

# 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 12**, 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 30**. 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 1-May 11. Students taking an AP course should submit their payment to the Guidance Office or their AP teacher **no later than Friday, October 21, 2022**. **The cost per exam is \$88 and checks should be made payable to Schodack Central Schools**. The College Board makes fee waivers available to schools for students from low-income families. See your counselor for more information about fee waivers. 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 – September 28, 2022 6:30 PM

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 host a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. 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.

### Hudson Valley Community College Instant Admissions Day – November 22, 2022

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 2022-2023

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 reminders 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. Therefore, CASDA is offering a variety of college fairs. Visit <https://www.casdany.org/college-career-fairs> for dates and times. One will be held at HVCC on Sept. 29 from 6:30-8:00 pm.

## Junior Students & Parents College Information Night – February 1, 2023 6:30 PM

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 1, 2023, 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](http://www.collegeboard.com).

Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School's CEEB Code # is 331255.

### 2022–23 School Year Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
Aug 27, 2022	Jul 29, 2022	Aug 16, 2022
Oct 1, 2022	Sept 2, 2022	Sept 20, 2022
Nov 5, 2022**	Oct 7, 2022	Oct 25, 2022
Dec 3, 2022	Nov 3, 2022	Nov 22, 2022
Mar 11, 2023	Feb 10, 2023	Feb 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	Apr 7, 2023	Apr 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

\*Your registration options will be limited if you aren't [taking the SAT for one of its main purposes](#).

\*\*United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands only.

To register for the ACT, visit the ACT website at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

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## ACT 2022-2023 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Standby Deadline Photo Upload Deadline
September 10, 2022	August 5	August 19	September 2
October 22, 2022	September 16	September 30	October 14
December 10, 2022	November 4	November 11	December 2
February 11, 2023	January 6	January 20	February 3
April 15, 2023	March 10	March 24	April 7
June 10, 2023	May 5	May 19	June 2
July 15, 2023*	June 16	June 23	July 7

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

## USEFUL ONLINE SERVICES

[www.careercruising.com](http://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](http://www.commonapp.org) - over 300 colleges accept the Common Application

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) – complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

[www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) - register online for Selective Service if you are a male age 17 or 18

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) - scholarships, internships, colleges and more

[www.HESC.org](http://www.HESC.org) - financial aid information: applications, deadlines, grants, scholarships, loans

[weeklyschoolarshipalert.com](http://weeklyschoolarshipalert.com) - free list of scholarship resources for college bound students & their parents

[www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college](http://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college) - online college resource for financial aid

[www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com) - online source for virtual college tours

[www.mycollegeguide.org/](http://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) must be signed by a parent or guardian. If the school has record of a physical within a year of the date of the application, we can sign that part of the form. The Physical Fitness Certification (AT-16) 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 all forms and additional information on the employment of minors, please visit <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/pps/workingpapers/> or call 1-800-HIRE-992.