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ADDISON TRAIL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Fall 2013 Preparing for the Future!

College Application Updates for Seniors

Welcome back for another fantastic school year!
Seniors should begin the application process for colleges they are considering attending *right now!*

If you have not made visits to colleges, please make sure you do so during the upcoming Fall months. Also, Seniors should submit all supplemental materials for college applications to their counselors by **Tuesday**, **October 15**, **2013**. This allows the Guidance Counselor ample time to review the materials and the ATHS registrar to prepare an official transcript.

Please note, many applications are due to the colleges by

November 1, 2013.

Please pay attention to deadlines!!!.
Upcoming Important Dates:

The 2nd Annual College Jamboree: Tuesday, September 24, 2013
ATHS Career Fair: Wednesday, September 25, 2013
ATHS College Fair: Thursday, September 26, 2013
Stay tuned for more details!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for a Guidance Department Open House Thursday September 26, 2013 from 4:30-7:00 pm.

Our Open Houses are important and relevant to both students and parents! A counselor will be available for individual appointments and can assist with college applications and financial aid information or give personalized help with academics, college/career choices, and/or social/emotional issues. ATHS will host a total of three Open Houses throughout the 2013-2014 school year.

Appointments are not necessary but can be made by calling 630-628-3318.

Fall 2013 PPS Nights

7:00 pm

Thursday 8/29/13 Senior College Info Night

(ATHS Cafeteria)

Thursday 9/26/13

Guidance Department
Open House
4:30—7:00 pm

Saturday 9/28/13

National College Fair Navy Pier 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Thursday 10/3/13

Freshman Parent Night (ATHS Blazer Room)

Thursday 10/17/13

Special Education College Night

Thursday 10/24/13

Financial Aid Night (ATHS Cafeteria)

Important Dates

September 4-October 31

Senior Interviews

Tuesday 9/24/13

College Jamboree (For Seniors)

Wednesday 9/25/13

ATHS Career Fair (During Lunch Periods)

Thursday 9/26/13

ATHS College Fair (During Lunch Periods)

Wednesday 10/17/13

PSAT Test

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SENIOR & JUNIOR COLLEGE PAGE



From the Desk of Mr. Cole College Counselor

College Corner Planning Calendar

SENIORS

Request college applications during campus visits or online. Most applications are online.

Make sure you are using Naviance for college searches and applications.

Prepare your white résumé/recommendation data form. This form must be **signed** by a **parent/guardian** and returned to the **registrar**.

At the start of your senior year, request recommendations letters from your teachers.

Essays and personal statements are very important!

Please join us (*along with your parents*) for **Senior College Night** on Thursday, August 29, 2013 in the ATHS Cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

Requests for transcripts and Counselor recommendations for college applications should be filed in the Guidance Office by **October 15, 2013. Questions?**

Contact Mr. Cole at 630-628-3322 or scole@dupage88.net

JUNIORS

Visit colleges to determine admission requirements, take a campus tour, ask about financial aid opportunities, and meet with an admission counselor.

Please come to Junior College Parent Night on March 13, 2014 @ 7:00 pm.

Senior Interviews

All Seniors will meet with their counselors for a one-on-one interview in the Fall of 2013. This Senior Interview is a continuation of the Junior Interview. Topics discussed include: graduation requirements, selecting and applying to colleges, career choice/s and assistance in finalizing post-graduation plans.

If you would like to be involved in your student's interview, please contact your student's counselor at 630-628-3318.

National Merit Scholarship Testing Information

The PSAT test will be administered at ATHS, Wednesday October 16, 2013.

Registration for the exam will take place in the Guidance Office from **October 1-11, 2013.**

The cost of the exam is **\$14.00** and is payable in cash or by check. (payable to ATHS)

Many juniors and some sophomores take the PSAT test.

While the PSAT is a practice SAT exam, the main purpose of the exam is to qualify students as National Merit Scholars.

For questions regarding the PSAT, please contact

Jessica Connolly 630-628-3323 or visit www.collegeboard.com.

Fall College Visits for Parents & Students!

Saturday Fall College Visits will continue again this year! We encouraged all Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshman to attend! Both Parents and Students are invited!

> University of Illinois @ Chicago Saturday, October 5th Leave ATHS @ 8:15 am Return @ 12:45 pm

Elmhurst College
Saturday, November 2nd
Leave ATHS @ 8:30 am
Return @ 11:30 am
please call 630-628-3318 to register

Financial Aid Night

On Thursday, October 24, 2013, we will host our first Financial Aid Night of the 2013-2014 school year.

This informational night will focus on how to save and pay for college. Financial professionals will discuss the college financial aid process and help you understand funding for college.

Join us at 7:00 pm in the ATHS Student Cafeteria.

ACT Test

Testing and Registration Dates

October 26, 2013

Registration deadline: September 27, 2013

Late Registration deadline:
October 11, 2013

December 14, 2013

Registration deadline: November 8, 2013

Late Registration deadline: November 22, 2013

Online Registration:

www.actstudent.org

SAT Test
Testing and
Registration Dates

October 5, 2013

Registration deadline: September 6, 2013

Late Reg. Deadline: September 20, 2013

November 2, 2013

Registration deadline: October 3, 2013

Late Registration
Deadline:
October 18, 2013

<u>December 7, 2013</u>

Registration deadline: November 8, 2013

Late Registration
Deadline:
November 22, 2013

Online registration:

www.collegeboard.com

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