

North Judson-San Pierre High School Counselor Connection: Spring

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SAT Registration Deadlines

Check the College Board website (www.collegeboard.com) for testing dates and registration deadlines. Colleges use SAT scores to compare students regardless of the high school curricula.

Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year in high school. At least half of all students take the SAT twice—in the spring of their junior year and in the fall of their senior year. Most students also improve their score the second time the SAT is taken.

The cost and registration information is available at www.collegeboard.com. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you may qualify for a fee waiver. Please see Ms. McCarthy for more information.

*While the counseling department and career center will provide the registration information and make every effort to encourage and assist with student participation in the appropriate testing, we must place the responsibility on the student to register for the appropriate tests. Please contact your child's counselor with any questions.

Assessments Given in the Spring

Depending on the graduation year, be reminded that many NJ-SP HS students will soon be taking the ECA's or ISTEP+ exams. The ECA are required for those graduating with the Class of 2018 or earlier. These are taken after Algebra I, English 10, and Biology I. Those students who have not yet passed the Algebra I or English 10 will be re-testing. Results will likely arrive after June 1. Students graduating in 2019 or later will be taking the ISTEP+ exam instead.

The school counselors will notify students who do not pass the Algebra exam as this may initiate a schedule change to provide a remediation opportunity. Results will also be mailed home.

PowerSchool

If you or your child has a Smartphone, you can download the app for PowerSchool (school code: FZHN) and check grades and attendance anywhere or anytime! The North Judson-San Pierre PowerSchool website, <https://njsp.powerschool.com/public/>, is also still available. If you do not have PowerSchool log-in information, please contact the guidance department.

Registering for Classes for next school year:

The school counselors have been working to schedule students for classes for next school year. After listening to classroom presentations with an overview of available courses, each student then conferences one-on-one with his/her school counselor to discuss a proposed schedule, the number of credits earned, and classes still needed to earn a particular diploma. Students are then given a copy of the course request sheet to share with parents.

Students are asked to take course selection seriously. Teacher assignments are based on students requesting each class. When numerous changes are made, issues such as large class sizes occur.

Senior Scholarship Opportunities

Ms. McCarthy will be visiting senior classes to distribute numerous local scholarship opportunities. Deadlines will vary, and most of these scholarship applications also require one or more letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, or community members. Seniors need to follow all instructions carefully so that they are eligible to receive the scholarship.

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SADD Parent Website

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) has a parent website, www.ParentTeenMatters.org. Visit this site to find answers to commonly asked questions, check out the latest research on teen behaviors, and follow the action steps provided to guide your teen to positive decision-making. You can even sign up for a monthly e-newsletter.

Summer School Update

Summer school is offered through the Indiana Virtual Academy. Students can begin accessing classes in June. Students should NOT sign up for summer school if computer access is not available or if a student can not commit the necessary time. If a student does not complete a summer school class, it can result in an F on the high school transcript. State funding will dictate the cost to students, but all indications, thus far, lead us to believe that costs will be minimal or even free to all students.

All students enrolled in summer school may attend a start-up session at the high school during the first week of class. On these two days, the school counselors can assist students in accessing the site as well as understanding the responsibilities of the class. From this point on, students will complete all assignments other than the final exam on-line and NOT at the high school. Students need to take the final exam(s) at the high school in late July.

We will begin registering students in April, and registration will close before the first day of class. For more information, please contact your child's counselor.

College Visitation Days Available to Juniors

and Seniors: Spending time on a college campus is a great way for students to see what it's like to live and study there. It is recommended that juniors and seniors utilize the "Career Visitation Days" afforded to them during the school year. Students can meet with an admissions officer, take a campus tour, complete entrance testing, and even sit in on a class. Juniors are allowed one day (spring semester only) and seniors are allowed two days. Students can also use these days to job shadow an adult or interview for a job. Students are to make their arrangements first prior to seeing Ms. McCarthy for a pre-arranged absence sheet (at least a week in advance).

21st Century Scholars—Senior Information

Graduating students who are a part of the Twenty-first Century Scholars program must submit a Twenty-first Century Scholar Senior Affirmation. Scholars can affirm online. To complete the Senior Affirmation online, students must first review the Senior Exit Interview Slideshow and then complete the online Affirmation form. For more information go to <https://studentaid.ssaci.in.gov> or contact Ms. McCarthy or Ms. Powers.

PSAT Results and www.collegeboard.com

Student score reports have been distributed to all sophomores and juniors who completed PSAT Testing in October. These students have now set up a college board account. All are encouraged to log back into www.collegeboard.com to review the online score report, study for future SAT testing, review college matches, and explore majors and careers based on student selection. This website has excellent materials that can be utilized by students to improve future SAT scores.

***SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON THE
WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO GRADUATION IN THE
AUDITORIUM!
EVERY GRADUATING SENIOR IS STRONGLY
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.***