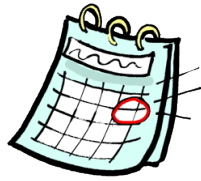


November 2020 Newsletter

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES (SEMESTER I):

- 🐾 NOVEMBER 3: NO SCHOOL; ELECTION DAY
- 🐾 NOVEMBER 6-20: REGISTRATION FOR PSAT/NMSQT
- 🐾 NOVEMBER 11: NO SCHOOL; VETERANS DAY
- 🐾 NOVEMBER 12: MIDTERM NOTICES
- 🐾 NOVEMBER 23-27: NO SCHOOL; FALL BREAK
- 🐾 DECEMBER 4: SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS DUE
- 🐾 DECEMBER 18: END OF 1ST SEMESTER (NO STUDENTS)
- 🐾 DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 1: NO SCHOOL; HOLIDAY BREAK
- 🐾 DECEMBER/JANUARY: CCHS HONORS APPLICATIONS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING HONORS CLASSES SENIOR YEAR, TALK WITH YOUR TEACHERS.
- 🐾 JANUARY 4: SCHOOL RESUMES; HALF-DAY



UPCOMING COLLEGE/CAREER VISITS AT CCHS:

**** SIGN UP IN [NAVIANCE](#) **** THE LIST IS UPDATED DAILY, SO CHECK OFTEN!

DIRECTIONS: STUDENT / 62902 / CCHS / STUDENT / CLEVER / CARBONDALE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL / LOG IN WITH GOOGLE / USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL & PASSWORD

☆ ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY	THU NOVEMBER 5, 2020	10:35 AM
☆ UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI-MAIN CAMPUS	MON NOVEMBER 9, 2020	10:35 AM
☆ CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-CHICAGO	MON NOVEMBER 9, 2020	1:15 PM
☆ ALLEGHENY COLLEGE	THU NOVEMBER 12, 2020	2:00 PM
☆ LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY	MON NOVEMBER 16, 2020	2:00 PM



MINUTE MEETING SURVEY

Please complete Ms. Murphy's quick [minute meeting survey](#) today if you haven't already! This survey will help us learn about your ideas, goals and questions related to life after high school. This way we can better support your planning and progress.

WHAT IS THE PSAT/NMSQT & WHY REGISTER TO TAKE IT?

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered for CCHS students on [January 26th](#) at Carbondale Community High School. When taken as a junior, this assessment is the qualifying exam for National Merit Scholarship consideration.



- Interested students, please sign up in the Principal's Office any school day between [November 6-20](#)
- The cost is \$17 (bring exact change or a check made payable to CCHS).
- No payments will be accepted after [November 20](#).
- Fee waivers are available for students who qualify under the Free/Reduced Lunch Program. When registering, [please inform the Principal's Office](#).

We will be following guidelines set forth by ISBE, IDPH, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure a safe testing environment. As with all events during this pandemic, schedules will be subject to change. We will notify you as soon as we have additional information.

PSAT/NMSQT GENERAL INFORMATION:

Can I take the PSAT/NMSQT again in January if I took it on October 29, 2020?

No, College Board only permits you to take it once during your junior year.

What is the purpose of the PSAT/NMSQT test?

When taken as a junior, the PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying exam for National Merit Scholarship consideration. National Merit Information can be found [here](#). By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, students will also prepare themselves for the format and content of the SAT (a national college entrance exam to be taken spring of junior year).

Who takes the PSAT/NMSQT?

It is recommended for high performing 10th and 11th grade students.

Is the PSAT/NMSQT test optional or required?

The PSAT/NMSQT test is optional and available only by registering.

What areas does the PSAT/NMSQT test cover?

The content of the test includes: Reading; Writing and Language; & Math.

FREE PSAT/NMSQT (SAT) prep available for CCHS students via CCHS [Naviance Login Page](#) (After logging in, scroll to the bottom and click "Naviance Test Prep")

GPA & SAT GOALS:

Please Fill out [this form](#) now if you haven't already. Ask your student about their goals and their plans to reach their goals!

**** GPA is one highly noted indicator linked to postsecondary success in addition to attendance and test scores. ****



UPCOMING QUARTER 2 VISITS

Mrs. Krutsinger and Mrs. Murphy will be visiting students in their English 3 classes in the 2nd quarter to explore college options and create plans for post-secondary endeavors.

How can you help at home?

- o Have conversations with your student about his/her plans; provide support and encourage exploration. Support student's interests, skills, and values as they explore—making sure the goals & personality of the student are well matched with those of the college; this helps in finding the right fit for college.
- o Encourage your student to sign up for college visits, fairs, etc.
- o Be aware of college admissions requirements (HS courses, GPA, SAT scores).
- o Help your student stay organized (follow College Planning: 11th Grade handout provided in students' red folder) and set goals for the year.
- o Urge your student to study for the SAT in April (utilize Naviance, College Board, & Khan Academy).
- o Search together colleges that meet your child's needs (check out this website).

RESOURCES: 'LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL'

Class of 2022 Goal: for every student to have THREE or more colleges he/she plans to apply or post-secondary plans prepared by the END OF JUNIOR YEAR.

Below are resources for every plan and for every student & family. Everything underlined is a link to a resource or website:

Article: [Helping Your Teen Decide What to Do After High School](#)

While planning for the future, it can become overwhelming and time consuming. Use these websites to help manage that time:

[7 Time Management Tips](#)

[7 More Time Management Tips](#)

College

- Top 10 College Search Websites, look [here](#).
- Handouts for families about the college-going process, click [here](#).
- Naviance SuperMatch and [Roadtrip Nation](#)
- College Board [BigFuture](#) and [Explore Majors & Careers](#)

Career

- Illinois State Board of Education Career Guide, found [here](#).
- For more on Career Technical Education, look [here](#).
- Want to find Apprenticeship Opportunities, [check this out](#).
- U.S. Department of Labor occupational finder, click [here](#).

Military

- [ASVAB Test](#).
- [Careers in The Military](#)
- [U.S. Dept. of Defense](#)

PROJECT UPWARD BOUND

[Project Upward Bound](#) is an educational assistance program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to assist qualifying high school students in developing the skills and motivation necessary for successful completion of post-secondary education or training.

Services are provided to participants during the regular school year (Academic Year Program) and during six weeks in the summer (Summer Program).

[Complete this form](#) to join the program OR email our school partner, Markida Roper at markidam@siu.edu for more information.

OTHER WAYS TO STAY IN THE LOOP JUNIOR YEAR

1. VIRTUAL OFFICE: [Check it out](#) for useful links and important junior information.
2. GOOGLE CLASSROOM: Mrs. Murphy's classroom has college, career, and other updates added all of the time. [Be sure to check often!](#)
3. WEBSITE: Another great way to stay in the loop is to follow my webpage, visit: CCHS Website/Students & Parents/[Class of 2022](#)
4. NEWSLETTERS: sent to students & parents via email. Please be sure that the email you have on the Parent Portal is up-to-date and accurate in order to receive these updates.