CHS Junior Class Information – 2019-2020

Check us out on the web at www.bismarckschools.org

1. **Counselor Assignments**
	1. A-E – Mrs. Kisse
	2. F-K – Mrs. Russell
	3. L-R – Mr. Trottier
	4. S-Z – Mrs. Sailer
2. **PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test**
	1. Scholarship competition test – like SAT Reasoning Test
		1. Test Day – **Wednesday, October 16** at **7:45 am** (periods 1-4)
		2. Register with Mrs. Humann, counseling secretary/registrar by **Tuesday, Oct. 8** - space is limited to first 130 students who register
		3. Pre-registration session will be held Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30am
	2. Preparing for the PSAT/NMSQT
		1. PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin
		2. Visit the College Board web site (www.collegeboard.org)
3. **Visit with College Representatives and Military Recruiters**
	1. Check daily bulletin for scheduled visits
	2. Make plans to visit potential colleges during the summer or other school breaks
	3. Visit military recruiters at their offices on Front Street
	4. National Guard offices are just east of CHS, call 1-888-ND-GUARD, or go to www.ndguard.com
4. **College Admission Standards**
	1. See attached sheet for ND four-year college requirements
	2. Out-of-state schools may have additional requirements
	3. NCAA athletic eligibility – go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) for more info and to register
		1. NCAA Division I & II require 16 core courses
		2. Division I requires 10 core courses be completed prior to 7th semester (end of junior year)
5. **Competitive Admissions Schools/Programs**
	1. Be aware of early deadlines for admission and/or financial aid, any special requirements, and admission test recommendations from selective schools
	2. Many specialized/technical programs have limited openings as well (e.g. Dental Hygiene, Power Plant Processing, Welding, etc.)
	3. Consult college guides online and contact schools for more information
	4. Apply Early!
6. **College Admissions Testing**
	1. All colleges require students to complete an admissions test
		1. **ACT** ($50.50) – preferred test in the Midwest – [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

**ACT Plus Writing** ($67) – not required by ND colleges, may be required in other states

Test dates – Saturdays, 10/26, 12/14, 2/8, 4/4, 6/13 – you may take the exam multiple times

***\*All CHS Juniors will be given the ACT Plus Writing on Tuesday, March 3 at no cost\****

 ***\*Registration will take place at school in February\****

* + 1. **SAT** ($49.50) – **SAT with Essay** ($64.50) - east/west coast, private/selective schools - [collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

**SAT Subject Tests** – some schools may require for admissions or placement purposes

Test dates – Saturdays, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 3/14, 5/2, 6/6

* 1. Fee waivers available for students on free or reduced meals – see your counselor
	2. Register for these tests online and make sure to include CHS School Code: **350-159**
1. **Test Preparation**
	1. “Zapping the ACT” – five-hour workshop
		1. Fall seminar at LHS Sat., Sept. 21 (9am – 3pm) - register at [doorwaytocollege.com](http://www.doorwaytocollege.com)
		2. Cost is $95 – includes three complete practice tests and a study guide
	2. Testive – online test prep course includes customized study plan and two full-length practice tests
		1. Provided free to all ND students by the Bank of ND
		2. Go to www.RUReady.ND.gov and click on test prep
	3. Sylvan Learning Center and BPS have partnered for ACT test prep with special pricing
		1. ACT practice test (Sat., Jan. 25) and test interpretation (Wed., Jan. 29)
		2. “Boot Camp” - Feb. 3 & 5 or Sunday, Feb. 23
		3. Look for more information coming this winter (last year’s cost - $130)
2. **Scholarships**
	1. Limited opportunities for juniors – look online for:
		1. Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
		2. Chevy Scholar Program
	2. ND Scholars Program
		1. Top scholars, as measured by ACT scores, are awarded full in-state tuition scholarships
		2. Only ACT tests taken during junior year will count toward this program – there is no application

C. North Dakota Academic Scholarship & North Dakota Career and Technical Scholarship

 1. Programs offering $750 scholarships per semester for four years (up to $6,000 max)

 2. See attached sheet for eligibility requirements, specific criteria, and more info

D.Use this time to enhance your “resume”, i.e. academics, school activities, community activities, leadership experience, work experience, GPA/class rank, ACT/SAT scores

1. **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)**
	1. Test measures military aptitudes, qualifications for military
		1. Test day – **Thursday, September 26**, periods 1-4 at CHS
		2. Open to juniors and seniors at no cost - sign up in the counseling office by Friday, September 13

 B. No commitment to the military by taking the test

1. **Military Service Academies**
	1. Air Force (Colorado Springs, CO), Army (West Point, NY), Merchant Marine (Kings Point, NY), Navy/Marines (Annapolis, MD) – scanham2@bis.midco.net is local contact for Naval Academy
	2. Educational cost – none; valued at over $100,000/year
	3. Officer – 2nd Lt.; military commitment – 5 years
	4. Application procedure
		1. Seek appointment from ND Congressman (more info on their websites)
		2. Request pre-candidate questionnaire
	5. Admissions testing – April/June 2020
2. **Career Planning**
	1. Career Advisor – Mrs. Henkelman will be at CHS Monday thru Thursday each week – stop in the counseling office to set up appointment
		1. Provides career counseling, interest inventories, employability training, labor market info, etc.
		2. See her about taking the WorkKeys exam, attending a Career Forum or participating in a Job Shadow (see attached)
	2. RUReady.ND.gov – this online program can help you plan your future work and learning
		1. Explore career and work options with help of interest profiler, skills survey, values sorter, etc.
		2. Map your future with high school and college planning tools, plus financial aid info and ACT prep
	3. Career Outlook – annual ND publication with information on occupations, employment trends, schools, financial aid, and conducting a job search
3. **Senior Meeting – new for summer 2020**
	1. This spring – you will schedule a senior meeting with your counselor
	2. Review transcript, view/modify senior year schedule, discuss future plans