

Potosi School Counselor Newsletter

Fall 2019

Parents need information about the many things that will affect students here at school. The purpose of this newsletter is to do just that. Please read the information carefully noting important dates to which you must adhere. This might be one of those papers worthy of taking up space on your refrigerator!

In a **Senior** meeting, all **seniors** will be given a folder with information regarding admissions, financial aid, scholarships, recommendations, a year-long check list and other senior year related items. Please make sure your **senior** shares this information with an adult at home.

In a **Junior** meeting, all juniors will be given handouts and necessary materials to explain the procedures for taking college visits which are recommended to start this fall. **Juniors** will take the ACT Plus Writing exam on March 3rd. More information will be coming home before testing.

Sophomores will take the ACT Aspire Early High School Assessment this Fall (October-November) and Spring (late April-May). More information about the ACT Aspire program will be coming soon.

Freshman will also take the ACT Aspire Early High School Assessment in the Fall (October-November) and Spring (late April-May). More information about the ACT Aspire program will be coming soon.

I look forward to working with you!

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Please find information regarding:

- ACT Testing
- Practice Testing Sites
- ASVAB
- UW Application
- Technical School Applications
- Private WI School Application
- Submitting ACT Scores
- NCAA Clearinghouse Information
- FAFSA Information
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TAKING THE ACT

Universities, colleges, and even some technical schools require the ACT in order to determine admission and sometimes determining placement within English and math courses at school. This test will be taken **Junior** year by all Potosi Students. For students who wish to take it again, the cost for the ACT Assessment is \$52.00 and the cost for the ACT Assessment Plus Writing is \$68. Late Registration Fee is an additional \$30. Students must apply online at WWW.actstudent.org. Although this test can be taken any time during **Junior** year, it is advantageous to wait until the spring dates because of the amount of content gained in high school classes throughout the year. **Seniors** may want to take the October or December tests if they want to try to improve their scores. ACT has set the following dates:

Test Date	Regular Registration	Late Registration
October 26	September 20	Sept. 21 – Oct. 4
December 14	November 8	Nov. 9 – 22
February 8	January 10	Jan. 11 – 17
April 4	February 28	Feb. 29 – March 3
June 13	May 8	May 9 – 22
July 18	June 19	June 20 – 26

Free Practice Sites for ACT/ASVAB/PSAT/SAT/WKCE

- www.act.org/academy
- www.March2success.com
- www.4tests.com
- www.freetestprep.com
- www.mhpracticeplus.com/index.php
- www.number2.com

ASVAB

Juniors will take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. This year the test is in November. The ASVAB is sponsored by the military to help with career exploration. However you do not have to be involved with or interested in the military to take this free of charge. See Mrs. Foote if you have questions. You may prepare for the test here: <http://asvabpracticetestonline.com/>

Application to UW System

Because of enrollment limitations at state colleges, it is important to apply early. Admission based on class rank, pattern of academic classes, and ACT scores. **Seniors** should have their activities list prepared now. For a great resource on all things UW admissions system related, go to:

<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/admission-guidelines/freshman/>

To apply go to WWW.apply.wisconsin.edu. Once applications are completely finished email Ms. Foote stating a transcript needs to be sent to your chosen school in order to finalize the application.

Application to WI Technical Schools

Students may apply online to Wisconsin Technical Schools at www.witechcolleges.com. Once applications are completely finished, finished email Ms. Foote stating a transcript needs to be sent to your chosen school in order to finalize the application.

Application to Wisconsin's Private Colleges & Universities

Wisconsin's private colleges and universities also have a terrific website. Here, you have access to virtual campus tours, college planning, financial aid information, and online applications. Go to www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org. Once applications are completely finished, finished email Ms. Foote stating a transcript needs to be sent to your chosen school in order to finalize the application.

Submitting your Official ACT Scores

All seniors have taken the ACT at least once. If you did not have your scores sent to your college of choice at that time, you can send an official copy of your scores. To do so, go to www.actstudent.org and sign in to your account to do this. There will be a fee paid to ACT for this service.

