

# SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS



St. Mary Catholic High School  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE November 16, 2017

### Upcoming College Visits

Nov 20 – UW Fox (8:30am)  
– FVTC (1pm)  
Nov 21 – Paul Mitchell (8:00am)

### **November 30**

UW Fox Preview Day

### **December 5 – January 26**

Junior Conferences

### **December 9**

FVTC Discovery Day

### **January 20**

ZAPS ACT Prep at NHS

### **January 22**

Post-Secondary Planning  
Night

### **February 3**

ZAPS ACT Prep at SMC

### **February 6**

FVTC College Preview

### Grades 9-12

#### **Athletic Training Workshop at UW-Oshkosh**

UW-Oshkosh will host its annual Athletic Training workshop on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am – 2:30pm. This workshop provides an opportunity for students to understand more about the athletic training profession and the UW Oshkosh Athletic Training Program. Participants will learn and practice various skills used by athletic trainers. Program changes each year to encourage return participants. Cost is \$50. Registration deadline Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for the brochure and program details.

#### **Post-Secondary Planning Night**

Representatives from post-secondary institutions will each present and be available to answer your questions on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm. Presenters include the US Military, University of Wisconsin System two and four year schools, Wisconsin private colleges/universities and Wisconsin Technical College system **Juniors** and their parents are highly encouraged to attend, students from all grades are welcome.

### Grade 11

#### **Badger State**

Badger Boys & Girls State are week long summer programs that help students become better informed citizens on how state government functions. Participants are divided into two political parties and “learn by doing” as they run for office and function on city, county and state levels. SMC selects at least one male and one female candidate each year. Students apply through their Social Studies classes. For more information visit the [Badger Girls State](#) and [Badger Boys State](#) websites.

#### **Junior Conferences**

Conferences begin Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Parents should have received an email invitation from Sign Up Genius on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> with a link to schedule an appointment that is convenient for you and your child. Please contact Mrs. Hall if you did not receive the link. PSAT/NMSQT results are expected mid-December and will be reviewed during Junior Conferences.

#### **ACT / SAT**

Students register online for the [ACT](#) and [SAT](#). Our **school code is 501280**. Mrs. Castagna will discuss testing during conferences. Please feel free to contact her with any questions.



### **Free ACT/SAT Test Prep Resources:**

- Booklets outside Counseling office
- Online Practice Tests:
  - [Quizlet](#);
  - [Princeton Review](#)
  - [Peterson's Test Prep](#)
  - [Khan Academy](#)
  - [Free Prep Events](#)
  - Download a free ACT study guide, sign up for question of the day and practice test sections [here](#)
- Check your local library for free online practice and prep resources

### **For Purchase ACT Test Prep Resources**

- [ACT Online Prep™](#)
- [Fox Valley Test Prep Seminar](#)
- [ZAPS](#) ACT Test Prep Seminar
- [UW Fox Valley Test Prep](#)
- [US Oshkosh Online Test Prep](#)

## Grades 11-12

### **Fox Valley Technical College Exploration**

FVTC offers two different preview formats for prospective students.

[Discovery Day](#) – Saturday, Dec 9 from 10-12 gives students customized tours of specific program areas.

[College Preview](#) – Tuesday, Feb 6 from 3-6pm gives students a broad overview of the programs offered along with financial aid presentations.

## Grade 12

### **College Applications**

Priority deadlines are fast approaching for most colleges. If you haven't submitted your applications yet and need help, please see Mrs. Castagna.

### **Scholarships**

The two largest scholarships offered specifically to SMC students (Hartl and Zephyr) have been activated in Naviance. Scholarship applications available in Naviance Family Connection using student log in.

Parents can also view scholarships and deadlines at [Family Connection Log-In](#), select "I'm a guest", password **Zephyrs**. Choose the "**Colleges**" tab and select "**Scholarship List**".

If you are planning to attend Fox Valley Technical College click [here](#) for scholarship information.

As you receive scholarships, please let Mrs. Hall know so they can be recognized in our Academic Awards Program on May 2, 2018.