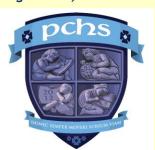
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Preparing for your Future

Whether you are planning to attend College in the fall, join the military, or join the workforce, now is the time to be making decisions regarding your future. The School Counseling Department is here to assist you in making these decisions and to help you plan for your future. Stop in anytime.

Odds and Ends

College Days

 Seniors are awarded two college days. A form must be completed and turned in TWO days in advance of the planned absence. Forms are available in the Counseling office.

College Rep Visits

 A list of College reps visiting our campus can be found on Naviance and bulletin boards. If you would like to attend sign up outside of the Counseling Office and pick up a pass the morning of the visit.

College Open Houses

 Interested in a particular College/University? Attend their open house. These are often scheduled on school holidays. Check the individual college website for dates or check the bulletin board in the 1st floor hallway.

Personal Days

- Each Student is awarded 1
 personal day for meeting or
 exceeding standards in Reading
 and Math on the SAT. If exceeded
 in both subjects, 2 days will be
 awarded.
- Must complete personal day form 2 days prior to taking personal day. ALL PERSONAL DAYS MUST BE USED DURING THE FALL SEMESTER!
- Forms are available on the bulletin board outside the counseling office. They are then turned into Ms. Camp.

Priority Application Dates

Apply early to qualify for University Scholarships!

Chicago State University - February 1, 2020 Eastern Illinois University - Waiving app fee until Oct 15, 2019

Governors State University - November 15, 2019
Illinois State University - November 15, 2019
Northeastern Illinois University - February 15, 2020
Northern Illinois University - December 1, 2019
SIU Carbondale - November 1, 2019
SIU Edwardsville - December 1, 2019
U of I Chicago - November 1, 2019
U of I Springfield - November 1, 2019
U of I Urbana/Champaign - November 1, 2019
Western Illinois University - December 1, 2019
Southeast Missouri State - November 1, 2019
Murray State University - December 1, 2019
University of Southern Indiana - December 1, 2019

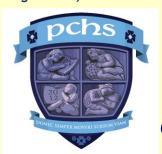
The strongest indicator of student success in college is his or her application date!

FAFSA

- 2020-2021 FAFSA applications can be completed starting October 1, 2019.
- We will have a FAFSA information night on Wednesday, August 28, 2019.
- We will have a FAFSA Completion Night on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

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Order your Transcript thru Parchment!

To expedite transcript requests, we use an online transcript request system through Parchment Exchange (parchment.com). The service provides the opportunity for you to request that transcripts be sent electronically to the college(s) of your choice. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of transcript data, documents are sent through a secure transcript service in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This system is working much more efficiently than the old hardcopy snail mail procedure we used in the past!

Through your new parchment account, you can request and track transcripts, explore colleges, and analyze admissions data. There is no cost for sending transcripts! If you are sending a transcript to an out of state school that is charging a fee you can come see Ms. Wilkin instead of completing the request through parchment.

Scholarships

- Scholarships are listed exclusively on Naviance, this list is updated regularly. It is your responsibility to check the listing often for new opportunities.
- Local Scholarships will be posted on or before January 1st and will be due February 28.
- All students planning to attend RLC are recommended to complete the Rend Lake College Foundation Scholarship application; the new application will be available after the first of the year.
- Scholarship Search Engines:
 - Fastweb.com
 - www.schoolsoup.com
 - Collegegreenlight.com

Senior Class Meeting

Peyton Blewett from Balfour will be here on September 9th during 2nd hour. All seniors will attend the meeting on ordering graduation announcements and Senior Swag!

Class of 2020 REMIND

To stay in the know, sign up!!

Messages related to scholarships, college visits, deadlines, FAFSA, class meetings, and so much more will be sent out via Remind. If you are not signed up, you will miss out on valuable information! To receive messages for Class 2019 via text, text @pville2020 to 81010.

Naviance

http://student.naviance.com/pinckychs Career, College, Scholarships, and More! Login is: 2020first initial, last name Pw: panthers101

NCAA Clearinghouse

Wanting to be a Division I or Division II Athlete? You **MUST** sign up with NCAA Eligibility Center! web1.ncaa.org