

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 **Tuesday, October 29**, 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 5-May 16. **Students taking an AP course should submit their payment to the Guidance Office or their AP teacher no later than Thursday, October 17, 2024.** 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 may incur an additional \$40 late fee.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College Financial Aid Information Night – November 14, 2024 6:30pm

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 Thursday, November 14, 6:30pm – 8:00pm. 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 6, 2024

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 2024-2025

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.

CASDA College Caravan

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 Thursday, September 26 from 11:00-11:30. All students are welcome to attend to receive information. CASDA is also hosting a college fair at HVCC on Sept. 17 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 4, 2025 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 Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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.

August 2024–25 School Year Test Dates

These test dates and deadlines apply to all students—U.S. and international—taking the SAT:

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug 24, 2024	Aug 9, 2024	Aug 13, 2024
Oct 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024	Sept 24, 2024
Nov 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024	Oct 22, 2024
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024	Nov 26, 2024
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025	Feb 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	Apr 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

*Students [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.

**Late registration is available worldwide. [Additional fees apply.](#)

To register for the ACT, visit the ACT website at www.actstudent.org.
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ACT 2024-2025 Test Dates (National)

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

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline	Test
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6	
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	October 18	
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22	December 6	
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 31	
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28	
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6	
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4	

Information Release for the 2024-2025 testing year will occur in September, December, and February.
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

weeklyschorshipalert.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.