

# SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS



St. Mary Catholic High School  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE December 18, 2017

### December 19

Fox River Scholarship Center  
at SMC

### January 8

Crunch Time – Freshmen  
Finals Review

### January 20

ZAPS ACT Prep at NHS

### January 22

Post-Secondary Planning  
Night at SMC

### February 3

ZAPS ACT Prep at SMC

### February 6

FVTC College Preview

### Grades 9-12

#### **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 9

#### **Freshmen Conferences**

Parents/Guardians of freshmen will be invited to schedule a conference with Mrs. Castagna to discuss your child's adjustment to high school, progress to date and involvement at SMC. Invitations will be sent through a website called "Sign Up Genius" sometime in January.

#### **Crunch Time - Freshmen Finals Review**

National Honor Society is hosting "Crunch Time" for current freshmen who would like help preparing for final exams. The event will be held January 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Commons. Students may rotate to different subject areas. Snacks and study break games will be included. Please see attached flyer for details.

### Grade 11

#### **Medical Mentoring**

The Medical Mentoring program allows juniors to job shadow medical professionals during summer vacation. Students will spend a minimum of 12 hours observing mentors in their day-to-day work environments, including fast-paced clinical and surgery settings. Applicants must have completed Chemistry. Watch for more details in mid-January and in the next newsletter.

#### **ACT – February 27th**

Mr. Batey sent an email to all parents/guardians regarding an opportunity to take the ACT plus writing through SMC. You must respond to the email by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> in order to be considered as seating is limited. Please refer to his email for complete details.

#### **ACT/SAT**

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

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

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



### ***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](#)

### ***ZAPS ACT Test Prep Seminar***

SMCHS is hosting the ZAPS ACT Test-Prep Seminar on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Students who would like to attend may register at [www.doorwaytocollege.com](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com).

## Grade 12

### ***Fox River Scholarship Center***

The [Fox River Scholarship Center](#) (FRSC) is an online scholarship resource that includes dozens of scholarships held at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, as well as others that are offered by local civic and community organizations. A representative from FRSC will be meeting with any interested seniors on Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> during Activities A in the Art room to walk them through the application process and answer any questions. **Students should bring their laptops.**

### ***Naviance/Family Connection Scholarships***

Scholarships are added to Naviance/Family Connection as they are received so be sure to check the Scholarship List often!

Monday, January 8th  
3:30-5:30 PM in the commons

# CRUNCH TIME

## Freshmen Finals Review Night

Sign up by Friday, Jan 5th  
to get your **Out of Dress**  
**code pass** for Monday,  
January 8th!

### Event Includes:

**Study Tips &  
Finals Overview**

**Sessions in  
Math**

**Foreign Language**

**Global Studies**

**Earth Science**

**Paper/Project Editing**

Cereal  
and  
Snacks  
included

Bring  
laptop  
and study  
materials

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