

**UPDATE  
FROM THE  
GUIDANCE OFFICE  
2017**

**DECEMBER 1**

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

**Christmas is a time for caring and sharing.** It has been a long tradition here at Our Lady of Lourdes to share with others, the less fortunate of our area. Gift tags for boys and girls of all ages will be distributed to students from grades 7-12 in homerooms. Administration, Faculty, and Staff may pick a tag from the containers in the mailrooms. Everyone will pick a gift tag, purchase a toy, and return it unwrapped to their homeroom by December 12. At the **Toys for Christmas Liturgy on Wednesday, December 13**, everyone will carry their gift to the tables set up on the gym floor. Family and friends are also invited to attend the liturgy. A representative from the Salvation Army will be present to receive the gifts and distribute them to the needy in our area. Thank you for your kindness and generosity for this wonderful cause. This project is sponsored by the Boys Service Club and Girls Action League. **The choice is optional for elementary students.**

Your heart will be filled with the real meaning of Christmas Joy in knowing that your gift will brighten the Christmas of an area child who may not have received a toy this year. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness and generosity for this wonderful cause.

**It does a heart good to help others in need, especially during the holidays!**

**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 Assistance 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.

**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](http://www.bloomu.edu/ace).

**Available courses for Winter '17 and Spring '18** will be posted online October 6. Scheduling will begin October 30 for Winter. Spring '18 scheduling begins November 13.

**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.

## **Attention current Senior and Junior parents and students:**

The following **youtube video** provides parents and students with information regarding college financial aid.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqrYuYm0zWg>

**NEW** The **Pennsylvania School for Global Entrepreneurship at Lehigh University** is now the “Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive for high school students”. The new name better reflects the program’s global reach and its interactive, hands-on model of teaching leadership and entrepreneurship skills to young adults from around the world. The University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy (UPHCSA) and the Penn State, Pennsylvania School of Excellence in Agricultural Sciences, all former Governor’s School programs are accepting applications for the 2018 summer programs. Current high school sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply. Interested students please inquire in the Guidance Office. Further information may be found at [global.lehigh.edu/Iacocca](http://global.lehigh.edu/Iacocca), [www.hcsa.pitt.edu](http://www.hcsa.pitt.edu) and <http://agsci.edu/school-for-excellence>. Interested students please inquire in the Guidance Office. Deadline is February 15, 2018.

**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](http://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.

**Transitions** announces the **Fourth Annual “Teen Dating Violence Video Contest”** starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Video submissions are due February 12<sup>th</sup> by noon. Open to all high school students in Union, Snyder, and Northumberland Counties. Form a team of no more than 4 members. Create a 30 to 60 second Public Service Announcement about dating violence.

This may include:

- What is a healthy relationship

- Warning signs of abuse
- How to get help

Submit your video by unloading it to YouTube and sending your link to:  
[heather\\_s@transitionsofpa.org](mailto:heather_s@transitionsofpa.org)

Awards for the Top 3 videos:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$250

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100

Five finalists will be selected from all the entries and placed on Transitions' Facebook page. The top three winners will be determined by the number of "Likes" they receive.

## **SAT**

### **TEST DATES**

**December 2**

**March 10**

**May 5**

**June 2**

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**November 2**

**February 9**

**April 6**

**May 3**

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## **ACT**

### **TEST DATES**

**December 9**

**February 10**

**April 14**

**June 9**

**July 14**

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**November 3**

**January 12**

**March 9**

**May 4**

**June 15**

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

