

## Guidance Office **Updates**

Our Guidance Counselors have had a busy start to the 2021-2022 school year! Grades 9-11 counselors are meeting one-on-one with freshmen to touch base as the students begin their high school career. Counselors visited the freshman PCC classes in September to discuss post-secondary options, and they will visit the classes again in November and December to present information about Graduation Pathways requirements and to talk about academic plans for the four years at AHS. The counselors also visited sophomore SRTs at the beginning of the year with information about upcoming practice college entrance exams and college & career planning.

In late August, the senior counselors met with grade 12 English classes to give information about applying for colleges. Due dates, application tips, and how to send high school transcripts were discussed. Seniors received their orange FAFSA/Financial Aid folders in SRT class at the end of September. The senior counselors are continuing with individual meetings with all of their students. Make sure your senior checks the "Class of 2022 Guidance Group" in Schoology often for updates on scholarship and career opportunities.

## **AP Exam Registration**

Students in AP courses were given information about online test sign-up using Total Registration in late August. Students taking AP courses and exams must complete the online registration by October 29th. Register for AP exams here.

### **Counselors visit PCC** Classrooms





### **Guidance Links**

Visit our Stay Connected Guidance webpage for a link to our Twitter page, Guidance Unscripted podcasts, and easy access to Schoology, Naviance, and more.

## PSAT/NMSOT









## **PSAT and PreACT -- October 26th**

The PSAT will be administered to sophomores and juniors at Avon High School on the morning of Tuesday, October 26th, in SRT. Students in grades 10 and 11 received the Official PSAT Student Guide on Tuesday, September 28th. The booklet has useful test information, test-taking tips, and practice questions.

All AHS freshmen will take the PreACT on Tuesday, October 26th, in SRT. This exam by the ACT offers an excellent career and interest inventory component for students.

Click on the pictures to the left for more information about the exams.

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## Financial Aid Night

Avon High School's Financial Aid Night presented by INvestED will be held on Tuesday, October 5th, at 7:00pm in the auditorium for senior parents and students. This presentation will include beneficial tips and advice as parents and students begin to explore how to pay for college.



## **FAFSA Day**

FAFSA Day for Avon High School senior parents is from 1:00-7:00pm on November 9th in the ALC Lecture Hall (enter door 13). Parents of seniors can get individualized help completing their FAFSA. The <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u>, or FAFSA, is the form that determines financial aid from the government and most colleges. The form collects personal and financial information from students and parents, and applies a formula to determine the Expected Family Contribution.



## **Scholarship Help**

Take a look at the <u>Post Secondary</u> section on the Guidance Webpage to see multiple scholarship websites to explore. The ALC Guidance office and your senior counselor are great places to learn about local scholarship opportunities.



# Career Planning Resources

Two great websites to visit for career planning advice and resources are <u>LearnMoreIndiana.org</u> and <u>IndianaCareerReady.com</u>. Both offer many ways to research high-demand jobs and tools to help find the perfect career fit.

# Important Dates for Seniors

### October 1

- FAFSA now available
- Last day to submit blue sheets to ALC Guidance Office for colleges with Nov 1 deadline

### October 5

- Mini College Fair in SRT
- Financial Aid Night in Auditorium at 7:00pm

### October 26

 No school for seniors (good time to plan a college visit, military recruitment meeting, or job shadow)

### October 27

 Herff Jones presentation about graduation gowns and announcements in SRT

#### November 4

 Herff Jones Graduation orders collected 11:30am-6:00pm in ALC Cafeteria Commons

### November 9

 FAFSA Day at AHS 1:00-7:00pm (enter door 13)

