

Counselor's Page for September 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 29	Last day teacher recommended schedule changes will be considered.
Sept. 1	No School – Labor Day
Sept. 3	Last day Seniors may sign-up for an ACT Voucher (in counselor's Office)
Sept. 16	Dismissal at 11:30a.m. (Jr. & Sr. arrange college visits)
Sept. 19	Jr./Sr. ACT register packet must be postmarked today for the Oct, 25 th test (without a voucher)
Sept. 26	Interested 9 th , 10 th & 11 th graders pre-register for the PSAT
Oct. 10	Early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. (Jr. & Sr. arrange college visits)
Oct. 13	No School Columbus Day
Oct. 18	Sophomore & Junior PSAT Testing (8:00-11:55 a.m.)
Oct. 25	National ACT Test Date
TBA	College Night at Black Hawk College 6-8 p.m.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

College representatives meet with interested students September through December. Times and dates are announced on the daily announcements and in the monthly bulletin. It is the student's responsibility to get a pass from the counselor's office at least one day prior to the visit and to make arrangements with their classroom instructor.

PSAT

On Saturday October 18, 2008 Aledo High School will provide an opportunity for students to take the PSAT/NMSQT. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT can encourage a student to start thinking seriously about life after high school, about goals, and about the education needed to reach those goals.

Students may take the PSAT/NMSQT at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 2008. This test is highly recommended for Juniors who want to qualify for National Merit Scholarships their Senior year. Freshmen and Sophomores may take the PSAT/NMSQT as a practice for the SAT. Interested students should sign up in the counselor's office by 8:00 p.m., Friday, September 26, 2008 and pick up a study packet. (Cost: \$14.50—cash or checks payable to AHS)

Here are some things the PSAT/NMSQT can do for a student:

- This test gives students a chance to see how their skills compare with those of other students who will apply for college.
- For juniors, it is the first step in entering the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions for scholarship agencies.
- The Student Search Service gives PSAT/NMSQT test takers the option to voluntarily place their names and addresses in a pool of college-bound students interested in receiving admission and financial aid information from certified colleges, universities, and scholarship agencies.

ACT Preparation Offered At Black Hawk College (Cost approx. \$175, To register call 309-796-4823)

Interested students should call Black Hawk College for details to sign up for the next ACT prep class.

COLLEGE NIGHT FOR JUNIORS/SENIORS AND PARENTS (80 colleges plan to participate)

More than 80 area college representatives will be available to meet with parents and students at the Black Hawk College campus for this year's college night. Please watch for the upcoming date to be announced. Students and parents are encouraged to attend to learn about:

Admission requirements, Best choices, Costs, Degrees offered, Enrollment, Financial Aid, GPA, Housing options, Instructors, Jobs, Knowledge, Leadership, Majors, New technology, Online learning, Qualifications, Registration, Schedules, Transfer options, Universities, Value, Weekend college, and extraordinary experiences offered.