

For Next Year:.....

Next year's juniors 2012-2013 class schedule forms will be completed during sophomore interviews which are scheduled for the next three weeks. Future Junior's and their parents need to be aware of the following:

Registering for classes: We require a parent signature on all class schedule forms to indicate your knowledge & approval of your student's requested class choices. The form will be sent home for your signature and will be due **Thursday, March 5**. If you have any questions, please contact the counseling office at 796-2151 Extension 514.

Junior-Senior Newsletter: Your junior student(s) will receive a monthly newsletter from the school counseling office. In this way all students can keep informed of opportunities for scholarships, college visits and open houses and other events. The newsletter is distributed to them during English 11 and is available online at the counselor link on the school webpage. Parents are welcome to access this information to help you support your student(s)' transition to college and/or the world of work.

Testing: Juniors will take college/career prep tests during the year.

- **ASVAB:** The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is a very valuable vocational/career test. Students need **not** be planning a military career to take this free test. We require all juniors to take the ASVAB as we use it as a tool to help in career planning; student scores are **NOT** released to military personnel. If a student interested in military service wants their score released for enlistment purposes, a release of information form is available and must be signed by the student.
- **PSAT/NMSQT:** The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is offered in October each year. This test is optional; there is a testing fee that must be paid (\$14 in '11). Students planning to attend a four-year college should consider taking this test. It is the practice SAT **and** the only way to enter the National Merit Scholarship competition.
- **ACT/SAT:** These are the two tests that colleges use as an entrance requirement. They are given on Saturday mornings as published in the Clipper, Jr./Sr. Counseling Newsletter and at their respective websites. Students pay for these tests and choose the most convenient location. Students planning to attend a four-year college should take one or both of these tests. (Generally, post-secondary schools in the Midwest prefer the ACT while those on the east and west coasts prefer the SAT. Check the admissions requirements of each school your student is interested in attending.) Costs in 11-12 were \$34 to \$48 if sent in by the regular deadline. For more information, go to www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com.
- **ASSET/COMPASS:** This is a placement exam for students planning to attend 2-year or vocational technical colleges. It is written by ACT and offered on SCC campuses free of charge (11-12). ACT and SAT scores are also accepted at most 2-year or vocational technical schools for placement purposes thus a student taking the ACT or SAT eliminates the need to take the ASSET/COMPASS.