastic rank in the upper third of their class. Applicants must have participated in 4-H for at least four years and be enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at a college or university pursuing a degree in the field of agriculture. Apply online at www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess.
 Deadline: January 24, 2018

Fraternal Order of Police Washington Lodge 101 Scholarship

Award: \$900
 School: Any
 Major: Law Enforcement
 Criteria: Graduating seniors of any Daviess or Martin County high school pursuing post-secondary education in law enforcement or a related field (excluding corrections officers). Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Apply online at www.communityfoundationalliance.org/Daviess.
 Deadline: January 24, 2018

ACT Student Champion Award

Award: \$500
 School: Any
 Major: Any
 Criteria: The ACT Champion Award recognizes one student in each state who is tenacious and persistent, no matter the challenge, and is prepared for life after high school with a goal in mind and plan in place. Students must have overcome challenges and articulate education and career actions; Students must have a composite ACT score of 22 or a 3.0 GPA or higher; Preference will be given to underrepresented and/or first-generation college students. Applications can be found at www.act.org/readinesschampions.

Deadline: December 31, 2017

Knights of Pythias of Indiana

Award: Thirty \$1,000 scholarships are available

School: Any

Major: Any

Criteria: Must be a senior in any high school in Indiana with a 3.0 GPA Applications are available in the guidance office, in Mrs. Sward's Google classroom, or online at www.knightsofpythiasofnewcastle.com.

Deadline: January 25, 2018

Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation Christian Leadership Award

Award: \$1,500

School: University of Illinois, Indiana University or Purdue University

Major: Any

Criteria: Applicants should be male, confirmed members of a Lutheran congregation, and attending college in the Fall 2018 semester. One Christian Leadership Award will be given for each of the three campuses listed above. Please visit <http://scholarships.betasigmapsi.org> or see Mrs. Sward for an application. You do not have to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to one of its members in order to be considered.

Deadline: February 17, 2018

Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation Martin Luther Scholarship

Award: \$2,000

School: any accredited 4-year college or university

Major: Any

Criteria: Applicants should be male, confirmed members of a Lutheran congregation, and attending college in the fall 2018 semester. Please visit <http://scholarships.betasigmapsi.org> or see Mrs. Sward for an application. You do not have to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to one of its members in order to be considered.

Deadline: February 17, 2018

Previously Listed:

National Beta Scholarship Program

Award: \$1,000 - \$15,000

School: Any

Major: Any

Criteria: This year, National Beta will award over 250 scholarships to deserving 12th grade Beta members. We are looking for Academic Excellence, Demonstrated Leadership, Commendable Character, School & Community Service, and Participation in National Beta activities. For more information, visit betaclub.org/scholarship.

Deadline: January 25, 2018

2017-2018 TESTING INFORMATION (9-12)

SAT DATES:

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Test Date:	Regular Registration Deadline:	Late Registration Deadline:
March 10	February 9	February 28
May 5	April 6	April 25
June 2	May 3	May 23

ACT DATES:

Test Date:	Regular Registration Deadline:	Late Registration Deadline:
February 10	January 12	January 19
April 14	March 9	March 23
June 9	May 4	May 18
July 14	June 15	June 22

- Remember if you are a 21st Century Scholar or in Project Aspire, you can get a fee waiver for the test registration fee. Please see Mrs. Sward or Mrs. Clark to obtain a fee waiver.
- To register for the SAT please visit www.sat.org/register.
- To register for the ACT please visit www.actstudent.org
- ***Barr-Reeve CEEB Code to register is 152-395.***
- Students wishing to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse must list the NCAA eligibility center on their test registration as a school/institution to receive their test scores. NCAA eligibility center code is 9999. IU and Purdue also require test scores be sent directly from the testing agency.
- Eligible students can register with a fee waiver during the late period for any SAT test date. No late fee will apply. Note that deadlines for registering online are later than for paper registrations. See sat.org/register for appropriate deadlines.

SAT Reminder for Seniors & Parents:

IU and Purdue REQUIRE SAT and ACT test scores come directly from the testing agency. If you are applying to IU or Purdue, you will want to make sure you've sent your SAT or ACT test scores directly to them when you registered for the test. If not, you can do so now, but there may be a small fee. November 1st is the deadline to have EVERYTHING (INCLUDING TEST SCORES) to IU or Purdue for maximum scholarship consideration.