

**UPDATE  
FROM THE  
GUIDANCE OFFICE  
2018**

**January 26**

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

**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.

**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).

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania** is announcing the **2018 Summer Honors Program** hosted by the **Cook Honors College** from July 22 – August 4. They will be admitting 120 students this year. To apply students must submit an application, a teacher recommendation and an official high school transcript. Due to generous alumni contributions, all enrolled students will receive a \$1000 scholarship bringing total program costs to only \$400. For more information, go to <http://www.iup.edu/admissions/honors/summer/>. The application deadline is May 1, 2018.

**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.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The **2018 Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania scholarship program** for students who have epilepsy/seizure disorder will be awarding eleven scholarships, totaling \$11,000, 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 16, 2018.

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 11, 2018.

**ATTENTION CLASS of 2018:** 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**. Drive with safety in mind, all the time!

First Place: \$1,000

Second Place: \$750

Third Place: \$500

Entries due by April 27, 2018. Contact the Guidance Office for more information.

**Ralpho Township Business Association Scholarship Grant** – a \$500 scholarship grant will be awarded to a Ralpho Township student pursuing a degree in Business or a Business related field. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Deadline is March 14, 2018.

## **SAT**

### **TEST DATES**

**March 10**

**May 5**

**June 2**

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**February 9**

**April 6**

**May 3**

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

# **ACT**

## **TEST DATES**

**February 10**

**April 14**

**June 9**

**July 14**

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**January 12**

**March 9**

**May 4**

**June 15**

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