

The Senior Citizen



There are many important matters that should be attended to during the senior year. Please be aware that most of these have deadlines that must be met.

Seniors “To Do” List

- Don't forget to order your cap and gown for graduation from Josten's no later than December 31st. The cost increases after this deadline. Jostens will be at JMB on Wednesday, October 26th for cap and gown orders. Order forms are available in the main office, go on line at www.jostens.com or call Jostens at 800- 567- 8367.
- Senior portraits should be submitted to yearbook advisor Mrs. Debbie Sebach in room F113 no later than October 31st if you wish to be included in the yearbook. Seniors are responsible for making arrangements to have their portraits done. Senior portraits are being done by Prestige/Lifetouch.
- Parents who wish to purchase an advertisement to recognize their child in the Yearbook, should submit forms to Mrs. Sebach no later than January 6, 2017. Forms are distributed in English classes and available in the Guidance Office.
- If you are enrolled in classes at Wor-Wic, UMES or SU , it is your responsibility to bring a copy of the course registration to your counselor so it can be added to your schedule.
- Students enrolled in college classes are also responsible for submitting a report card from the college as soon as they complete the course. Failure to do so will result in an 'E' for the course on your report card.
- Seniors who are not taking English 12 at JMB must see Ms. Walter in the Guidance Office before December 9th to verify the name on their diploma.

Are you going to college?

- **Applying to college is a time sensitive process so be certain to respect each college's application deadline.** Don't forget to notify your counselor!!!

College application process:

1. Seniors will use Naviance to request transcripts and request teacher recommendations (see directions for using Naviance). Complete college applications on line. Read all instructions carefully, and check your application for errors before submitting. Be prepared to pay the application fee with a credit card and make certain to provide an email address that you check regularly. Contact your counselor to be certain your transcript is sent and to follow up on your letters of recommendation. Visit www.commonapp.org to apply to over 500 colleges with one application! If using the Common Application, you must complete the FERPA Release Authorization form on the Common Application. If using the Common Application, complete the “Common Application Account Matching” on Naviance (blue box under colleges tab). Naviance has a short video on your Home Page of Family Connection to help walk you through this process.

2. **Notify your counselor:** All transcript requests must be submitted in Naviance. Once you have submitted your application to the appropriate college, contact your counselor so that the counselor can submit a transcript to the college(s). Your counselor will complete the school report and also write a personal letter of recommendation. Please give your counselor a copy of your resume and two weeks' notice before the college application deadline.
3. **A Résumé** is not required for all colleges but enhances your application and could provide an added advantage over other applicants. Your resume' will also assist your counselor and teachers when writing a professional and accurate recommendation letter for you. A resume may also be required when you submit scholarship applications.
4. **Teacher Recommendations** - please make request to the teacher(s) of your choice in person.
 - a. Allow teacher at least **two (2)** weeks notice.
 - b. Provide teacher with a copy of your resumé.
 - c. Submit your request for teacher recommendations in Naviance (see directions in Naviance packet)
 - d. Send teacher a thank you note for their efforts

COUNSELOR DEADLINES FOR TRANSCRIPT & RECOMMENDATION LETTER REQUESTS

Friday, November 18th if the college deadline is December 1st

Monday, December 12th if the college deadline is January 1st

Are you going to pursue a career in the military?

Contact your counselor for assistance and to arrange a meeting with a recruiter. The Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (**ASVAB**) will be administered at James M. Bennett on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the Media Center. A representative from ASVAB will return on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the Media Center to distribute and explain results to participants. *Sign up for the ASVAB in the Guidance Office.*

Are you thinking about a trade school?

1. Contact your counselor.
2. Research on Naviance.
3. Check for books of interest in the media center and Guidance Office.
4. Talk to CTE teachers.

Are you thinking about a job?

