

Guidance Office News

PSAT

Sophomores and Juniors interested in taking the PSAT need to register in the Guidance Office. The PSAT will be given on **Wednesday, October 13**, at Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School. The **cost to take the exam is \$18.00**. Students should bring a check to the Guidance Office payable to **"Schodack Central Schools" by Sept 21**. The College Board makes fee waivers available to schools for students in eleventh grade from low-income families. See your counselor for more information about fee waivers. Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> for more information.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE EXAMS

AP Exams will take place May 2-May 12. Students taking an AP course should submit their payment to the Guidance Office or their AP teacher for each AP Exam **no later than Friday, October 22, 2021**. **The cost per exam is \$87 and checks should be made payable to Schodack Central Schools.** Exams having to be ordered past the final College Board 11/15 deadline due to late payment will incur an additional \$40 late fee.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College Financial Aid Information Night – October 6, 2021 6:30 PM Virtual

With the high price tag of college, understanding and applying for financial aid is an essential piece of the college decision process. Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School will virtually host a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. A financial aid expert will be presenting on the financial aid process in general and will also provide information about the **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**. Seniors can start submitting the FAFSA October 1 using previous year tax return information so this timely presentation will provide guidance for the process. There will be time at the end for questions and answers. All are welcome to this event and junior and senior students and their parents are especially encouraged to attend.

You must register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nLD39aHPTYCupRxAcZf_3g

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Hudson Valley Community College Instant Admissions Day – November 10, 2021

HVCC Instant Admissions Day allows a student to complete their application ahead of time, meet with a representative and be admitted on the spot. Please let the Guidance Office know if you plan to participate. Be sure to check your program of interest for any earlier application deadlines.

College Representatives Visits at Maple Hill 2021-2022

When college reps visit Maple Hill, they meet with interested students to discuss topics such as their academic programs, campus life, financial aid, and admission procedures of their college. The schedule of visits has been emailed to juniors and seniors and can be found on the Guidance Office web page and will be emailed to students as visits approach. Even with so much information already available on college websites, some reasons why juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend these visits are:

1. Students will meet with a rep and can ask specific questions.
2. In many cases, the rep is the admission officer for the college, so students have a unique opportunity to make contact with the person who may be evaluating their application in the future.
3. The meeting provides a specific contact you can send questions to.
4. If you are seriously interested in a particular college, you can let them know.
5. Sometimes reps will give students an early read on transcripts, test scores and course selections to help the student assess their fit at that college and figure out how to improve chances of getting in.

CASDA recognizes the importance of connecting students with colleges and post-high school careers for recruitment, therefore **CASDA is offering virtual college and career fairs**. Visit <https://www.casdany.org/college-career-fairs> for dates and times.

Junior Students & Parents College Information Night – February 3, 2022 6:30 PM Maple Hill

We invite all junior students along with parents and guardians to a College Information Night at Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School on Wednesday, February 3, 2022, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. This informational session will focus on navigating the college process and the steps juniors need to take this year and early next year in order to successfully complete this process.

Topics of discussion will include: preparing and registering for the SATs and ACTs, researching colleges, the college visit, college applications, factors in admission decisions, college athletics and the NCAA, scholarships and financial aid and important dates and deadlines. Mark your calendar!

SCHOLARSHIPS

A complete listing of scholarships announced throughout the school year is posted on the MHHS Guidance Office web page. As scholarships become available, they will be emailed to the students. Information and/or applications for announced scholarships will be available in the Guidance Office.

TESTING INFORMATION

To register for the SAT's students may apply online at www.collegeboard.com or pick up a registration packet in the Guidance Office. Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School's CEEB Code # is 331255.

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Deadline for Any Changes
October 2, 2021 Register	September 3, 2021	September 21, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)	September 21, 2021
November 6, 2021 Register	October 8, 2021	October 26, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)	October 26, 2021
December 4, 2021 Register	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)	November 23, 2021
March 12, 2022 Register	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022 (for registrations made online or by phone)	March 1, 2022
May 7, 2022 Register	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022 (for registrations made online or by phone)	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022 Register	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022 (for registrations made online or by phone)	May 25, 2022

To register for the ACT's visit the ACT website at www.actstudent.org or pick up a registration packet in the Guidance Office. Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School's CEEB # is 331255.

ACT 2021-2022 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Standby Deadline Photo Upload Deadline
September 11, 2021	August 6	August 20	September 3
October 23, 2021	September 17	October 1	October 15
December 11, 2021	November 5	November 19	December 3
February 12, 2022	January 7	January 21	February 4
April 2, 2022	February 25	March 11	March 25
June 11, 2022	May 6	May 20	June 3
July 16, 2022	June 17	June 24	July 8

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date. See [Non-Saturday Testing](#)

USEFUL ONLINE SERVICES

www.careercruising.com – starting freshman year all students are set up with an account. Great tool to keep track of activities/volunteer work, explore careers, research colleges.

www.commonapp.org - over 300 colleges accept the Common Application

www.fafsa.ed.gov – complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.sss.gov - register online for Selective Service if you are a male age 17 or 18

www.fastweb.com - scholarships, internships, colleges and more

www.HESC.org - financial aid information: applications, deadlines, grants, scholarships, loans

weeklyscholarshipalert.com - free list of scholarship resources for college bound students & their parents

www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college - online college resource for financial aid

www.campustours.com - online source for virtual college tours

www.mycollegeguide.org/ - information on the college admissions process, college information, and financial information.

Applying for Working Papers

When are working papers required?

Minors under 18, including high school graduates, must obtain working papers before they may begin work. The law makes exceptions for golf and bridge caddies and baby sitters, for minors doing casual household chores, and for minors older than 16 engaged in farm work

Who issues working papers?

Applications for working papers are available in the Guidance Office or on the Guidance Office Schodack web page. The Application For Employment Certificate (AT-17) <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/AT17-FillableMay21.pdf> must be signed by a parent or guardian. If the school nurse has record of a physical within a year of the date of the application, she can sign that part of the form. The Physical Fitness Certification (AT-16) <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/AT-16fillable.pdf> must be completed by the family physician if the school does not have a physical on file within a year of applying for working papers. For additional information on the employment of minors, please visit <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/pps/workingpapers/> or call 1-800-HIRE-992.