

Counseling

The Counseling Department at Notre Dame High School prides itself on meeting the needs of all students in a Christ-centered environment. From Individual Mental Health Counseling Services to College Applications, the Counselors truly have an open door policy.

Scholarship opportunities are extremely important to us! Our recent graduating classes have received an upward of 1.2 million dollars in scholarship offers.

Please feel free to contact us at anytime. Our email address is ndhscounselor@yahoo.com. As proud Notre Dame High Alums, we want to create an atmosphere where your child can be successful

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Seniors: The end of the first nine weeks is quickly approaching! The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you well informed of DATES and DEADLINES during this very busy year. Please take a few minutes and browse all of the information, highlight what applies/appeals to you. Then, see us for the information.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. Request a transcript three days prior to mailing the information.
2. If you apply online, remember to request a transcript on the red clipboard in the office. Your application is incomplete without the transcript.
3. Please purchase a zip drive and accordion style folder for all of your important paperwork.
* If cost is an issue, please see me.
4. If your application requires a written recommendation, request the recommendation two weeks prior to mailing. You should also extend the same courtesy to faculty if you need a recommendation from a teacher.
5. Register for the SAT and/or ACT ASAP! These exams are required for admission and for the PROMISE scholarship!!! In this newsletter, we have included the dates and deadlines for registration. Both testing companies recommend that you apply online.
6. Take time to visit the schools in which you are interested. You should have visited or scheduled with Admissions for appointments.
7. Included in the newsletter will be scholarship and college information. Check the deadlines and due dates. They are very important if you plan to apply for the scholarships.
8. We recommend that you type the information requested on a "paper" application. First impressions are lasting!!!

TEST DATES

Below is a list of the ACT test dates and deadlines. If you have not already registered for one of these exams, please do so ASAP!!!

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | (Late Fee Required) |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| December 10, 2016 | November 4, 2016 | November 5-18, 2016 |
| February 11, 2017 | January 13, 2017 | January 14-20, 2017 |
| April 8, 2017 | March 3, 2017 | March 4-17, 2017 |
| June 10, 2017 | May 5, 2017 | May 6-19, 2017 |

For SAT test dates: please visit <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-dates>

You may request a fee reduction twice for both the ACT & SAT if you qualify for free/reduced lunch. See us for the required form.

When you register for the exam/exams, include the writing exam. It is recommended for certain schools; see Guidance for details.

NDHS CEEB Code for both exams is: 490-265.

For test prep help check out:

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarship applications are available in the Guidance Office or online:

The AXA Achievement Scholarships are now available on line. Please visit

www.axa-achievement.com . Deadline is December 15, 2016.

Boston University Trustee Scholarship Competition: December 1, 2016 is the deadline. Visit: bu.edu/admissions/trustee

Fairmont state University Scholarship Competition. Please see Guidance for these exciting opportunities!

The GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program: Application materials will be available Mid-October. Please continue to visit <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/scholars-program.aspx>

The GKVF Scholarship applications will be available online at www.tgkvf.org on November 1st, 2016.

WV high Schools Juried Exhibition for West Virginia Wesleyan. The amount \$1,000-\$4,000 (For 4 years up to \$16,000) Deadline is Friday, October 28 Apply by visiting...<http://wwvc.edu/2016-juried-exhibition>

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honors Youth for Outstanding Volunteer Service. The deadline is Tuesday, November 8. You must submit a completed application to Dr. Morrison or the head of an officially designated local organization by November 8. <http://spirit.prudential.com> |877-525-8491
Elks – Most Valuable Student Scholarship. Amounts vary from \$4,000-\$50,000 Deadline November 30, 2016 scholarship@elks.org or 773.755.4872 www.Enf.elks.org/mvs (apply on line)
Elks –Scholarship for Elks Families. . . .deadline February 3, 2017. This is for a High School Senior who is a child or grandchild of a due paying Elks member. scholarship@elks.org or 773.755.4732 or www.Enf.elks.org/leg (apply on line)

The PROMISE Scholarship is a merit-based financial aid program for West Virginia residents. Students who achieve certain academic goals are eligible to receive funds to help pay for college. Eligible high school graduates will receive annual awards up to \$4,750 to cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at public or independent institutions in West Virginia. We will be applying as a group in Senior Religion Classes.

[PROMISE Scholarship Eligibility Requirements](#)

Timeline for the Class of 2017

OCTOBER 1, 2016

The 2017-18 FAFSA will be available on www.fafsa.ed.gov .

The PROMISE Application will be available on October 1, 2016.

MARCH 1, 2017: PROMISE Application and FAFSA Filing Deadline

- Students must complete the PROMISE Scholarship Application (Application for State-Level Financial Aid Programs) by this date. Students may use their eighth semester (typically the spring semester of their senior year) grades to achieve PROMISE eligibility (3.0 GPA in the [core classes](#) and overall), but must apply by March 1st.
- In order to be considered for the PROMISE Scholarship, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be received by the Federal Student Aid Processing Center on or before March 1, 2017, and meet the conditions for processing.

APRIL 2017

Initial award letters are mailed to PROMISE Scholars.

JUNE 3, 2017: SAT

Last date to take the SAT to establish scholarship eligibility (reasoning test only). Scores will not be accepted for any SAT taken after June 3, 2017.

JUNE 10, 2017: ACT

Last date to take the ACT (national test only) to establish scholarship eligibility. Scores will not be accepted for any ACT taken after June 10, 20 [Applications/College Catalogues](#)

We have applications from a variety of colleges, universities, and technical schools.

CSS/Financial Aid Profile: A financial aid form required by several colleges/ universities. Check with the financial aid office if you need to complete this form.

Common Application: Apply once and send to several schools. Check it out on line at www.commonapp.org.

Miscellaneous

Check out the following websites for college/scholarship information that provide free information to parents and students:

www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov

www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.org

www.anycollege.net

www.fastweb.com

NCAA: If you are thinking about participating in a college sport, you MUST register with the NCAA Clearinghouse during your senior year. Visit www.ncaaclearinghouse.org