1. Contact your counselor.
2. Visit the One Stop Job Market (State Employment Office)
3. Research careers and take career interest surveys on Naviance.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

All students attending or are considering some kind of school after high school should apply for FAFSA. FAFSA must be completed to be considered for any need based financial aid and for many grants, scholarships and student loans(that are NOT need based). The preferred method of completing the FAFSA is **online** at www.fafsa.ed.gov beginning October 1st. FAFSA forms need to be completed by March 1, 2017. The FAFSA on the Web Worksheet (available on the FAFSA website) allows you to read and complete the questions before entering your information online. The parent and student should each apply for and receive their own ID numbers which will serve as your electronic signature. Apply for an ID **number** at any time at www.pin.ed.gov.

Scholarship Opportunities

Many state, federal, private and local **scholarships** are available to students seeking higher education. All information received in the Guidance Office is posted on Naviance. Scholarship applications can be downloaded directly from Naviance.

Foreign Language

You **need 2 years of the same foreign language** if you are planning to attend a four-year college/university directly from high school or if you are using foreign language as your career preparation option (completer). Be sure to research a potential college/university of your choice for the number of years required for a foreign language. ESOL I and II count as 2 years of the same foreign language. Some in-state institutions accept 2 credits of Advanced Technology in place of foreign language.

You **do not need foreign language** to meet graduation requirements or for a community or technical college.

Wicomico County Certificate of Merit

You must complete 12 Honors and/or AP level courses by the end of your senior year and achieve an overall unweighted GPA of 3.0 (B average) for all courses. Cumulative grade point average at the end of 15 marking terms will be used to determine your eligibility for the CM distinction. See page 8 in the Wicomico County High School Course Catalog.

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

In order to qualify for Division I & II sports, you must register online at **www.eligibilitycenter.org**. Make certain to meet with your counselor ASAP and review your transcript and coursework to ensure your core courses meet NCAA compliance guidelines. You should register after July 1st of your junior year and advise your counselor once you have registered so they may submit an official transcript to the Clearinghouse.

SENIOR SCHOLASTIC RECOGNITION POLICY

A three-tiered Latin Cum Laude system has replaced class rank beginning with the Class of 2004. The levels of distinction are as follows:

Summa Cum Laude – 4.30 and above

Magna Cum Laude - 4.00 to 4.29

Cum Laude – 3.70 to 3.99

The cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of 15 marking terms will be used to determine recognition of laude distinctions at the senior awards program and on the graduation program. A student who believes that he/she has improved to a higher distinction by the end of fourth term may request a review of grades and if indeed there has been a change, this higher level of distinction will be indicated on the final transcript.

The graduation program will include a listing of the students who have graduated within each level of distinction.

COLLEGE VISITS and COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS AT JMB

Students may use three excused school days in their senior year to visit colleges/universities. If you did not use the three days allotted during junior year, they **cannot** be carried over to your senior year. ***College visitation days do count as absences and will impact your exam exemption status.*** Representatives from many different colleges will visit JMB. Please listen to the announcements.

SAT/ACT College Entrance Exams

One of these two tests must be taken if you are planning to attend a four-year college directly upon graduation from high school. If you attend a community or technical college first, then you would be considered a transfer student and would not need to take the SAT or ACT tests. Be certain to meet registration deadlines or you will be assessed an additional charge. **Online** registration is recommended for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com and the ACT at www.actstudent.org. ***Please pay careful attention to requirements for test day procedures such as having an admission ticket, picture ID, etc....***

SAT/ACT AND COLLEGE FEE WAIVERS

Students who receive free or reduced lunch are eligible for a total of 2 SAT Reasoning test fee waivers or ACT fee waivers throughout their high school careers. Students are eligible for a total of 4 college application fee waivers **if they have used a fee waiver for the SAT.**

SAT Reasoning Test administered at Salisbury Middle School

TEST DATE 2016

Oct 1
Nov 5
Dec 3

REG. DEADLINE

Sept 20 late registration
Oct 7
Nov 3

ACT Test administered at Wor-Wic Community College

TEST DATE 2016

Oct 22
Dec 10

REG. DEADLINE

Sept 17-30 late registration
Nov 4

Our JMB High School Code (or CEEB) is **210928**. You will need this code when applying for colleges and scholarships and registering for the SAT or ACT.



Questions? Please contact your counselor. It's your future. We are here to help you!

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