

School Counselor *Newsletter*

Welcome Back

Welcome back!! I will be doing a monthly newsletter to help juniors and seniors prepare for their next step after graduation. The newsletter will be filled with helpful tips and dates/ deadlines. Remember my office door is always open if you have any questions or need help with anything!

Seniors to-do's

- Finalize your list of options and begin submitting your admission application to the programs you are most interested in.
- Register now to take the SAT or ACT if it would be advantageous.
- Look into www.Raise.Me to earn scholarships for college planning activities and class grades throughout your senior year.
- Reminder FAFSA opens October 1st!

Juniors to-do's

- Learn about careers that interest you with different assessments:
<https://iowa.emsicc.com/?radius=50%20miles®ion=State%20Center>
<https://www.truity.com/test/holland-code-career-test>
- Check with Mrs. McDonald if interested in registering for the PSAT, a two-part exam similar to the SAT.
- Start preparing now to take the ACT during your junior year.

Important Dates

September 16th

ACT registration deadline for October 22nd test date

September 19th

Virtual FSA ID Workshop

Register [here](#) through Iowa College Aid

September 20th

SWIA College Fair- Juniors

October 1st

FAFSA opens October 1st!

What is the FAFSA?

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used by the federal government to determine a family's eligibility for grants, work-study, and loans to pay for college.
- States, individual colleges and universities, and private scholarship programs also use information from the FAFSA to make financial aid decisions.
- Applications for FAFSA open in October of the prior year to enrollment.
- Funding is often granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.