

September Senior Bulletin

September 29, 2023

COLLEGE DAY FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, October 11 is PSAT day at Bishop Dwenger, and seniors do not have school on this day. Please use the time to work on college applications, take a college visit, line up a job shadowing day, or to finish your service hours. (Service hours are due on October 25.) The priority application deadline for many colleges is November 1. PSAT day is a day off from school and is a good time to plan and prepare for your future.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

This is a reminder that when you are applying to a school using the Common Application, you must be sure to MATCH your Common App account with your Naviance account AND complete the Recommenders and FERPA section. If you do not take these steps, **WE CANNOT SEND YOUR TRANSCRIPT TO ANY SCHOOLS.** If you need assistance with the use of Naviance or the Common App, please see your counselor. Be sure to bring your laptop with you.

SENIOR INFORMATION SHEET

If you have not yet completed your Senior Information Sheet, please do so as soon as possible. The Senior Information Sheet can be found in Canvas modules in Class of 2024 BDHS Seniors. The original due date was September 11.

TESTING

The SAT and ACT are administered at various local high schools. The cost for the SAT is \$60; the ACT costs \$68. Registration is available online at: SAT: www.collegeboard.org and ACT: www.actstudent.org. *Test fee waivers are available in the guidance office for students who qualify for free- or reduced-lunches and for students who are 21st Century Scholars. See your guidance counselor for a waiver.*

School Code: 151082

Test Date		Registration Deadline
	SAT	
November 4		October 5
December 2		November 2
	ACT	
December 9		November 3

Notes Regarding Testing

1. If you are pursuing the **Academic Honors Diploma** and you are **not** taking two AP/college classes, you must earn at least 1250 SAT (minimum score of 590 on Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing and 560 on Math) or a 26 ACT composite
2. **Be sure to have your test scores sent all schools you are applying to.** Even if you have your scores sent to a school, you can still apply test-optional. If you indicate you are applying test-optional on the application, the college will not consider your scores in the admission process.
3. If you are registered or will register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to participate in Division I or II college athletics, they do not require test scores this year to determine eligibility.
4. Update from Purdue University - *Purdue University expects applicants to have SAT or ACT scores. Recognizing that in some exceptional cases, applicants may not have been able to take a test, we allow submission of applications in those cases via the Common App.*

TEST-OPTIONAL ADMISSIONS

Many colleges have implemented a Test-Optional policy for admission. Test-Optional means you decide if your test scores will be used in the admission process for that school. For test-optional schools, we recommend that you read each school's explanation of the policy on their admissions webpage. Pay special attention to the statistics posted regarding the average SAT and ACT scores of admitted freshman students. Look for the freshman class profile on their website. This will help you know how your test scores compare to those of admitted students. You must decide if your test scores strength or weaken your application. If you indicate that you do not want your test scores used in the review process, the academic focus of your application will be on the level of rigor of the courses you have taken, how you have performed in courses related to your intended major, grade trends (consistency, improvement) and your overall GPA. If you need help deciding whether to use your test scores or not, please talk to your school counselor. ****Please**

note applying test-optional may impact scholarship consideration and direct-admit to certain programs at some schools. Be sure to read all information each school provides regarding test-optional policies, procedures, and restrictions.

COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMEFRAMES

As you have probably encountered, colleges and universities use a variety of processes to admit students. Below are a few of the terms used regarding application types and timeframes. If you have questions regarding the best time to apply to a specific school, please consult your counselor.

Rolling Decision (ROLL): Applications are processed as they are received. Notification of a decision will be within a couple of weeks to months, depending on the time of year. Schools that use this application process typically have a pre-determined set of academic standards students must meet.

Early Decision (ED): This is a legally binding application period and is the earliest possible application period. Students may apply to only **one** school ED and should apply only if they are absolutely committed to attending that school if admitted. Some selective schools may further restrict students from applying to any other school during their Early Application period. Be sure to read and understand each school's policy. An ED form must be signed by the student, a parent, and the counselor and submitted at the time of application.

Early Action (EA)/Priority: This is the earliest non-binding application period. The deadline for EA is usually in November, and notification of a decision is usually in December. Schools that use this application employ a holistic approach and determine the standards for admission based on the quality of the applicant pool as a whole.

Restrictive Early Action (REA): Students applying Restrictive Early Action to a school *may not* apply to any other college or university during their *binding Early Decision* process. Some selective schools may further restrict students from applying to any other school during their Early Application period. Be sure to read and understand each school's policy. Notre Dame utilizes Restrictive Early Action.

