

Junior Parent Newsletter

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SAT

All PCHS Juniors will be required to take the SAT with Essay as part of the Illinois State testing. This test will be on April 9, 2019.

We continue to advise taking a college entrance exam twice during the Junior year for those students planning to attend a 4-year University directly after High School. We are a testing site for the **Saturday, December 1, 2018** National SAT test date. Students must register and pay for the exam at www.collegeboard.org or can register for a different National test date on the same website. Your student may also register on www.actstudent.org to take the ACT during one of the National ACT test dates. Both the SAT & ACT are college entrance exams and Universities will accept either score on applications for admittance.

Junior Year Focus

- Maintaining/improving grades.
- Continue to challenge themselves academically!
- Stay involved! Participate in extra-curricular activities and volunteer.
- Really focus on Career and College research. Your student has an account on Naviance which includes career/college/scholarship searches along with much more.
- 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, students 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 August 29 @ 6p.**
- Visit PCHSpanthers.com
- Like us on Face Book
- Contact your student's counselor if you have questions or concerns.
- Sign up for Remind! Sending out texts is the most efficient way for us to relay information to your student. Send @pville2020 to 81010 to sign up.

College Rep Visits

- Various Representatives from Colleges and Universities along with Military Recruiters will be on campus during the fall for informal meetings. If your student would like to attend, they 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 they 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, your student can take, Psychology, Child Psychology, Sociology, Biology, and Music Appreciation at the Murphy Wall Campus in the afternoons if they 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 your student is planning to play a Division I or II sport they need to register on the NCAA eligibility center at <http://web3.ncaa.org>