

Important Dates

February

Month long career counseling activity in freshmen seminar classes

February 4th

Last Day to register for spring College Now courses

February 12th

Registration deadline for the March 13th SAT exam

Seniors- Local

scholarship information/application s mailed home

Beginning the week of February 22nd through March

Counselors will begin course selections in classes and review graduation requirements

March 5th

New Visions Healthcare Professions and New Visions Engineering applications due in the Counseling Office

BOCES applications due in the Counseling Office

March 12th

Registration deadline for April 17th ACT exam

March 13th

SAT Exam, 8:00 a.m.

SENIORS be sure to complete your FASFA form at fafsa.ed.gov. The recommended deadline to submit is February 15th. It is not too late, but you do not want to lose an opportunity to fund your education.

JUNIORS:

- * Establish your “colleges I’m thinking about” list in **Naviance**. Identify factors in a college that are most important to you and use the criteria to narrow down your perspective choices.
- * Register and prepare for the ACT and/or SAT (**Capacity is limited!**)
- * Visit colleges over break and make plans for summer tours
- * End your junior year strong
- * Create/Update your student profile/resume

Sophomore interviews with your counselor to begin after break!

NEW VISIONS and BOCES APPLICANTS (2021-2022 School Year)

Please pick up an application in the Counseling Office or request an application to be emailed to you. The application is due on March 5th.

Overwhelmed with College Planning? Here are 10 Quick Tips:

By [Dan Obregon](#), [Hobsons](#)

College planning can be stressful for students, families and counselors. Here are 10 tips for parents to keep in mind as you help students plan for life after high school:

1. Start by connecting your strengths to your long-term goals. Complete the skills and/or career assessments to align your strengths and interests to possible career options.
2. Think beyond college rankings, popularity, and “brand names” when conducting your college search. Consider college options that best match your strengths, interests and career goals.
3. Talk to your school counselor. He or she can be a valuable resource during the college planning process.
4. Consider two-year technology and community college as an option. Many colleges offer benefits such as affordability, accessibility, flexibility and opportunities for self-exploration. Also, these schools can serve as a pathway into a four-year institution.
5. Calculate the FULL price of college options by using the net price on their financial aid website. Do not forget the cost of living (i.e. apartments), public transportation, social activities, books and food.
6. Search local and national sites for scholarship opportunities. Reach out to the colleges on your **colleges I am thinking about list** and see what scholarships they offer.
7. Take a campus tour to get a feel for the campus. Try the food, explore the housing options, and check out the surrounding neighborhood.
8. Watch **Roadtrip Nation** videos to see how others use their unique skills and strengths to lead them to their career path. This can provide ideas to define your goals.

9. Explore a gap year if you are unsure of your college and career goals. Studies show that a gap year can affect a student's major or career choice by opening up new paths or confirming their original direction. A meaningful gap year could mean traveling, interning, working, volunteering, or focusing on personal growth.

10. Understand that there is no one-size-fits-all answer to college planning. Make decisions based on what is the best fit for you academically, socially and financially.

What else can you do in Naviance??

Research summer and enrichment programs; explore scholarship opportunities, sign up for college visits, build a resume, complete interest, and personality inventories and more!

SAT I Test Takers

Tip..

What is the Question and Answer Service?

The QAS is an answer verification service that provides students with the following: A booklet copy of the SAT I questions and a report including your answers. The correct answers, additional scoring instructions and information about the level of difficulty and types of questions are also included.

This service is offered in the U.S. during the May, January and October administrations. If you did not request this service during registration, you may order the QAS up to 5 months after the test administration.

What is the Student Answer Service?

The SAS is an answer verification service that provides students with the following: Questions answered correctly, incorrectly or omitted and information about the types of questions and level of difficulty for each question. Actual test questions are NOT included. This service is offered on the remaining dates not listed above.

Please visit sat.collegeboard.org/scores/verify-sat-scores for additional information.

Don't forget about!!!

Khan Academy, which can be accessed through College Board, is a **web based SAT and ACT prep course**. Students can create an account that will keep track of all the work he or she has completed. Free practice is available.

January programs offered through our school social worker, Mrs. Roberts.

7th Grade Students will continue their SEL lessons through the *Second Step* program this month. We look forward to switching gears from emotion regulation to focusing more on managing relationships and social conflict.

Mrs. Burk-Sciallo's 11th and 12th grade English classes will participate in lessons on healthy relationships on February 11th and 12th. All students in grades 10 & 11 will learn more about this topic in the coming month!

Keep an eye on the CCS Counseling Office Google Classrooms for content related to healthy relationships, self-love/acceptance, and more in February! ❤️