

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 25**, 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 29**. 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 6-May 17. **Students taking an AP course should submit their payment to the Guidance Office or their AP teacher no later than Thursday, October 19, 2023.** The cost per exam is \$90 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 – October 4, 2023 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, October 4, 2023. 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 December 1 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 15, 2023

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 2023-2024

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 reminders will be emailed to students as visits approach. It is also posted on the Guidance Office web page. 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. The CASDA College Caravan will be at Maple Hill on Friday, Sept. 22 from 12:10-12:35. All students are welcome to attend to receive information. CASDA is also hosting a college fair at HVCC on Sept. 18 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Visit <https://www.casdany.org/college-career-fairs> for all dates and times.

Junior Students & Parents College Information Night – February 6, 2024 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 Thursday, February 6, 2024, 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!

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.

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 and put on the daily bulletin. 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.

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

2023–24 School Year Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
Aug 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023
Oct 7, 2023	Sep 7, 2023	Sep 26, 2023
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 5, 2023	Oct 24, 2023
Dec 2, 2023	Nov 2, 2023	Nov 21, 2023
Mar 9, 2024 (Digital)**	Feb 23, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
May 4, 2024 (Digital)**	Apr 19, 2024	Apr 23, 2024
June 1, 2024 (Digital)**	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024

*Your registration options will be limited if you aren't [taking the SAT for one of its main purposes](#). Registration for the spring 2024 test dates will be available at a later time and are subject to change.

** Students taking the digital SAT [who need to borrow a device from College Board](#) will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.

To register for the ACT, visit the ACT website at www.actstudent.org.
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2023-2024 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Test Information Release for the 2023-2024 testing year will occur in September, April, and June.
See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

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

weeklysolarshipalert.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.