

Addison Trail Guidance News

Spring 2014

GUIDANCE OPEN HOUSE

On **Thursday, May 1st**, we will be having our last **Guidance Open House** for the school year for parents and students in the Guidance Office. We will have a counselor available to meet with you and your student between 4:30-7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to plan for the 2014-2015 school year. It also gives you a chance to discuss career and college paths as you plan for "Life after ATHS". Appointments are not necessary, however, they can be made by calling the Guidance Office at 630 628-3318.

Message regarding the PSAE ACT Test and National ACT

Most colleges and the NCAA Clearinghouse will accept the ACT score from the PSAE Test taken on April 23 & 24, 2014. **All juniors are encouraged to take the Writing portion on one of the National ACT exams. National Test Dates** are listed in this newsletter. Call the Guidance Office with any questions at 630-628-3318.

PLAN/ACT RESULTS

Thursday, May 29, 2014— 6:00 pm

Addison Trail students took the PSAE tests on April 23rd & 24th. We expect to have results back by the end of May/beginning of June. We will host a parent night on **Thursday, May 29, 2014 in Forum Room A at 6:00 pm.** to help interpret the **PLAN** (for freshmen) and **ACT** (for sophomore & juniors) tests results. **Parents that attend will receive copies of their student's scores.** Student course selection is the #1 predictor of success on the ACT. Parents will also receive information on how they can help their students raise their scores.

SOPHOMORE COLLEGE NIGHT

Attention all Sophomore parents and students! We will be hosting our **Sophomore College Night** on **Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7 :00 pm in the Blazer Room.** Please join us as we discuss how to choose the correct college for your student. We will also review timelines as to what students should be doing **now** to prepare for college.

May 5—May 16

AP Exams

Thurs. 5/1

Guidance Open House

4:30-7:00 pm

Thurs. 5/8

Sophomore College Parent Night

7 pm-Blazer Room

Thurs. 5/22 7:00 pm

Senior Awards Night

Thurs. 5/29 7:00 pm

Plan, Practice-ACT, ACT Results Info Night for Parents

Thursday 6/5

Senior Breakfast

Friday 6/6

Graduation Practice

Sunday 6/8

3:00 pm

Graduation



For a listing of available scholarships visit: www.dupage88.net

Click on:

- *District 88
- *Addison Trail
- *Support Services
- *Guidance
- *Under Links and Resources
- *AT Scholarship Bulletin



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ATTENTION ALL PARENTS !!

If there has been a change of:

Home Address

Contact Number

Guardian / Personal Information

Please contact Ms. Villegas in the Guidance Office at 630-628-3318

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College Corner

Juniors, now is the time to start planning to visit colleges! Listed below are a few ideas to make your college visits successful and prepare for college planning in the fall.

- Visit colleges over the summer to determine admission requirements, take a campus tour, ask about financial aid opportunities, and meet with an admission counselor.
- Consider writing your college essays during the summer.
- Complete and return the Transcript Release Authorization and High School Resume/Recommendation Data Form.
- At the start of your senior year, request letters of recommendations .
- Most college applications need to be completed online.
- All requests for supplemental materials (transcripts/letters of recommendations/etc.) must be done by **October 15, 2014**. More detailed information regarding college applications will appear in the Fall newsletter.

Questions? Contact Mr. Cole at 630-628-3322



SCHOLARSHIPS

DUPAGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT SCHOLARSHIP

The CSBG Scholarship is designed, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, to provide financial assistance to low-income and disadvantaged person of high academic attainment or potential. Applicants must be CSBG income eligible (guidelines available with application), a DuPage Country resident, enrolled/accepted at Illinois accredited higher educational or occupational training institute and possess a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. The deadline is May 2, 2014.

MISS ADDISON SCHOLARSHIP

The Village of Addison will award three females between the ages of 17-21 a Scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic year based on the eligibility /requirements stated in the application. Miss Addison will receive \$1000 Scholarship, First Runner Up will be awarded a \$500.00 Scholarship and Second Runner Up will be awarded a \$250.00 Scholarship. Applications are available in the Guidance Office and on the village website [HTTP://WWW.ADDISONADVANTAGE.ORG](http://www.addisonadvantage.org) . The deadline is July 2, 2014.

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

Senior College Information Night
Thursday, August 28th, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

Financial Aid Night
Thursday, October 23rd, 2014 @ 7:00 pm

Do's and Don'ts on writing the college application essay

Do's

-Keep your focus narrow and personal

Your essay must prove a single point or thesis. The reader should be able to find your main idea and follow it from beginning to end. Ask someone to read just your introduction to see what he or she thinks your essay is about.

-Prove it

Develop your main idea with vivid, specific facts, events, quotations, examples, and reasons. There's a big difference between simply stating a point of view and letting an idea unfold in the details.

-Be Specific

To avoid clichéd, generic, and predictable writing, use vivid, specific details

Don'ts

-Don't tell your readers what you think they want to hear

Most admissions officers read plenty of essays about the charms of their university, the evils of terrorism, and the personal commitment involved in being a doctor. Bring something new to the table, not just what you think they want to hear.

-Don't write a resume.

Don't include information that is found elsewhere in the application. Your essay will end up sounding like an autobiography, travelogue, or laundry list.

-Don't use 50 words when 5 will do

Eliminate unnecessary words.

-Don't forget to proofread

Typos and spelling or grammatical errors can be interpreted as carelessness or just bad writing. Don't rely on your computer's spell-checker.

(From the College Counseling Sourcebook, 4th edition)

Naviance-Family Connection

All parents/guardians should have received information on our new college/career data program called Naviance-Family Connection. Login and password information is specific to each parent/guardian. All students have been introduced to the program and are able to access it to research colleges and careers. If you need assistance with logging into the program, please contact your student's counselor.

Testing Information

TEST PREP

www.learnatest.com/librarycard

Select "New User"

Type in 60101 followed by your student ID number and the last two digits of your year of graduation.

SAMPLE: 60601311000010

Create your own password

ACT TEST

Make plans over the summer to register for the following ACT National Test dates:

June 14, 2014

Registration deadline-May 9, 2014

Late Reg. deadline- May 23, 2014

September 13, 2014

Registration deadline-Aug. 8, 2014

Late Reg. deadline- Aug. 22, 2014

October 25 2014**

Registration deadline-Sept. 19, 2014

Late Reg. deadline- Oct. 3, 2014

December 13, 2014

Registration deadline-Nov. 7, 2014

Late Reg. deadline- Nov. 21, 2014

You can register for these tests online:

WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

SAT TEST

June 7, 2014

Registration deadline- May 9, 2014

You can register for these tests online:

WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM

Extra charges will apply when registering for a test during the Late Registration period

****Test offered****

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Addison Trail High School

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