



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 **Wed., 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 from low-income families. See your counselor for fee waiver information. Go to <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt> for more details about the PSAT.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE EXAMS

AP Exams will take place May 4-May 15, 2026. **Students taking an AP course should submit their payment to the Guidance Office or their AP teacher no later than Thursday, October 16, 2025.** 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 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 – Tentative Date: November 13, 2025 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. A financial aid expert will be presenting on the financial aid process in general and will provide information about the **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**. Seniors can start submitting the FAFSA October 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.

College Representatives Visits at Maple Hill 2025-2026

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. A ParentSquare post went to juniors and seniors along with their parents/guardians with an attached list of dates and times each college will be at Maple Hill.

CASDA College Fair

The fall 2025 HVCC CDCA/CASDA Regional College Fair will be on **Monday September 15, 2025, from 6-8 p.m.** at the McDonough Recreation Center on the HVCC Campus. Over 100 two year, four year, public and private colleges and universities will be in attendance, as well as representatives from the armed services. Visit <https://www.casdany.org/college-career-fairs> for a complete list of all the CASDA college fairs.

Junior Students & Parents College Information Night – February 4, 2026 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 4, 2026, 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 to help them with 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 on the MHHS Guidance Office web page. Scholarship information and/or applications, when announced, will be sent to students and parents. All Information and/or applications for announced scholarships will be available in the Guidance Office.

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.

USEFUL ONLINE SERVICES

<https://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.

<https://www.casdany.org/college-career-fairs> - information on New York college fairs organized by CASDANY

<https://www.collegeboard.org/> - SAT registration and SAT practice, AP info, PSAT Info

www.commonapp.org - over 300 colleges accept the Common Application to apply for college

<https://studentaid.gov/> – complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<https://www.sss.gov/> - register online for Selective Service if you are a male age 17 or 18

<https://www.fastweb.com/> - scholarships, internships, colleges and more

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/> - financial aid information, state aid, fafsa, deadlines, grants, scholarships, loans

<https://www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com/> - free list of scholarship resources for college bound students & their parents

<https://campustours.com/> - online source for virtual college tours

TESTING INFORMATION

2025-2026 SAT Test Dates

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.

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Oct. 4, 2025	Sept. 19, 2025 Register	Sept. 23, 2025
Nov. 8, 2025	Oct. 24, 2025 Register	Oct. 28, 2025
Dec. 6, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025 Register	Nov. 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	Feb. 27, 2026 Register	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	Apr. 17, 2026 Register	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026 Register	May 26, 2026

*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.](#)

2025-2026 ACT Test Dates

To register for the ACT, visit the ACT website at www.actstudent.org.
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Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1	August 19
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29
July 11, 2026*	June 5	June 24

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