Regular Decision (RD): This is the later, non-binding application period. The deadline for RD is usually December 31 or later, and notification is in March or April. Schools that use this application employ a holistic approach and determine the standards for admission based on the quality of the applicant pool as a whole.

DUAL-CREDIT COLLEGE CLASSES FOR SENIORS

If you are taking a dual credit class through PFW next semester, including ENG 131 Reading, Writing, and Inquiry, COM 114 Fundamentals of Speech, and/or CS 112 Survey of Computer Science or a class on campus, you need to complete the application process for PFW's Collegiate Connection program. Most students did this last spring. **A representative from PFW will be here in November. You must meet with the rep on this day to determine if you are properly enrolled.** The cost for the ENG131, COM 114 and CS 112 classes is \$75. Fees will be due to PFW by the second week of class in January.

Indiana Tech offers an Early Start program for high school students to take courses for \$225 per course, plus the cost of books. A variety of general education courses are available online and in traditional classroom settings. You can complete your application now at www.IndianaTech.edu/EarlyStart. Be sure to use an email address that you check frequently. **A representative from Indiana Tech will be at BD in November to help students select classes. Please try to have your application submitted by November 1. Let your counselor know once you have submitted your application.**

Students may also take dual-credit courses through **Ivy Tech**. Ivy Tech courses cost approximately \$450, plus the cost of books and tech fees. Visit <https://www.ivytech.edu/fortwayne/> for more information and to apply. **A representative from Ivy Tech will be here in November register students for classes. Please submit you application by November 1.**

COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT/ATHLETES

Students planning to play NCAA Division I or II athletics need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center after the completion of the junior year. **Register online at <http://eligibilitycenter.org>.** The cost to register is \$100. Fee waivers are available for students who used a fee waiver to take the SAT or ACT, and you may request one when registering. Please let Miss McGuire know when you have submitted a request for a fee waiver. Carefully read the rules and regulations the NCAA has established regarding prospective college athletes and the eligibility standards.

Students who plan to participate in athletics at the NAIA level must register with the NAIA at www.playnaia.org. The fee to register is \$90. Once you have registered, please let Miss McGuire know to upload your transcript. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunches may receive a fee waiver to register.

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **University of Cincinnati** has established a Metropolitan Tuition Rate for Indiana residents, which will allow students living in Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Steuben, Noble, or Wells counties to attend at Ohio-resident tuition rates, plus a \$25 per credit hour surcharge. This is an annual savings of approximately \$14,000. After being accepted to U of C, students must submit the required documentation to receive in-state tuition. SAT/ACT test scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies to U of C. Some programs of study are excluded. For more information, visit <https://admissions.uc.edu/tuition-aid/kyin.html>.

The **Midwest Student Exchange Program** is a tuition reduction program that makes attending our-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for non-resident students. States with participating schools include Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Visit <http://msep.mhec.org> for a list of participating institutions.

Scholarship Name: Indiana University Merit Scholarships – these scholarships are awarded to high-achieving students who apply for admission to Indiana University by the priority deadline of **November 1, 2023**. All required documents and forms must be submitted by this deadline. You can self-report your test scores at the time of application, but you will need to have your official scores sent directly to IU from the testing agencies later. Students who meet initial eligibility criteria will be invited to complete the online Selective Scholarship Application (SSA). Notification of a student’s eligibility to apply for Selective Scholarships will be offered via email and in the admission packet. *If you apply test-optional to IU, you may change to test-included if you later earn test scores you would like to report. ****Also, if you apply test-optional to IU, you will need to submit a Review Request form to be considered for direct admit to Kelley School of Business.**

Scholarship Name: Purdue University Merit Scholarships - All students who complete the Purdue admission application by **November 1, 2023** and who are admitted, will be considered for scholarships. These awards are limited in number and the award process is competitive. All information associated with the admission application is reviewed for scholarship consideration. The following factors are considered in the awarding of scholarships: Grades in **core academic coursework** and strength of the high school curriculum; grades in coursework that are critical to success in intended major ; SAT or ACT scores ; evidence of commitment to the academic program to which the student has applied; application essay; evidence of leadership, service, and other accomplishments, activities, and awards; personal background and experiences; and letters of recommendation (optional). ***Update from Purdue University - Purdue University expects applicants to have SAT or ACT scores. Recognizing that in some exceptional cases, applicants may not have been able to take a test, we allow submission of applications in those cases via the Common App.**

