

**UPDATE
FROM THE
GUIDANCE OFFICE
2017**

MARCH 31

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

NEW - Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will be given on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, April 3, 4, and 6, to the Eighth Grade and Seventh Grade Classes.

Standardized testing is administered to compare a student's ability level with school achievement. Students should have #2 pencils with erasers. It is important that each student is well rested and present for testing on these days.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

NEW – ATTENTION: Juniors and their parents - College Financial Aid Night will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday, May 8, at 6:00pm in the Library.

NEW - 8 Tools to help you prepare for the ACT

The best way students can prepare for the ACT test is to take challenging courses in high school and study hard. ACT offers many free and affordable tools to help you prepare.

FREE TOOLS:

1. Preparing for the ACT test
2. ACT Question of the Day
3. Sample test questions
4. Test Tips
5. Test Descriptions

AFFORDABLE TOOLS:

6. The Official ACT Prep Guide
7. ACT Online Prep
8. ACT Kaplan Online Prep Live

For more information about these ACT test prep tools, go to www.act.org/theact/testprep.



For students taking the April ACT

ACT Math Power Course

If you're looking to achieve a top score on the ACT Math, this course is for you. In this fully interactive 2-day, 3-hour web-based course, we will cover:

- Detailed strategies for the most commonly tested "tough" questions
- Content and techniques for new question types appearing on the exam
- Ways to make even the most difficult questions easier

Wednesday, April 5, 8–9:30 PM EDT

Thursday, April 6, 8–9:30 PM EDT

Now ~~\$120~~ just \$100!

Both sessions will be recorded for later viewing.

[Click here to register today](#) – spots fill up quickly!

Register by April 1 using the promo code **ACTPM210** to save 10%.

Educators: please spread the word [with this flyer](#).



***** Attention Juniors: The postmark deadline for taking the May 6 SAT is Friday, April 7.** 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.org.

For the first time, students will be able to take the **SAT and SAT Subject Tests in August**. Taking the exam in the summer is great news for juniors because it allows them time to meet early application deadlines and focus on classwork as they begin their senior year. Registration opens in late April for the August 26 SAT. Deadline is July 15.

ATTENTION: Students and Parents of Grades 9 through 12:

Many of you have concerns about how to make a college education more affordable. Through a new program called Raise.me, students can guarantee scholarships from 200+ colleges as early as 9th grade, making it easier to plan financially for school. Raise.me has proven to be a great tool to motivate students in high schools throughout the U.S., as the site immediately rewards students with scholarships for their hard work in and outside of high school.

As an example:

- 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 Lady of Lourdes is among the first in the country to take advantage of this opportunity, which was launched with the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and U.S. colleges. Here are a couple of easy ways to support your students in using this unique tool:

- 1) Ensure that your student creates an account at www.raise.me.
- 2) Encourage your student to regularly add good grades, community service, extracurricular activities, and other achievements to his or her raise.me “Portfolio” to earn “Micro-Scholarships” from colleges.

- 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 Department at (570)-644-0375, Ext 119, or send an email to support@raise.me.

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. To register by phone, contact Division of Corporate and Continuing Education at (570) 389-4420 (Credit card payments only). Registration forms are available in the Guidance Office.

NEW - The **Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center** is hosting a student directed **Health and Wellness Fair** on April 19, 2017, from 10am to 2pm, located at 1339 St. Mary Street, Lewisburg. The students will have booths with a wide variety of information related to health topics such as understanding diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease, stress management, nutrition for busy people, summer outdoor safety, keeping our kids safe in school, and more. RSVP by April 17 by calling 570-768-4960 or by email at ssnyder@csiu.org.

Geisinger Columbia Montour Hospice extends an invitation to children and teens ages 7-18 to attend **Camp Courage free** on May 19-21, 2017 or October 6-8, 2017. The camp is held at Camp Victory in Millville, PA. Children or teens who have experienced the death of a significant person(s) and have come to this weekend camp, have fun while learning how to deal with their grief in a safe and supportive environment. Camp weekend will find campers around the camp fire eating hot dogs and s'mores. Other activities include making a memory box, balloon release, anger management, music and/or art therapy sessions. Free time on Saturday afternoon can be spent cuddling pet therapy dogs, paddle boating, rock wall climbing, zip line, archery and fishing. Please call the Guidance Office for more information regarding Camp Courage. Deadlines are April 1 for the May camp and September 1 for the October camp.

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 - **McCann School of Business and Technology** invites you to join the **GREAT SCHOLARSHIP HUNT** to search and apply for scholarship opportunities on Saturday, April 8th, from 9am to 12pm at 7495 Westbranch Highway, Lewisburg. Open to any high school senior. Door prizes, a raffle basket and snacks will be provided. Contact Michelle Delgado by Wednesday, April 5th to

claim your seat and earn additional entries into the raffle basket at 570-556-4204 ext. 4204 or michelle.delgado@mccann.edu. No commitment to McCann is necessary.

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.

