

**UPDATE
FROM THE
GUIDANCE OFFICE
2016**

October 7

Attention Seniors and Juniors: The postmark deadline for taking the November 5th SAT is Friday, October 7th.

Students, please make sure that Our Lady of Lourdes School Code 394-483, is included on your registration form. Also remember it is suggested that students send scores to four colleges of your choice. There is no additional fee for this. Register today online at www.collegeboard.com.

Seniors were provided folders containing forms, informational handouts regarding scholarships, and instructions for completing **college applications**. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, November 4th.

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School will host a **College Fair** on Tuesday, October 11th, in the cafeteria for grades 9 through 12. Approximately 30 colleges will be at the fair. Parents are invited to attend.

Bucknell University will be hosting **College Night** (College Fair) at Gerhard Field House on Monday, October 10th, at 6:00 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend.

PSATs will be administered Wednesday, October 19th, at **Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School**. Registration for Juniors will be Tuesday, October 4th, and Sophomores on Thursday, October 6th. Registration forms were given to students at the end of September.

**MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING IS
AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE:**

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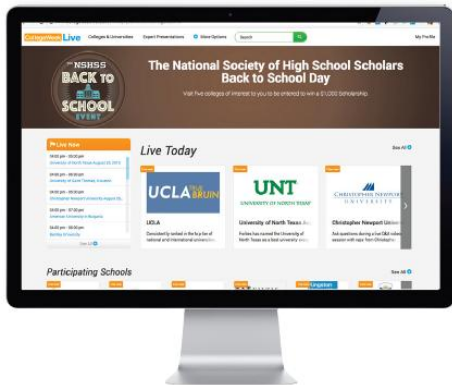
Did You Know?

Beginning in October, College Board will host monthly webinars to [engage parents](#) in topics about College Board programs and the college planning process. Each webinar will feature a College Board representative and other members and partners.

Upcoming Event:

[College Applications 101 for Parents](#),
Oct. 12, 7–8 p.m. ET

NEW



CollegeWeekLive Events Calendar

CollegeWeekLive hosts virtual college fairs designed to help every student realize their college dreams. Post [this events calendar flyer](#) in classrooms and encourage your students to participate in our fairs this fall semester.

[Download events calendar flyer](#)

**ALL
ACCESS
DAY**

Connect with 100+ Colleges Online

October 6, 2016 from 10 AM to 10 PM EDT



Explore



Meet



Chat



Learn



Save

Help your students navigate their college search

Ask your students and their parents to join us on October 6th from 10:00AM-10:00PM EDT! At this online college fair, they will be able to chat with college students and admissions counselors at 100+ colleges and universities.

Print out the flyer below, and share it with your students.

[Student Sign Up](#)

[All Access Day Flyer](#)

NEW



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Scholarships Available

To print an application if available, go to our website at www.sacfoundation.com and click on the Students section then select Scholarships.

Catholic High Schools

- **John Rich Curran Memorial Scholarship Fund**
This fund provides scholarships to qualifying graduates of Schuylkill County's public, private, and parochial high schools who meet established criteria.
[| Application |](#)
- **FARM Youth Scholarship Fund**
This fund provides scholarships to high school graduates for post-secondary education. Students must have shown an animal at the Schuylkill County Fair as a member of the Schuylkill County 4-H Club or Schuylkill County FFA Chapter.
[| Application |](#)
- **Shirley Manbeck Veterinary Scholarship Fund**
This fund provides scholarships to Schuylkill County students who graduate from college and have been accepted by a Veterinary School of Medicine with preference given to those residents

who graduated from either Tamaqua Area, Pine Grove Area, or Schuylkill Haven Area High School.

[| Application |](#)

- **Dorothy WewerNarcovich Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to students who are members of St. Mauritius Roman Catholic Church or St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Ashland or its successor (which is currently St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church) and who will be attending any Catholic high school in Schuylkill County or the surrounding area.

[| Application |](#)

- **Marie Bossler Phi Delta Kappa Kutztown Chapter Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to graduating seniors of any Schuylkill County and Berks County high schools who are pursuing post-secondary education and majoring in Education.

[| Application |](#)

- **The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides annual scholarships to qualified Schuylkill County high school seniors planning to further their education. Students must exhibit a commitment to education, citizenship, and community.

