



SSHS COUNSELING CENTER

NEWSLETTER

Dec 2023

Calendar

Dec. 19th

Junior Award
Applications due

Dec. 19th

Junior Conference
Packets due

Dec. 20th

PSAT....Now What?
Virtual Presentation

Dec. 21st

Alumni Day



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SAT/ACT REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for upcoming spring SAT and ACT exams. Please see the dates and registration deadlines below. South Side HS is a testing site for the May and June SAT, as well as the February and April ACT. Please be sure to register early to secure your location of choice. Reminder: The SAT will be digital as of the March administration.

Register for SAT:

collegeboard.org

Register for ACT:

my.act.org

Upcoming Test Dates

SAT

March 9th, 2024 (reg. deadline 2/23)
May 4th, 2024** (reg. deadline 4/19)
June 1st, 2024** (reg. deadline 5/17)

ACT

February 10th, 2024** (reg. deadline 1/5)
April 13th, 2024** (reg. deadline 3/8)
June 8th, 2024 (reg. deadline 5/3)

**SSHS is a test site for this administration

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TEST PREP

News went out in September that RVC has partnered with Methodize Test Prep and is offering this program to students preparing for the SATs and ACTs.

Click here to review the letter and access the link to create your account



[Methodize Test Prep](#)

ZERO PERIOD WITH THE COUNSELORS

The Counseling Center will be offering informational sessions on Tuesday mornings during Zero period on various topics throughout the school year. Sessions will cover topics like the Junior Conference packet, SAT/ACT information, creating your college essay, and resume building.

[Upcoming Sessions](#)

CLASS NEWS

9th Grade

Clubs and Activities: Don't forget to get involved! Check out the [2023-2024 Club Guide](#) to find some you may be interested in.

Study Hall Exemption: Freshmen currently on the Honor Roll have the option to be excused from a study hall in their schedule. Eligible students can stop into the Counseling Center for the exemption form that must be signed by a parent.

The counselors enjoyed meeting with freshmen groups in PE classes before the Thanksgiving break. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please schedule an appointment to see your counselor in the Counseling Center.

10th Grade

PSAT Scores: PSAT scores are available. Log in to your College Board account to access them or stop into the Counseling Center for a score report.

11th Grade

Junior Awards: Information regarding the Junior Awards application was distributed on 11/14 when counselors pushed in to junior English classes. Deadline for the application is 12/19/23. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

[Junior Awards Flyer](#)

Junior Conferences: Junior conferences will take place starting in January. Please be sure to complete the Junior Conference Checklist in order to be able to make an appointment with your counselor. Due 12/19. [Junior Conference Checklist](#)

Parent Brag Sheet: Part of the Junior Conference checklist, parents can provide this information through the student's Naviance account or email it to their child's counselor. You can access the form on the [Counseling Center website](#).

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12th Grade

College Applications: Please remember to hand in a "Transcript Release Form" to the Counseling Center as you apply to schools.

Standardized tests: If you choose to send standardized test scores to the colleges you are applying to, please remember that it is the student's responsibility to do so. If the university/college requires official test scores, students must log into their respective account and pay a fee to send their scores directly from the testing agency to the institution they are applying to. Otherwise, they may self-report their scores directly on their applications.

Financial Aid: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available in late December and should be filled out as soon as it is open. Before it is available, you can register for your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID number by creating an account.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Senior Segments: For further tips, suggestions and reminders, please see the December Senior Segments on the [Counseling Center webpage](#).