



UHS COUNSELING OFFICE

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Save the Dates

PSAT/NMSQT

Wednesday, Oct. 13th
@ 7:30AM Utica United
Methodist Church
Cost \$17.00

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Junior Parents:

Hello, I'm Taylor Piatak, the school counselor for grades 9-12! The junior year is an exciting and busy one for both students and their parents. This letter is an attempt to provide you with information regarding some upcoming junior guidance activities at Utica High School.

Counselor Connection Newsletter

Each month a digital version of the UHS, Counselor Connection Newsletter is emailed to all juniors & UHS students with information regarding school events, and college & career exploration prep. The newsletter is also posted on the North Fork Local Schools website under the Counselor Office link.

<http://www.northfork.k12.oh.us/GuidanceOffice.aspx>

PSAT

The redesigned PSAT is meant to provide early exposure and preparation for the newly designed SAT. College Board has directly linked additional test practice to increased performance on the SAT test. When students receive their scores they will be given a link that provides additional tools and resources to explore college and career readiness.

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test or PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading, math, problem-solving, and writing skills developed over many years, both in and out of school. **The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered on October 13th. Students must sign up by Friday, Oct. 8th in the Counseling Office. There is a \$18.00 fee which covers scoring of the test by the College Board (Payment can be made by cash or check made payable to UHS).**

ACT/SAT Testing

Juniors planning to attend college after they graduate should start taking the ACT/SAT any time after Christmas Break of this year. National test days and deadlines can be found on the North Fork website under the Counselor link. Test registration must be completed online for the national test days.

All Juniors will take the ACT on the state assigned day at no cost. Those students attending in the UHS building are projected to test on March 1, 2022. Students attending C-TEC or KCCC may test on a different date.

ACT/SAT Test Prep

There are free resources available online that can help students increase their ACT/SAT scores.

Websites:

Number 2 - <https://www.number2.com/index.cfm?s=0>

Prep Factory - <https://www.prepfactory.com/>

Kaplan Test Prep - <https://www.kaptest.com/sat/free/events>

Spark Notes - <http://www.sparknotes.com/>

ACT – <https://www.act.org>

SAT – <https://www.collegeboard.com>

College Fairs & College Rep Visits

Junior year, students are permitted one college visit. Students must pick up a form in the counseling office and have their college representative sign for the day to be excused.

It's never too early for students to begin exploring their college options.

College Rep Visits will be happening throughout the fall & winter months here at the high school during U-Time. Juniors are encouraged to sign-up ahead of time with their counselor.

Current College Rep Visits scheduled are:

9/13- Miami University of Oxford

9/21- OSU- Main Campus

10/6- Shawnee State University

10/7- Youngstown State

10/11- Ohio Northern University

10/12- University of Mount Union

Information

Additional resources and links can be found online!

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Please do not hesitate to call the Guidance Office at (740)892-2072 concerning any questions regarding the above information. I look forward to working with you and your student.

Taylor Piatak
School Counselor