

Junior Newsletter

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SAT

All PCHS Juniors will be required to take the SAT with Essay as part of Illinois State testing. This test will be on April 14, 2020.

The SAT and ACT are offered on National Test Dates throughout the year. PCHS will be giving the SAT on Saturday, December 1, 2018. The cost is \$47.50 and \$64.50 with essay. You can register for the test at www.collegeboard.org. You can find a list of ACT dates and locations at www.act.org. Khan Academy offers free online test prep for the SAT.

Junior Year

- Stay Focused - Maintaining your grades during junior year is important!
- Continue to challenge yourself academically!
- Stay involved! Participate in extra-curricular activities and volunteer.
- Really focus on your Career and College research using Naviance!
<http://student.naviance.com/pinckychs>
- Take advantage of College Reps/Military Recruiters on Campus.
- Visit College Campuses - Take advantage of the College and University open house events during the Fall and Spring that often correspond with our school holidays. As a Senior, you will be allowed 2 college days that do not count against your overall attendance.
- Attend College Fairs - The Junior class will be attending a College Fair at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in March.
- Take a college entrance exam (SAT or ACT).

Staying Informed

- **Financial Aid Info Night Aug. 29th @ 6p.**
- Sign up for Remind. Text @pville2021 to 81010)
- Visit PCHSpanthers.com
- Check your email!
- Contact your counselor if you have questions or concerns.

College Rep Visits

- Various Representatives from Colleges and Universities along with Military Recruiters will be on campus during the fall for informal meetings. If you would like to attend, you must sign up outside of Ms. Wilkin's office and pick up a pass the morning of the meeting.

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment

- Juniors and Seniors can obtain college credit through Rend Lake College while you are still in High School. Currently, PCHS is offering College Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, English 1101, English 1102, Ag Business Management, Ag Science, & Spanish IV as **dual credit**. As a senior, you can take, Psychology, Child Psychology, Sociology, Biology, and Music Appreciation at the Murphy Wall Campus in the afternoons if you meet the placement requirements. Other **Dual Enrollment** courses are available after the regular school day at the Murphy Wall campus during the Fall, Spring, & Summer semesters. Students must pay half of the tuition rate to take **Dual Enrollment** Courses. Dual Credit courses continue to have only a \$10 fee per book. Contact Heather Bauersachs at 357-3742, if you are interested.

NCAA Eligibility Center

- If you are planning to play sports in College you need to register for the NCAA eligibility center at <http://web3.ncaa.org>