

COUNSELING and CAREER CENTER NOTES

March 2009

SENIORS:

*Do NOT delay.
If you have NOT submitted your **FAFSA**, do so **Immediately.***

COLLEGE FAIR

Wednesday, May 6th

6 pm-8 pm at HVCC

- Over 250 colleges and universities will be there!
- Go with a list of 5-6 schools you want to meet with **and** a list of questions you want answered!
- Great for juniors and parents!

Juniors

You should be registering **NOW** for the May and/or June SAT Reasoning Test, Subject Tests and/or the ACT!

Registration materials and practice tests are in the Counseling and Career Center.

It is recommended that anyone planning to continue their education take these entrance exams required by most four year colleges and some two year colleges! Taking both the SAT & ACT is an option many students choose and we encourage.

Our school CEEB code is **335103** and must go on the registration form!

SAT Reasoning Test and Subject Test Dates

| <i>Test Date</i> | <i>Regular Registration Deadline</i> | <i>Register online at:</i> |
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| May 2 | March 31 | www.collegeboard.com |
| June 6 | May 5 | |

ACT

| <i>Test Date</i> | <i>Regular Registration Deadline</i> | <i>Register online at:</i> |
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| June 13 | May 8 | www.actstudent.org |

College Bound Juniors

Siena College is hosting a *Jump Start your College Search* Program for anyone going on to college, whether you are looking at Siena College or not. It is Sunday, April 5 at Siena. Register by calling 1-888-AT-SIENA or online at www.siena.edu/admissions/jrjumpstartregistration/. Get more information from fliers in the C&CC.

Seniors: Money for College!

Make sure you are checking the scholarship board in the Counseling & Career Center and on Mohonasen.org. We are posting new scholarship opportunities each week!!!

Also register with FastWeb.com

Reminder: SUMMER SCHOOL GRADING POLICY

A student's Final Average for the course during the school year counts as 50% and your Final Average during summer school counts as 50%. To determine whether or not you receive a passing grade and credit for a course taken in summer school, you average (add together and divide by 2) your FINAL AVERAGE for the course during the SCHOOL YEAR and your FINAL AVERAGE for the summer school course. If it ends up to be a 65 or higher you will receive credit for that course. For example: If you have a 50 as a final average for English during the school year, you must get at least an 80 as your final average in summer school to get credit for the course. If you have a 60 final average in English during the school year, you must get at least a 70 as your final average in summer school to get credit. Please see HS and District newsletters for more information.

Attention Sophomores & Juniors Interested in going to the Career and Technical Center (VOTEC)!!!

Counselors supervised a student visit to the Albany Career & Tech Center on January 29th. This was a great opportunity to see first-hand the programs of interest that would be available to juniors and seniors. Students should be discussing the visit with their parents to decide if it is a good course option for next year. Return your contract to keep your name on the list to be considered for a CTE/Votec program for next year!! There are a limited number of spots.

Scam Alert!

There are many scholarships and/or college search organizations that may contact you as your son or daughter nears college age. They charge large fees to do the same thing you can do on your own for free! CHOICES and Internet sites such as fasweb.com can be used for college and scholarship searching. If you need clarification please call your child's counselor.

Attention Freshmen and their Parents!

Freshmen conferences will begin in late March. You will receive a letter in the mail from your child's counselor indicating the date his/her conference will be held. The conferences will last 30 - 40 minutes. Topics covered will include a review of current progress, a tentative four-year high school plan, course selection for next year and graduation requirements.

We look forward to meeting with you!



8TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT A SUCCESS

8th Grade Information Night was held on February 4th at the high school and was attended by more than 250 people. Parents and students had an opportunity to obtain first-hand information on electives offered at Mohonasenn, as well as programs that prepare students for future careers and fulfill graduation requirements. Sessions were presented by staff members in the following areas: Art, Business, Career Exploration Internship Program (CEIP), Home and Careers, and Technology. This was designed to help 8th graders select their art/music requirement for their ninth grade year and be aware of other electives for future years.