

Counselors' Corner



Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first junior edition of Counselors' Corner. Now through the end of your student's senior year you will periodically receive this newsletter in an effort to keep you updated on important events such as college planning, college entrance exams, scholarships, financial aid, and enrichment opportunities.

As always, please feel free to contact your student's school counselor with any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events:

10/2/17 – BHS College Fair

10/11/17 -PSAT

10/18/17- Parent Teacher Conferences BHS 5:00p.m.—8:00p.m.

10/19/17- Parent Teacher Conferences BHS 8:00 a. m. — 8:00 p.m.

10/27/17 - End of 1st Nine Weeks

11/22-24/17- Thanksgiving Break

12/20/17—1/2/18- Winter Break

1/19/18- End of 1st Semester

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College Planning Information

Begin college 'to do' list

- Reasons for pursuing post secondary education
- Identify goals
- Begin a broad college search

Be sure to visit Ohio Means Jobs

<https://jobseeker.k-12.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/seeker.aspx>

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NHS selection process will begin in October

- You must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA to be eligible
- Complete candidacy form (sent via email) and submit
- Criteria considered: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service

College Testing Information

All students are encouraged to take either the ACT or SAT in the spring of their junior year. If choosing to take the ACT, students should apply for the Writing option on their first attempt of the test because many colleges and universities use the score for placement purposes. Taking the test in the spring will provide the student the opportunity to retest in the fall of their senior year, should they wish to do so. These scores are used for college entrance and are often taken into account in scholarship selections. **The Ohio Department of Education has mandated that all juniors take a college entrance exam. At BHS, all juniors will be taking the ACT free of charge during the school day on February 27, 2018. The writing test WILL NOT be included in this administration.**

PSAT—All college-bound juniors are encouraged to register in the guidance office to take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which will be administered on October 11th. Registration deadline for the PSAT is October 6th and cost of the test is \$15, with checks made payable to Bellevue City Schools.

ACT— Bellevue High School Code: 360-405

Registration Deadline	Test Date
September 22, 2017	October 28, 2017
November 3, 2017	December 9, 2017
January 12, 2018	February 10, 2018*
March 9, 2018	April 14, 2018
May 4, 2018	June 9, 2018

Register at: www.actstudent.org

*The test is not administered at BHS on this date

SAT—School Code: 360-405

Registration Deadline	Test Date
October 5, 2017	November 4, 2017
November 2, 2017	December 2, 2017
February 9, 2018	March 10, 2018

Register at: www.sat.collegeboard.com

**The SAT is not administered at BHS. More dates are available

College Access Advisor

Again this year, we will be having a College Access Advisor at Bellevue High School two days per week. Amy Crist will be working with students to plan for their post-secondary education. She will be working with the school counselors to further develop programming at BHS to ensure students are college- and/or career-ready upon graduation. This is a great opportunity for BHS students, and we encourage all students to take advantage of the extra resource in the building.

NCAA Clearinghouse/NAIA

Any student wishing to play **Division I or II** athletics must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. **The application process can be by completed visiting <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-center>**

Please check out the website for further details about eligibility requirements.

Students interested in collegiate athletics may also want to consider registering with the NAIA. **The registration can be completed at www.playnaia.org.**



Junior Checklist

- Keep your grades up!
- Get involved! Join an academic club, team, or activity
- Register for ACT/SAT in the Spring
- Talk with parents and school counselor about colleges and careers of interest
- List, compare, and visit colleges
- Start or update an academic and activity resume
- Investigate scholarship opportunities
- Volunteer in your community
- Get a part-time job, apprenticeship, or internship; or job shadow in a profession that interests you
- Register for Selective Service (males, 30 days before 18th birthday, @ www.sss.gov)

