

February 2018 Parent Newsletter

JUNIORS

College Information Night

College Information Night is **Wednesday, February 7**, at 7pm in the Dan Dailey Auditorium. This essential meeting is for all juniors and their parents. During this meeting we will discuss pertinent information regarding the college search and application process, including a college planning timeline and features of the Naviance program. In addition, an admission representative from UMSL will share a presentation on the college selection process.

Preparing for College Entrance Tests

We recommend that students take their first ACT during second semester of their junior year. Ursuline will offering ZAPS Test Prep April 9-10. Please visit <https://store.zaps.com/seminars/> to register. Students can also independently prepare for the ACT through Method Test Prep located on Naviance. This resource provides an individualized study plan and practice tests.

Upcoming ACT:

Saturday, April 14

Register by March 9

Visit www.actstudent.org to register

Upcoming SAT:

Saturday, March 10

Register by February 9

Visit www.collegeboard.org to register

PSAT

Juniors received their PSAT results on January 29. This standardized test prepares students for college entrance exams and includes a reading and writing score and a math score. Please have your daughter share her results with you. If you have any questions, please contact her counselor.

SENIORS

Congratulations to all the seniors for their hard work in completing college applications! As seniors receive their admission decisions please encourage them to inform their counselor.

Scholarships

Check out Naviance for scholarship opportunities. Click on the *Colleges* tab and scroll down to the Scholarship List. The Counseling Department updates this list as scholarship opportunities become available.

Financial Aid

Seniors have been busy applying to colleges and it is now time to start thinking about financial aid. As of October 1, parents can complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2018-19 academic year. There have been recent changes to the FAFSA application process, including the earlier access date. For more information, please visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/>