



# SMCHS COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

January 2019



## Freshman Conferences

Parents should have received an invitation to sign up for Freshman Conferences through Sign Up Genius. If not, please email Chris Hall at [chall@smcatholicsschools.org](mailto:chall@smcatholicsschools.org).

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## Sophomore Pre-ACT Scores

Pre-ACT scores, test booklets and interpretation guides will be distributed to students in Biology classes on January 11th. Counselors will help students understand their test results and Career Interest Inventory Reports.

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## Juniors

**Medical Mentoring** applications open in February and will be discussed in Science classes 2nd semester. Participants must attend a Career Experience Event (CEE) before May. Click [here](#) for a list of CEE dates and locations.



SMCHS is hosting the **ZAPS ACT Test-Prep Seminar** on Saturday, February 9 from 9-3pm. Students who would like to attend may register [here](#).

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## Seniors

- UW System Placement Testing opens February 1, 2019. Click [here](#) for details.
- 2nd semester schedule changes may have an impact on your admission status. Be sure to notify Admission Offices of any course changes.
- Remember to check Naviance regularly for scholarship updates.
- Scholarship tips from UW HELP:
  - **Check your prospective UW university(ies):** UW HELP has [links](#) to scholarship and [Financial Aid resources](#) on their [website](#).
  - **Never pay for scholarships.**
  - **Apply for all scholarships** that pertain to your interests, even if you've only dabbled in an activity.
  - **All dollar amounts are important.** Smaller scholarship amounts add up and may be more accessible than larger single dollar amounts.
  - **Keep organized** with deadlines and what materials (essays, letters of rec., transcripts) go with which applications.
  - **Good letters of recommendation** take time. Ask for references from people you know at least two weeks before you need them.
  - **All support counts:** Applying for reciprocity for out of state colleges is a type of scholarship (discount) to reduce tuition cost. Additional aid through [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) can provide need or help in emergencies. You never know what you are eligible for until you apply so don't skip out on the free application. Applying for FAFSA shows you

are open to all types of financial aid and might help your chances of receiving scholarship dollars.

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## Advanced Placement Testing

AP test order forms will be distributed through AP classes in the beginning of 2nd semester. Forms and payment are due February 19. Cost per test is \$94.

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## ACT/SAT

Students register online for [ACT](#) and [SAT](#) tests  
Our school code is 501280

### **Free Test Preparation Resources:**

[Quizlet](#) [Princeton Review](#) [Peterson's Test Prep](#)  
Practice booklets outside the Counseling offices  
Check your local library

### **For Purchase ACT Test Preparation Resources**

[ACT Online Prep™](#)

[Test Prep Seminar](#) at Xavier High School

[ZAPS ACT Test-Prep Seminar](#) (see above)

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## Pre-College & Summer Programs

Many colleges and universities offer summer programs for high school students to explore career, academic or other interests. A list can be found on the bottom of the Naviance home page and on the websites of individual colleges and universities.



## Healthcare Summer Camps

Bellin College is accepting applications for their summer Nursing and Medical Imaging camps. Sophomores and juniors may apply online at [www.bellincollege.edu](http://www.bellincollege.edu). Space is limited so apply early!

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## Music Scholarships

The Les and Dar Stumpf Youth Arts Scholarship provides up to \$500 per child per year to families with a demonstrated financial need. this scholarship gives children (grades K-12) the opportunity to be enriched by an arts experience. For details go to [www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarship](http://www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarship) and click on K-12 Art/Music Lessons. Due April 1.

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## FVTC Events

Jan 15 - Transportation Preview Day (12-4pm)

Feb 12 - College Preview & Technology Fair (3-6pm)

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