

# SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS



St. Mary Catholic High School  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE March 24, 2016

March 25

Kaplan (free) online ACT  
Prepathon

April 13

Course registration closes

April 28

Deadline to register for Aviation  
Career Day

May 1-12

AP testing

July 10-15

Private College Week

### Grade 9

#### **Aviation Career Day**

Freshmen interested in science, technology, engineering, math and/or the aviation industry, are invited to attend Aviation Career Day on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1pm at Gulfstream in Appleton. This event is free and includes continental breakfast and lunch. We will need at least 1 parent volunteer to chaperone. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and will end on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please contact Mrs. Hall at [cmhall@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:cmhall@smcatholicschools.org) (see attached flyer).

### Grades 9 - 11

#### **2017-18 Course Registration**

Course Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin after spring break for all current students in grades 9-11. Mrs. Castagna will visit classrooms by grade level the week of April 3 to discuss course offerings and new classes, review online registration instructions, course planning and graduation requirements. Then, students will have the week of April 10 to enter course requests into Power School independently. Teacher Recommendations have been entered into Power School for Math, Science and English courses and will be visible to students as they register. Course requests are due by the end of the day on Thursday, April 13. Please see the [2017-18 Course Selection Guide](#) for details.

#### **SMCS Summer Offerings**

Visit the [SMCHS homepage](#) to find additional summer programs in Academics, Athletics and Fine Arts.

#### **Pre-College & Summer Programs**

Many colleges and universities offer summer programs for high school students to explore career, academic or other interests. Please check college and university websites for precollege program offerings.

### Grades 10 - 11

#### **Wisconsin Private College Week – SAVE THE DATES: July 10-15, 2017**

Get a jump start on summer planning. One of the best ways to find a best fit for college or university is to visit campuses and experience the environments firsthand. Wisconsin has 24 private, nonprofit colleges and universities. Visits include the opportunity to tour facilities, see residence halls, speak with admissions and financial aid officers meet current students and faculty members, try the food and learn more about academic programs, sports, clubs and more. [Online registration](#) opens in the spring.



### **University of Wisconsin System Schools –Tours, Preview Days**

A campus tour or preview program is a great way to see if a college campus might be the right fit. Campus tours are generally guided and usually include a meeting with an admissions representative. Preview programs often include a campus tour and meeting with representatives from student services offices, admissions, academic departments, and/or current students. Dates and registration information can be found at [UW Help](#).

### **ACT/SAT**

Students register online for both tests. SMCHS school code is 501280.

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

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

### **Free Practice Resource Hub**

Students may take a free SAT or ACT pop quiz, 20-minute workout, or proctored practice test online, and Kaplan will donate Kaplan course scholarships to students through the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Visit <http://ktp.events/wisconsin>.

### **Parent Event: Financial Aid**

Kaplan held an interactive parent webinar about navigating financial aid, the process of applying for scholarships, filling out the FAFSA, and managing student loans. You can find a recording of that [here](#).

## Grades 11-12

### **Certified Nursing Assistant summer programs new to the Fox Valley Area**

Quality CNA Training classes will be held in June, July or August at St. Paul Elder Care in Kaukauna. The program includes classroom, lab and clinical training, all participant materials, background checks, certification in Adult CPR/AED. Community First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogens, review, practice and scheduling of WI CNA examination. The fee for summer program course is \$800. SMC will accept course completion for ½ elective credit toward graduation requirements. Contact Tanya Christianson, Training Coordinator at 715-902-1035 for more information including scholarships and funding availability with employer partners.

CNA programs are also available at Fox Valley Technical College and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

### **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams**

Reminder that AP exams will be held May 1 to May 12. Registration for AP exams is complete. Details will be sent to all students taking exams in late April.

### **Wisconsin Business World Program**

This year, the summer program will be held on the campuses of St. Norbert College in De Pere (June 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>), and Edgewood College in Madison (July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>). Business World is the education division of the WMC Foundation with summer programs since 1982. High school rising junior and senior students from across the state take the driver's seat of a hypothetical company and navigate through a series of real-world obstacles. Business leaders from across Wisconsin advise and mentor the students. The cost per student to attend the event is \$250, scholarships and local business partner supports may be available. Please visit [www.wibusinessworld.org](http://www.wibusinessworld.org) for more information, registration is now open.

## Grade 12

### **UW Placement Tests**

Students admitted to, and planning to attend, a University of Wisconsin System school, please follow instructions from your campus for important next steps including placement testing and registration for new student programs (see attachment).