

# COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

October 27, 2022

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Butler Senior High School



# College & Career Readiness

- XELLO - access through Clever
- Google Classroom - Seniors
  - Upcoming events, career resources, job opportunities, College Admissions counselor visits @ SHS
- College Assessments
- Timeline for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Financial Aid Overview

# Xello

- Career and Post-Secondary research tool
- Internet-based program to be used from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Access it through Clever on our SHS website
- Required career lessons

# Act 158 Keystone Exams

Act 158 Checklist

# College Assessments

Currently most schools are test optional

- PSAT
- SAT
- ACT



# PSAT: Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

- “Practice” for SAT given on the 3rd Saturday in October
- Provides starting range for future SAT scores and identifies areas that need improvement
- Indicator for future AP coursework
- Recommended for juniors (National Merit Scholarship)
- Register in fall of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Let your counselor know if you qualify for accommodations (Chapter 15, IEPs etc.)
- Fee: \$20, waivers available

# SAT

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

- Required for 4 year college applications
- Recommended in the spring of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Re-tests are available in fall of 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- About 3 hours & 50 min
- Evidenced Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)
  - Reading comprehension and sentence completion
- Math sections
  - Algebra, Geometry, Probability & Statistics

# **SAT TEST DATES 2022-23**

## **COLLEGEBOARD.ORG**

**TEST DATE**

**REGISTER BY:**

**DEADLINE WITH LATE FEE**

October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

**COST:**

**\$60.00**

**Late Fee -- \$30.00**

**SCHOOL CODE—39166**

**SCHOOL ID—390-500**

# ACT

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- Alternative to SAT, accepted equally by colleges & universities
- Includes 4 subtests: Reading, Math, English & Science with an optional Writing section
- Approximately 3 ½ hours in length
- Recommended testing in spring of Junior Year

# ACT TEST DATES 2022-23

## ACTSTUDENT.ORG

TEST DATE	REGISTER BY	DEADLINE WITH LATE FEE
September 10, 2022	August 5, 2022	August 19, 2022
October 22, 2022	September 16, 2022	September 30, 2022
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022	November 11, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2022
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	Mar. 24, 2022
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2022

### COST:

No Writing--\$63.00

Plus Writing--\$88.00

Late Fee—36.00

SCHOOL CODE—183-700

SCHOOL ID—390-500

# Which test to take...

- SAT & the ACT are accepted by colleges & universities
- Take the PSAT & compare your results to scores that colleges recommend
- If doing well on the PSAT, stick with the SAT
- If not, or in doubt, take both the SAT and ACT on different months
- Re-tests are available
- Superscore: the best scores are used by colleges
  - Both sets of scores must be reported

# SAT/ACT

- Scores sent directly to Colleges
  - Up to 4 score reports will be free if prior to test or within 9 days following the test date.
  - It will generally take 3 weeks for reports to be sent
  - After testing window, cost is \$12 for each report sent
- Colleges require scores to be sent directly from College Board or ACT
- Ex: Pitt, PSU & NCAA...so check with your school.
- Scores are NOT reported on high school transcript

## 2- Years or Less

- Trade Schools & Technical Schools
  - [Butler Votech](#) - Expo Nov 17, 2022 (6-8pm)
  - [Pittsburgh Technical College](#) (take SAT)
  - [New Castle School of Trades](#)
  - [Bidwell Training Center](#)
  - [Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics](#)
  - [High Flight Academy](#)
  - [Pennsylvania College of Technology](#)
  - [Rosedale Tech](#)
  - [Triangle Tech](#)

# 2- Years or Less of Post-Secondary

- Apprenticeship Programs
  - Builders Guild of Western PA (16 Trades)
    - [www.buildersguild.org](http://www.buildersguild.org)
    - Sheet Metal, Plumbers, Iron Workers, Operating Engineers, Steamfitters, Electrical Engineers, Carpenters
    - [apprentice.org](http://apprentice.org)

## 2- Years or Less of Post Secondary

- Community Colleges
  - No SAT or ACT required
  - [Butler County Community College](#)
  - [High Flight Academy](#)
    - [Community College of Beaver County](#)
    - articulation agreement with aviation academy
    - [Aviation Academy](#)
- Resources:

<http://discoveryourskills.com/>

# Butler County Community College

- Top 10% of class free tuition
- Job Corps- based on need - totally free
- Open house in fall and spring
- SAT/ACT not needed. Can replace placement test

SAT:        Math   570                    EBRW    500

ACT:       Eng    21                    Math      23

- Optional bachelor completion program
  - Articulation agreements with colleges are updated annually.
  - BC3 visits the SHS monthly to meet w/students & answer questions.

# One year Higher Education Cost Comparison 2019-2020

Based on 15 credits per semester.

The following amounts\* do not include room & board estimates.