Scholarship Name: Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Criteria: Plan to pursue a post-secondary education

Amount: \$4,000 – 60,000 over four years

Deadline: **application is available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm and is due by November 13.**

Scholarship Name: University of St. Francis Assisi Program for Discipleship and Leadership

Criteria: The Assisi program focuses on adding layers of prayer, study, fellowship, service, and mission to your USF experience. Students must also plan live in the dorm. Other application requirements include 3.25 or higher GPA (typically), two reference letters, a personal narrative essay, and an interview.

Amount: Half of the cost of Room and Board as USF

Deadline: **application and more information is available at go.sf.edu/assisiprogram. The priority deadline is December 1. You must also apply for admission to USF by this date.**

WHERE TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded by colleges, businesses, organizations, and individuals. The criteria for scholarships vary, depending on the objective of the sponsor. Places to seek scholarships include:

Colleges: Colleges offer several types of scholarships: merit/talent, departmental, athletic, and academic. Scholarship information should be available on the Financial Aid portion of the school’s

website. Some scholarships are automatic and are awarded at the time of application for admission. Others may require supplemental applications, interviews, and/or auditions. Exhaust all possibilities of scholarships offered through the colleges. These scholarships tend to be generous and renewable for up to four years.

Parents' places of employment: Many businesses and corporations offer scholarships to their employees' dependents. Check with human resources.

Student's place of employment: Many businesses and corporations offer scholarships to their employees. Check with human resources.

Clubs/organizations to which parents belong: Many organizations offer scholarships/grants to members' dependents. Check with club officers or the national/state chapter.

Internet Searches: The Internet is an endless source for scholarship information. It is advised to have more than one account with online searchers. A rule of thumb when searching for scholarships is to never pay to apply for a scholarship, nor pay for a scholarship search. A few reputable websites are:

<https://student.naviance.com>, www.collegeboard.org, www.commonapp.org, www.fastweb.com, www.college-scholarships.com, and www.indianacollegecosts.org,

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO BDHS

The following representatives will be at BD during specific class times in the near future. If you are interested in meeting with a representative, get a pass from Mrs. Stefanek in the guidance office. **All passes must be signed by the teacher of the class you will miss and returned to the guidance office at least one day prior to the visitation day.**

COLLEGE NAME	DATE	TIME/PERIOD	SCHEDULE
ANDERSON UNIVERSITY	Wednesday, October 10	8:45/2nd Period	
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY	Thursday, October 19	8:30/ 2nd period	Mass day
HILLSDALE COLLEGE	Monday, October 30	8:45/ 2nd Period	
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE	Thursday, October 5	12:15/ 5th Period	
INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON	Monday October 2	9:45/ 3rd period	
INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDY (IUI)	Tuesday, October 3	8:45/2nd Period	
MARIAN UNIVERSITY	Wednesday, October 25	9:30/ 2nd period	1 hour delay
PFW	Monday, October 9	8:45/ 2nd period	
PURDUE WEST LAYFAYETTE	Thursday, October 5	8:45/ 2nd period	
ST. MARYS COLLEGE	Tuesday, October 24	8:45/ 2nd period	
TRINE UNIVERISTY	Friday, October 27	8:45/2nd period	
UNIVERISTY OF SAINT FRANCIS	Monday October 16	8:45/ 2nd period	
VALPARAISO UNIVIVERSITY	Wednesday October 4	9:30/2nd Period	1 hour delay

COLLEGE EVENTS

Ivy Tech is hosting a Skilled Trades Career Exploration Day on Friday, October 6 from 9:00-2:00. RSVP at this site https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6bvKCYVYmx8C8T6cRrL32DxOm_XdcM_WKez014oXyL139Rg/viewform.

Trine University is hosting a visit day on Wednesday, October 11 (PSAT Day – no school for seniors). To register, visit <https://connect.trine.edu/register/?id=472a911b-b322-4555-8be4-9d837c018a65>.

The **University of Dayton** is hosting preview days on campus on Sunday, October 8, Sunday, October 22, and Sunday November 5. For more information, visit go.udayton.edu/previewday.

PFW is hosting a fall campus visit day on October 22 from 1:00-4:00. Visit pfw.edu/fcvd for more information.