NCAA

Senior athletes planning on participating at the college level in Division 1 or Division 2 athletics **must** fill out an online form by NCAA prior to participating at the college level. This will ensure that you are taking the proper college level courses. To register for NCAA student athletes must go to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Seniors! To apply for federal student aid, you need to complete the FAFSA form at www.fafsa.gov. If you plan to attend college starting in Fall of 2020, you'll be able to submit a 2020-21 FAFSA form beginning on Oct1, 2019. You will be required to report income and tax information from 2018. School and states often use the FAFSA information to award nonfederal aid, but their deadlines vary. Check with the schools that you are interested for their deadlines and final state deadlines at www.fafsa.gov.

College Goal Wisconsin

Parents may walk into College Goal Wisconsin on **October 2nd anytime between 6pm and 8 pm** at Platteville Middle School and Financial Aid professionals will help you apply right then and there.

Items Needed to Complete the FAFSA

- Social Security Number. Parent(s) and student.
- Records of income. Such as income earned from work and business, child support paid or received, and any other untaxed income.
- Tax returns from prior year. W-2 Forms and the Federal Income Tax Return IRS 1040, 1040A, or 140EZ.
- Driver's license number, if the student has one.
- Alien Registration Number, if not a U.S. citizen.
- Date of birth. Parent(s) and student.
- Date of parent's marriage or divorce if required.

WISCONSIN EDUCATION FAIR 2019

Monday, October 1st from 9:30 – 11:30 am **Juniors** will take a bus to UW Platteville for the 2019 Wisconsin Education Fair. There will be representatives from around 80 post secondary institutions such as universities, colleges, community colleges, technical schools and the military to present information. The Wisconsin Education Fair website gives further information and tips on getting the most out of speaking with representatives at www.wefs.org. **Juniors must pre-register online.** Register at www.gotocollegefairs.com BEFORE you come to the WEF. I will print the barcode to give to you that morning on the bus.

Start College Now

Start College Now allows students who are high school **Juniors** or **Seniors** the opportunity to take college courses at Southwest Technical College during the regular academic year while also completing high school.

This program is designed to offer courses the high school does not have or cannot offer to a student who wants to go above and beyond in a subject area. One benefit of this program is the dual enrollment component. The course(s) the student takes gives them both high school credit toward graduation as well as college credit to take with them as they continue their educational journey.

See Mrs. Foote for a paper copy of the application or go to www.swtc.edu/academics/start-college-now.aspx to fill out the Southwest Tech application. Applications must be turned into Mrs. Foote by October 1st for spring semester courses.

ColLEDGE Up

ColLEDGE Up is a hybrid program offered through a combination of distance learning (video conferencing), on-line instruction, and occasional lab days at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College at the Fennimore campus. Students can apply for one of three programs. One-and-Done is a Lab Science Technician program, Nursing offers the first year of the SWTC Nursing program, and Gear Up enables students to achieve up to 18 transfer credits. For more information go to <https://www.swtc.edu/academics/colledge-up> Applications must be turned into Mrs. Foote by October 1st for spring semester courses.

Early College Credit Program

High School students in Wisconsin are eligible to apply to take university courses through the EDDP. Admitted students may take one or more courses and earn credit for high school, post-secondary credit, or both. To participate complete one form for each term you wish to enroll at the given UW System institution. The form is online at <https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/high-school-special-student-options/> Students may also pick up a copy from Mrs. Foote. Submit this form no later than October 1 for spring semester courses to Mrs. Foote.

Students must then complete the application process for the UW System institution.

Selective Service System

Section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act requires that all male U.S. citizens and male aliens residing in the United States and its territories who are 18 – 25 years of age register with Selective Services. They must do so within the 30 days before or after their 18th birthday. Men may still register late, as long as they have not yet turned 26. To register go to the local Post Office for forms or register on line at www.sss.gov

ODDS-N-ENDS...

Recruiter visits happen throughout the year. These will be announced and **Juniors and Seniors** are encouraged to attend the presentation.

Seniors, local scholarship information come out in Spring. Students are encouraged to conduct scholarship searches throughout the year. Any scholarships Mrs. Foote received will be published in the shared Google Document 2020 Scholarships.

For scholarship searches try:

- Collegeboard.com
- Fastweb.com—HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!
- Myscholly.com
- Scholarships.com
- Zinch.com
- Petersons.com
- Studentaid.ed.gov select “Funding your education” and “state higher education agency

As you can see, it is especially important for **Juniors and Seniors** to **listen** to announcements, **check** his/her school email, and of course **stop in** with questions!