

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

NEW PSAT/NMSQT paper score reports were given to students before Christmas. Students can access their PSAT and/or Sat Suite of Assessment scores with personalized feedback, practice, college planning and career exploration resources through studentscores.collegeboard.org or collegeboard.org.

- See all your scores and if you are on track for college readiness
- View detailed explanations of skills required to be college ready
- Send your scores to Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy for personalized practice recommendations
- Search for colleges that fit your needs
- Access your PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index score used for participation in programs conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- Start on your scholarship and college financial aid plan
- Explore Roadmap to Careers to learn about jobs and college majors that are right for you
- Get feedback on your readiness for AP courses

Grade 9 students can also obtain PSAT 8/9 score reports through studentscores.collegeboard.org. It will be necessary for the student to sign up to create an account with a user name and password. Paper score reports will be distributed to 9th grade students next week.

Parents can refer to www.collegeboard.org and search PSAT Parent Tutorial or PSAT 8/9 Parent Tutorial for a further understanding of scores.

NEW Attention Seniors and Juniors: The postmark deadline for taking the **March 11 SAT is Friday, February 10**. Students, please make sure that Our Lady of Lourdes School Code 394-483, is included on your registration form. Some

students have omitted our school code; therefore, SAT scores are not sent to us and cannot be attached to your transcript now or in the future. 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.

The Advance College Experience (ACE) at Bloomsburg University is designed for college-bound high school juniors and seniors who seek to “jump start” their college career by earning college credits. Bloomsburg University offers a selection of courses intended to supplement high school offerings and to expose students to the academic environment at the college level. Students save 75% of the tuition. Typical offerings will include courses in exercise science, composition, psychology, history, public speaking, political science, language, music, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and geography. For more information call 570-389-4824 or visit www.bloomu.edu/ace.

NEW The 2017 Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania scholarship program for students who have epilepsy/seizure disorder will be awarding eight scholarships, totaling \$10,000, this year. Awards will be based on the quality of the student’s application determined through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement. Application deadline is March 17, 2017.

The **Lehigh Valley Section of the Society of Women Engineers** is announcing their scholarship program for female students graduating from high school who are enrolling in engineering at a college or university. Scholarships of up to \$5000 will be awarded. The scholarship recipients are chosen every year based on academic achievement, extracurricular and leadership activities, a recommendation, and an essay. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Deadline is February 12, 2017.

Luzerne County Community College’s Young Scholars Program - Qualified Juniors and Seniors can take college courses at Luzerne County Community College through the Young Scholars Program and take advantage of a reduced rate on tuition. Contact the Shamokin Campus at 648-2544 or the Guidance Office for more information regarding registration and courses.

NEW The Pennsylvania School for Global Entrepreneurship (PSGE) at Lehigh University and the University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy (UPHCSA), former Governor’s School programs, are accepting applications for the 2017 summer programs. Current high school sophomores and

juniors are encouraged to apply. Both programs continue to successfully meet the need for high-achieving students in the state of Pennsylvania, despite the state's budget cuts. The enrichment programs are second to none in providing the experience and necessary skill set needed for students as they continue their education beyond high school. Both programs have maintained the same curriculum and selectivity as the former Governor's Schools. Interested students please inquire in the Guidance Office. Further information may be found at go.lehigh.edu/psge and www.hcsa.pitt.edu. Interested students please inquire in the Guidance Office. Deadline is February 15, 2017.

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.

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.

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

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