[| Application |](#)

- **Chester P. Steininger Memorial Fund (Medical)**

This fund provides scholarships to a graduate of any Schuylkill County High School who is attending or about to attend an accredited medical school located in the United States. Preference shall be given to students who plan to specialize in the field of Oncology.

[| Application |](#)

- **Raymond L. & Jean D. Tilmont Memorial Fund**

Provides scholarships to a member of St. Mauritius Roman Catholic parish or St. Joseph Roman Catholic parish, Ashland or its successor (which is currently St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church) who will be attending any Catholic High School in Schuylkill County.

[| Application |](#)

Catholic High Schools eGrant Scholarships

To apply click on [eGrant Guidelines / Application](#) (Will be available January 1).

If students qualify, they may apply for more than one scholarship on the single eGrant application.

[eGrant Guidelines / Application](#)

- **Carr-Willower Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides scholarships to graduates of North Schuylkill High School, Cardinal Brennan High School graduates, and graduates of any Catholic high school who reside in the geographic

areas served by the school districts of Mahanoy Area, North Schuylkill, and Shenandoah Valley who will major in the field of Education.

- **Dr. Rudolph A. Constien Scholarship Fund**
This fund provides scholarships to residents of the Borough of Ashland. Attendance may be at a college, university, graduate school, nursing school, trade or craft school, or for specialized training.
- **Mary I. Kull Memorial Fund**
This fund provides scholarships to residents of the Borough of Ashland to further their education for a nursing career or enrolled in a training program for a career to care for persons who have a condition that restricts one's ability to function physically, mentally or socially.
- **Dr. Robert Douglas Spencer Memorial Fund**
This fund provides scholarships to graduates of North Schuylkill High School, Cardinal Brennan High School graduates, and graduates of any Catholic High School who reside in the geographic areas served by the school districts of Mahanoy Area, North Schuylkill, and Shenandoah Valley. Preference is given to the education and training of medical students, medical technicians, nurses, and hospital administrators.

Other Educational Scholarships

- **Billie Payne Scholarship Fund**
This fund provides scholarships to the Schuylkill County high school senior who was crowned the Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Snowflake Princess.
- **United Steel Workers of America, Local 14372, Scholarship Fund**
This fund provides scholarships to children, stepchildren, and adopted children, and to grandchildren, stepgrandchildren, and adopted grandchildren of the present members, and also of former members, now retired, of the United Steel Workers of America, Local No. 14372.

| [Application](#) |

Through a new program called [raise.me](http://www.raise.me), students can automatically earn scholarships from colleges each time he or she achieves any of the following goals in school:

- Get an A in a course (\$100 - \$1,000)
- Get a B in a course (\$50 - \$600)
- Participate in a school club or sport (\$25 - \$250)
- And much more

Our school is among the first in the country to take advantage of this opportunity, which is funded in part by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and U.S. colleges.

Here is how you can best support your student to get the most from this opportunity:

- 1) Ensure that your student creates an account at www.raise.me.
- 2) Congratulate your student for regularly adding good grades, community service, extracurricular activities, and other achievements to his or her raise.me "Portfolio" in order to earn "Micro-Scholarships" from colleges. Your student is eligible to receive scholarship money for each achievement from the start of 9th grade until midway through 12th grade.
- 3) Visit www.raise.me/parents for more information.

We hope using raise.me will make your student's path to college both more fun and affordable.

If you have questions, I encourage you to contact the Guidance Office at 570-644-0375 ext. 119, or send an email to support@raise.me. Increasing numbers of public and private colleges continue to join the raise.me program. Colleges are added on a monthly basis and you can request colleges at any time. Your child will automatically get related Micro-Scholarships from all new colleges as they become available.

SALT TEAM - Lourdes Regional High School is a community brought together in response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek unity through affirmation, and integration of our gifts and talents for service. Acknowledging that our students are all children of God, the school community challenges them to full development of their talents. Along the way, some students develop difficulties related to drugs, alcohol, and/or mental health issues. Recognizing these possibilities, this school community supports a **Student Assistance Program** to help identify such students. The heart of the program is a **Student Assistance Team Known as SALT (Student Assistance – Lourdes Team)** which is a core group of school personnel specially trained to work with these students. Since students cannot fully enjoy and appreciate God's gift of life unless they are experiencing good health and total fitness, the SALT Team intervenes and, if necessary, refers students at risk to appropriate personnel or agencies. The intervention is made in the hope that such students may once again come to appreciate the gift of life and utilize their many talents for the benefit of themselves and others.