Penn State University Secondary Mathematics NOYCE Scholars Program is offering substantial Penn State (University Park) Scholarships for high school seniors (incoming first-year college students) who want to make a difference as mathematics teachers in high-need schools. Every year since 2006, at least 40 states have identified shortages in the number of available secondary mathematics teachers. Nowhere is the shortage more acute than in our nation's high-need schools. Its scholarship program prepares highly qualified secondary mathematics teachers for positions in high-need rural or urban schools. For more information contact Dr. Gina Foletta at gmf17@psu.edu.

NEW - Penn State University - Hazleton, will be hosting a **Regional Stem Research Fair for Science and Engineering** for grades 9 – 12 on Saturday, April 29, at the Evelyn Graham Academic Building, from 7:30am to 1pm. Register by Friday, April 8 at: Hazleton.psu.edu.

Pennsylvania American Legion - Keystone Boys State - Open to any male student who has completed their junior year and resides in Pennsylvania. KBS students practice and operate fictitious cities, four counties and one state, based on the statutes and codes of the State of Pennsylvania. The program takes place from June 18 - 24 at Shippensburg University. Local legion posts will sponsor the students to attend.

Pennsylvania American Legion – State Police Youth Week

Open to any male or female student who is 15-17 years old and resides in Pennsylvania. The student should be in good health and physically fit. This camp is run like a boot camp, to introduce students interested in law enforcement or a branch of the armed forces. Cadets march in platoons, do physical training and

have instructional time. The program takes place from June 11 - 17 at York College of Pennsylvania. Local legion posts will sponsor the student to attend. Deadline is May 19, 2017.

For 38 years, over 40,000 students have embarked on the internationally acclaimed **Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW)** experience. Any 10th or 11th grade student in good standing with their school is eligible to apply. Every student accepted will be awarded a full scholarship to attend PFEW. The Early Bird application deadline is March 3 and the Final Deadline is April 7, 2017. Students may apply directly at www.pfew.org. Those applications received by March 3rd will receive preferential treatment in the awarding of scholarships and the week assignment in which students will participate. Lycoming College and Pennsylvania College of Technology will offer scholarships to all PFEW graduates who register and are accepted to those colleges. Lycoming College offers a total of \$20,000 (\$5,000/year over 4 years) and Pennsylvania College of Technology offers \$8,000 (\$2000/year over 4 years). The PFEW 2017 dates are Week I, July 2-8; Week II, July 9-15; Week III, July 23-29; and Week IV, July 30-August 5 (2 sessions).

NEW - ATTENTION CLASS of 2017: Submit a creative project about the dangers of drunk and/or distracted driving for your chance to win scholarship money with the **Road to Safety Scholarship Contest** sponsored by **Metzger Wickersham, PC** @ arrivealivepa.com.

First Place: \$1,000
Second Place: \$750
Third Place: \$500

Drive with safety in mind, all the time!
Entries due by May 5, 2017.

Susquehanna University – Summer Writers Workshop – July 9 – 15

An exciting weeklong experience now in its 30th summer, the Summer Writers Workshop provides America's most talented high school writers with the opportunity to work in intensive, small-group workshops headed by nationally recognized authors. One of only 27 programs selected by Early College Programs as a Best Value in Summer College Programs for High School Students, and chosen as one of the 500 best summer programs in the world by Princeton Review Press, the Writers Workshop features workshops in fiction, memoir and poetry.

The workshop is open to experienced writers entering 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2017. Applicants must submit a portfolio consisting of 5-6 poems or 6-8 pages of fiction or creative nonfiction. Writers Workshop attendees are selected based on teacher or counselor recommendations and the quality of their portfolio

submission. Cost is \$770 if applications are submitted online or postmarked on or before April 15 or \$810 if applications are submitted online or postmarked after April 15. Go to www.susqu.edu/writers to complete the application form and submit your portfolio and teacher or counselor recommendations.

NEW - TRANSITIONS presents: A MOCK TRIAL

U.S. v. Michael Davis – A college student is charged with a felony rape after his girlfriend alleges that he forced her to have sexual intercourse against her will. Hear from the witnesses, see the evidence, then you decide; Guilty or Not Guilty.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017, from 6:00 – 8:30pm
Northumberland County Courthouse, Sunbury.
Questions? Contact Katy Koser 570-238-2975

SCHOLARSHIPS

Pennsylvania American Legion Scholarships:

- **Joseph P. Gavenonis Scholarship** – Open to any Pennsylvania high school senior who is child/grandchild of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire. The student needs to be seeking a four year degree in a Pennsylvania college or university. Deadline is May 31, 2017.
- **Robert W. Valimont Endowment** – Open to any Pennsylvania high school senior who is a child/grandchild of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire. The student needs to be seeking a two year career-oriented education or training in a less-than-four-year program in a Pennsylvania school. Deadline is May 31, 2017.

For more information go to: <http://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/>

OPEN HOUSES:

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| 8 | La Roche College – Admissions Open House |
| 8 | Lock Haven University |
| 8 | Messiah College |
| 21 | Messiah College |
| 22 | Clarion University |
| 22 | Immaculata University |