



Guidance Office: **September News**

2022-23 Guidance Counselors

For the 2022-2023 school year, Mr. Ken Kabakjian (kdkabakjian@dock.org) is the counselor for grades 9 and 11 and Mrs. Lori Leaman (ldleaman@dock.org) is the counselor for grades 10 and 12. The counselors invite you to email or call them if you have questions or concerns.

Schedule Changes

All schedule changes **for the year** should have been completed by Friday, September 9. Changes made after this date will need approval of parents, teachers, and guidance counselor. From time to time, students may need to drop a class they are enrolled in. Dropping a class they have started will be reflected on their permanent transcript with a WP (Withdraw Passing) or a WF (Withdraw Failing). Please contact your guidance counselor with any questions.

Student Elections

Elections for class leaders are held on Friday, September 9. We appreciate the willingness and dedication of these students to serve our school community as class officers and senators.

Testing Information

Juniors and Sophomores: The PSAT is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12. All juniors will report to their assigned locations by 7:45 a.m. to take this exam. Locations will be posted on Schoology the week before the test. Taking the PSAT is the first step in entering the scholarship programs conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. There is no charge for Juniors. PSAT informational booklets will be distributed when they become available.

The Guidance Office also invites sophomores to take the PSAT; however, there is a \$20 fee. Sophomores can register in the Guidance Office on or before **Monday, October 4th**. A check made out to Dock Mennonite Academy is due when the student registers. Mrs. Leaman will be visiting sophomore classes to give students more information. Sophomores do not qualify for scholarships, but it is good practice for their junior year.

SAT Information

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022
November 5, 2022	October 8, 2022
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023



The easiest way to register for the SAT is online at www.Collegeboard.com. Students should set up an account with College Board. This will give them access to many tools that are available to support SAT preparation and the college search. There are also helps for parents. This is a recommended site for college bound students and their parents.

College Planning

Seniors: Mrs. Leaman visited senior classes this month to go over the **college application process**. All seniors should have an active SCOIR account. SCOIR is a college and career planning system that can help you discover colleges that match your personal as well as academic interests. Students at Dock will use it to navigate through the college selection and application process.



Student Support Team (SST)

For the 2022-23 school year, the Student Support Team (SST) will be: Mr. Gehman, Dr. SilverMoon, and Mrs. Smith. Faculty; Caleb Benner, Campus Pastor; Mrs. Leaman, 10th and 12th grade Guidance Counselor, Mr. Kabakjian 9th and 11th grade Guidance Counselor; and Mr. Doug Hackman, Principal.

Parents or students, are you aware of a student that is struggling with an issue? Are you concerned about a behavior of a specific group or individual student attending Dock? You may bring your concern to SST. Speak to any of the members listed above or write out your concern and bring it to the Guidance Office. It may be done anonymously if you prefer.

Academic Support Service Offered

The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, in conjunction with the Guidance Office, offers academic support services at Dock. Students experiencing difficulties may be referred to the MCIU reading specialist for temporary, focused instruction in reading comprehension, organizational skills, and writing. The sessions will help students improve basic academic skills and bridge the gap between their skills and grade-level material. The service is available to all students on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact Lori Leaman or Ken Kabakjian in the Guidance Office at 215-362-2675, ext. 5601.

Save the Date!

Back to School Night will be held on **Thursday, September 22**.

After several Dock updates, parents will be invited to follow your child's daily schedule to meet teachers.

Please note: This is an event for parents only.



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BACK TO SCHOOL