The heart of the SAP (Student Assistant Program) is the SALT Team comprised of administrators, counselors, teachers, and the school nurse. The team is specially trained to identify and help students experiencing problems related to alcohol and drug use or who are at risk of suicide and other mental health problems. It is not the function of the SALT Team to diagnose or treat a problem. The function is to identify patterns of behavior which is associated with a problem. When such patterns are discovered, the student is referred to in-school personnel or to appropriate community services.

For more information about the Student Assistance Team, please call Mrs. Gilger in the Guidance Office.

NCAA – National Collegiate Athletic Association – Many college athletic programs are regulated by the NCAA, which has established rules on eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid. If a student is planning to enroll in college as a freshman and wishes to participate in Division I or II athletics, he or she must be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. The process of certification should begin at the end of the Junior year in high school. NCAA requests that students apply online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. It is necessary to send ACT or SAT scores to the Clearinghouse directly from the testing agencies. The code for NCAA is 9999.

NEW

The Pre-Law Program and the Department of Political Science at King's College will sponsor the annual “**Legal Career Day**” program on Thursday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. The purpose of this free program is to provide high school students considering a legal career with an opportunity to hear from local attorneys who are engaged in the actual practice of law. The program will consist of presentations by several Luzerne County Attorneys who are engaged in the actual practice of law. Please contact the Guidance to register. Deadline is October 17.

Penn State University will be hosting **College of Communications Open House** on October 29. Students can learn about the largest accredited communications program in the country, hear from a panel of current students on their experiences with internships, meet with faculty and staff across the college and tour state-of-the-art facilities. The College offers five undergraduate majors: Advertising/Public Relations, Film-Video, Journalism, Media Studies and Telecommunications.

Registration fills up quickly, so reserve your spot ASAP. To register go to <http://comm.psu.edu/about/open-house> and click “RSVP for Open House.

Creative Writing Day at Susquehanna University – The Writer’s Institute will host a day of workshops, readings, and information sessions on Monday, November 14th, from 10a.m. to 2:30p.m. (lunch included) on the campus of Susquehanna University. Parents and teachers are welcome. Susquehanna has a creative writing major that currently enrolls 166 undergraduate students taught by six nationally-recognized writers and supported by a visiting writer’s series. This program is offered at no cost to participants. Please contact the Guidance Office to register.

Workshops available:

- Novel
- Short story
- Poetry
- Memoir
- Screenwriting
- Journalism
- Sports journalism
- College writing

TELOS SAT PREP COURSE – This 8-session power course is a great way to prepare for the SAT without adding more stress to your life. Telos expert instructor offers direct instruction and guided practice to help improve scores for each section of the exam. Pre and post practice exams will be administered to help students become familiar with the test format and time restraints, as well as to measure their growth. Telos SAT Prep Course includes: (8) 2.5 hour sessions, one time a week. Come join us and improve your score.

2016 Dates: October 9 – November 27

2017 Dates: January 8 – February 26 and March 5 – April 30

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OPEN HOUSES:

OCTOBER

- 8 Lock Haven University
- 9 Dominican College - NY
- 10 Messiah College
- 12 Harrisburg Area Community College – all five campuses
- 14 Kutztown University
- 15 Clarion University
- 15 Immaculata University – Information Session
- 15 Kutztown University – Science, Technology & Math
- 16 Seton Hall University, NJ
- 22 University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown
- 23 Saint Joseph University
- 23 University of Scranton
- 24 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
- 28 Kutztown University
- 29 Lock Haven University
- 29 Messiah College
- 29 Penn State University – College of Communications
- 30 Mount Aloysius College

NOVEMBER

- 4 Messiah College – Spotlight Day: School of the Arts
- 6 University of Scranton
- 7 Kutztown University – Visual & Performing Arts
- 11 Kutztown University
- 11 Messiah College – Spotlight Day: School of Business, Education & Social Sciences and School of the Humanities

- 11 Mount Aloysius College
- 12 University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown
- 12 Clarion University
- 18 Messiah College – Spotlight Day: School of Science, Engineering & Health
- 19 Immaculata University
- 19 Lock Haven University
- 19 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
- 20 Seton Hall University, NJ

Clarion University Preview Visit Days:

October 10 - 21 – 28

November 28

December 2 - 9

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER WITH COLLEGES BEFORE ATTENDING.