

# SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS



St. Mary Catholic High School  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE October 27, 2016

### Upcoming College Visits

Oct 27 – Concordia  
Nov 18 – Marian  
Dec 2 – St. Mary's, Winona, MN  
Dec 7 – Paul Mitchell School

### **October**

FAFSA now available online

### **November 1**

Recommended submission date for some college applications

### **November 4**

Registration deadline for Dec. 10th ACT test

### **November 5**

Free FAFSA help at College Goal WI – UW Oshkosh  
FVTC Discovery Day

### **November 7 – December 21**

Freshmen Conferences

### **December 10**

FVTC Discovery Day

### **December 15**

UW Fox Campus Preview

### **January 14**

ZAPS at NHS

### **March 18**

ZAPS at SMC

### Grades 9-12

#### Healthcare Career Experience Events

The Fox Valley Health Care Alliance (FVHCA) is offering three-hour, interactive events for students in grades 9-12 to learn about various healthcare careers: <http://www.fvhca.org/HSCareerExperience.html>

#### FVTC Discovery Days – Appleton Campus

Your visit will include a general college overview, an informative tour of your program area of interest, followed by a panel of current Fox Valley Tech students who will answer questions about campus life. Open to prospective students of all ages and their families. For registration or more information call 920-735-4740.

### Grade 9

#### Freshmen Conferences

Please remember to sign up for your Freshman Conference. We believe there is significant value in meeting with families the first year of high school to ensure a smooth transition and future success. Topics include:

- ✓ Student strengths, interests, abilities and potential
- ✓ Academic planning and course selection
- ✓ Student involvement at SMCHS
- ✓ Graduation requirements
- ✓ Assessment planning
- ✓ Career and college exploration resources

### Grades 11-12

#### Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)

The ROTC is a leadership training program for students who plan to serve in the U.S. military after college. Scholarship requirements vary slightly between the military branches. It's important to **apply for ROTC scholarships as early as possible, preferably during your junior year of high school**. Deadlines differ by military branch, but may fall anywhere between December 1 and January 31 of your senior year. Confirm deadlines with your local recruiter's office.

#### ZAPS

The ZAPS ACT Test Prep Seminar is being held at both Neenah High School and SMC again next year. The seminar will be held from 9am-3pm and the cost is \$89.99. Register at <https://store.zaps.com/seminars/>

(see more for grade 12 on next page)



## Grade 12

### **FVTC Promise Scholarship**

Through the generosity of donors, the FVTC Promise will pay tuition, fees, textbook costs, and required materials and supplies, after federal and state grants and scholarships have been applied. This is available to eligible students for up to six consecutive semesters (minimum 12 credits, up to 15 credits each semester; does not include summer semester). The FVTC Promise is available at all FVTC campuses and regional centers.

<https://www.fvtc.edu/Community-Alumni/Foundation-Alumni/Scholarships/FVTC-Promise>

### **UW Fox Campus Preview Day**

Tour the campus, hear from current students and professors, and ask questions. Registration is required. Click on the session that you would like to attend to register. Please plan to arrive approximately 30 minutes early for check-in. Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 5-7pm in the Communication Arts Center [Register now](#)

### **FAFSA**

Remember to file at <https://fafsa.gov/> or get free help at a College Goal Wisconsin event: [www.collegegoalwi.org](http://www.collegegoalwi.org)

### **Senior Meetings**

Mrs. Castagna is meeting with every senior to check in on college applications, scholarships, financial aid and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedules.

### **Parchment**

Transcripts will not be sent to colleges until Senior Information Sheets and Resumes have been turned in to the Counseling Office.

### **ACT/SAT**

Students register online for both tests. Our **school code is 501280**.

ACT: <http://www.act.org/>

SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

### **ACT Preparation Resources**

- **Mrs. Peterson** will be holding free math prep sessions over the lunch hour. Contact her for details.
- **ACT Test Prep Seminar at Xavier HS:** <http://acttestprepxavier.com/>
- **ZAPS at NHS and SMC:** <https://store.zaps.com/seminars/>
- **Free practice booklets** are available in the School Counseling Office.
- Find **free help** at: <https://quizlet.com/subject/ACT-test-prep/>
- **ACT Practice tests** can be found at:  
[http://www.wisconsinprivatecolleges.org/sites/default/files/public/downloads/free\\_act-sat\\_prep\\_sites.pdf](http://www.wisconsinprivatecolleges.org/sites/default/files/public/downloads/free_act-sat_prep_sites.pdf)
- **UW Oshkosh ACT Prep Course Jan 7-Feb 11** <http://oce.uwosh.edu/personal-and-professional-development-programs/youth-programs/act-test-prep-course/>