



Guidance Office: December News

Junior College Prep

PSAT's/SAT's

Now is the time for Juniors to start thinking about the next chapter of life after high school! Mr. Kabakjian will be visiting classrooms next week to discuss college fairs, SCOIR, scholarships, standardized testing tips and other resources.

Student's PSAT scores are available to our students online starting December 5th. [Login](#) into your Collegeboard.org account to see your scores and watch the [video](#) to learn more about preparing for the SAT's. Students should only ever create one CollegeBoard account using their full legal/given name. Please **do not** create another account if you don't remember your password.

Make sure you link your PSAT scores to Khan Academy, they will create a free individualized test prep plan for you based on the questions you missed on the PSAT's. This can be of significant assistance in preparing you for the SAT's. For additional SAT test prep programs options please [click here](#).

All juniors should plan on taking the SATs in March, May, or June of 2023. Register for the SAT's [here](#). SAT testing dates and registration deadlines are as follows:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023

SCOIR ACCOUNTS

Mr. Kabakjian will also be assisting all Juniors in setting up their SCOIR accounts. SCOIR is a secure online program that Dock uses to aid our students in discovering colleges that match their personal and academic interests, helping them navigate through the college selection process. It is designed to assist students and their parents in making informed decisions about college opportunities and career choices. From the students' account they will be able to explore careers, majors, colleges, request official school documents and letters of recommendation to be sent and access other helpful resources. While some colleges can be applied to through SCOIR they don't need to use SCOIR to apply to their colleges. However, through their SCOIR account they will request transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other official school documents to be sent.

Mr. Kabakjian's first task will be to connect Juniors to YouScience, which is an aptitude assessment assisting students in discovering potential career paths. This assessment uses engaging exercises ("brain games") to identify one's natural abilities. As a result, the student is matched with careers for which their natural talents will help him/her excel.

Juniors who become actively involved in the college process now, will find their senior year to be productive, rewarding, and less stressful. [Here](#) is a brief overview of what SCOIR has to offer.

JUNIOR CHECK LIST

While all four years in high school are important, the most pivotal year for academic and career decisions is the student's junior year. During their junior year, students take a more comprehensive look at their future beyond high school. Below are some things juniors should be working on this year.

- ❖ Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October and review your test results with your counselor and parents when you receive them.
- ❖ Set up a time to meet with Mr. Kabakjian about your future career goals, college selection, current academic standing, and selection of their senior year courses.
- ❖ Explore your options to prepare for the SAT. Seek out free online resources and SAT Prep classes as needed. There is a brief list available on the Guidance Office [SAT Prep webpage](#).
- ❖ Develop a list of potential colleges, technical schools, or job opportunities to research.
- ❖ Student athletes who are considering playing in a Division I or II sport in college should become familiar with the *NCAA Guidelines for Student Athletes*. It is important that you check to make sure you are meeting the core course requirements and test standards.
- ❖ Visit the colleges and technical schools that fit your career goals and aspirations.
- ❖ Gather financial aid information from any sources available: Dock, the local community, and most importantly, from the educational institutions you are seeking to attend.

Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

College Financial Aid Night 2022

College Financial Aid Night 2022 will be held on **Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 pm** in Rosenberger Center (R-104).

Michael Burke from Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will be presenting to Dock students and families a detailed overview of the college financial aid process. This will include information on funding sources, types of aid, how to apply for financial aid, what happens after the application process, and much more. There will also be information on major financial aid programs offered from the federal and state government, as well as types of loans available and scholarship opportunities.

If you are unable to attend, you can visit www.pheaa.org or visit the Guidance Office to pick up PHEAA informational materials.

Senior Parent Reminder

It is essential that you fill out the FAFSA Form for your student to qualify for need-based federal loans, grants, and scholarships. Deadlines vary by state and college. This form can be found at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid-fafsa>. We also recommend you visit www.pheaa.org to learn more about The Pennsylvania State Grant Program.

Scholarships

A great resource for scholarships will be found at the college/university in which you plan to attend. Check out their website and ask your admissions counselor what scholarships you might qualify for. You may also wish to contact the financial aid office at the school you wish to attend. Dock also has a list of local scholarships and additional scholarships that our students have received. [Click here](#) to view this scholarship page.

Senior College Reminder

Seniors applying to college, remember to add all colleges you are applying to on your SCOIR account. The Guidance office uses SCOIR to send all supporting documentation to these colleges, including your transcript. You should be requesting letters of recommendation through SCOIR as well. Please give your teachers at least 1-2 weeks' notice to write letters on your behalf. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Leaman before December 22nd. **The Guidance Office will be closed over Christmas Break** (December 23rd through January 2nd).

Save the Dates!

EC-8 Christmas Benefit Concert

Friday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM

9-12 Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 PM

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