- \$5,310, BC3 Butler County resident
- \$8,400, BC3 PA resident
- \$11,294, Public 4-Year Institution
- \$13,945, PA state related branch campus
- \$16,825, PA state related main campus
- \$36,801, Private Institution

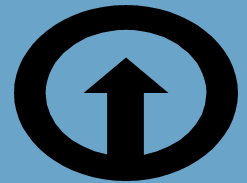
\*Sources include: PASSHE [www.passhe.edu](http://www.passhe.edu), The College Board - Trends in College Pricing [www.trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing](http://www.trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing)

# Freshman & Sophomore Year

## Priorities...

- Challenging academic schedule
- Grades
- Extracurricular activities
  - Example: music, sports (NCAA), clubs
- Create a resume in Xello listing school achievements & school participation. Ex: job/volunteering
- See Counselor for career interview (scheduling, college testing & school information)

# Junior Year Priorities...



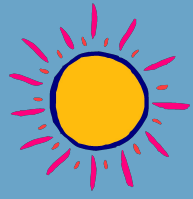
- Increase level of difficulty of classes
  - Ex: Academic to Honors, Honors to A.P.
- Review credits and scheduling with Counselor
- Continue resume in English class with Xello (list of activities, both curricular & extra-curricular, including leadership positions)

# Junior Year Priorities...

- Have a “family discussion” about schools
  - size, location, distance from home, cost
  - check out [My Smart Borrowing](#)
- Attend *College Fair* in September
- Research colleges noting their admissions requirements including SAT/ACT, GPA, & language requirements (Info can be found in Xello)
- Ask tough Q's (retention rates, job outlook, # of openings, % of placement in field)

# Junior Year Priorities...

- Take the PSAT in October & discuss scores with counselor
- Schedule SAT and/or ACT if required.
- NCAA eligibility - see handout
  - [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
  - \$90



# Summer before Senior Year...

- Make appointments with admissions offices to interview & tour campuses
- Send “thank you” letters to interviewer
- Finalize resume using *Xello* to format & print professionally
  - included with your applications
  - use if requesting a letter of recommendation

# Senior Year Priorities...

- Complete college applications
  - Most completed online
    - fees charged, essays uploaded, transcripts uploaded for free
  - Student must notify counselor to send electronically or sign a transcript request form and provide postage fee if mailing
  - Pay attention to decision deadlines (early decision, early action, regular decision)

# Senior Year Priorities...

- Confirm college choices by May 1<sup>st</sup> & notify declined colleges
- Miscellaneous:
  - Register for Advanced Placement (A.P.) exams that will be given in May
  - Final transcript will be sent to college of choice

# BC3 Early College Pioneer Program

- Beginning with 20-21, seniors had the opportunity to spend their first 3 periods of the high school day on campus at Butler County Community College taking BC3 Freshman English classes, Speech, and Microeconomics for dual credit
- 14 credits for FREE (thanks to a grant)

# Letters of Recommendation

- Required by more selective schools
- Ask two of the following:
  - teachers, manager, counselor or coach
  - provide them a copy of your resume or complete the Recommendation Letter Form
- Give a minimum of 2 weeks notice
- Write thank you note

# Senior Year Priorities...

- Take a full “academic”and challenging schedule
- Attend the College Fair in September
- Register for the SAT, ACT if necessary

# Financial Aid

There are 3 sources of aid:

1. Institutional: identified through FAFSA, awarded by colleges or universities in the form of a financial aid package
2. Scholarships - local & national
  - **Local**: available in guidance office and online in February, bulletins will be sent to senior homerooms announcing the different scholarships available
  - **National**: posted on the [SHS guidance](#) website, start fall of Senior Year or sooner
3. Educational Loans:
  - Through financial aid office of college, after FAFSA completion
  - Through private lenders (banks & credit unions)

# Financial Aid

- Complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) after October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Income tax & asset information is necessary
  - Filing deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Financial information determines “Expected Family Contribution” (same regardless of college selection)
  - The EFC is deducted from the total cost of attendance to determine financial need (net price calculator)
  - Attend FAFSA workshop at Senior High in October
- Some schools also require the CSS Profile - contact individual financial aid offices to be sure



## Financial Aid cont.

- A financial aid package may consist of grants & scholarships, work study & low interest loans
- Each college offers their own financial aid package

# Financial Aid Resources

- Suggested websites:
  - [FAFSA](#)
  - [Student Aid Estimate](#)
  - [College Board CSS Profile](#)
  - [PHEAA](#)
  - [Fed Loan Servicing](#)
  - [My Smart Borrowing](#)
  - [You Can Deal With It](#)

# Scholarship Information



Suggested website:

- [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)
- [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)
- [niche.com](http://niche.com)
- [goingmerry.com](http://goingmerry.com)
- [Unigo Scholarship Info](#)
- [Scholarships on SHS Website](#)



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