



Senior Newsletter Class of 2023

Congratulations, senior year is here!

Future Plans

Senior year is the time to make decisions about what you will do after graduation. Will you go to college, technical school, join the military, or enter the workplace? Most of you are making plans and will begin working through steps like filling out applications, taking the ACT again, looking for scholarships, and/or researching job opportunities. **Mrs. Perry is meeting with all seniors to discuss future plans. She is pulling seniors one by one to visit and you can stop by and say hi on Mondays & Tuesdays (and every other Wednesday).**

College Visits & Job Shadowing

Each senior can use two college days to check out universities of interest. Remember to come to the counseling office to get your college day form for teachers to sign **before** you plan on being absent to take your college day. One of the college days can be used to job shadow in a career field you are interested in; job shadowing forms are available in the counseling office.

FAFSA

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** window opens October 1. For priority consideration, submit your application by Feb. 3, 2023. FAFSA® forms must be submitted by June 30, 2023. [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

Selective Service

Young men are required to register for the Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18. The process takes only about 45 seconds to do online at <https://www.sss.gov/>.

ACT

College-bound seniors need to take the ACT. The ACT determines college placement and helps earn scholarship money. Fee waivers are available to students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Fee waivers cannot be used on the district test on October 18. www.act.org For ACT testing dates see the website: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration>

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Resources

Counselor Website
<https://mo02207039.schoolwires.net/Domain/62> We are working to update and add information to the Counselor's Corner on the school website.

Coca-Cola Foundation
<https://www.coca-colascholarfoundation.org/apply/> This website has links to many different resources, search engines, and scholarships.

DHEWD
<https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/>
The Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development for Missouri has many tips for planning and paying for college.

Scholarship Central Missouri
www.myscholarshipcentral.org
Scholarship Central Missouri is a resource for finding scholarships.

Journey to College
JourneytoCollege.mo.gov
Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development, Journey to College provides information about college options.

Going Merry
<https://www.goingmerry.com>
Free scholarship and financial aid platform. Personalized matching. Thousands of scholarships.

Fastweb
<https://www.fastweb.com/>
Free scholarship and financial aid platform.

*These are just a sample of the scholarship search engines available.

College Applications

If you are interested in attending College of the Ozarks in Branson, you need to be filling out that application now.

You can fill out the applications for the colleges you are interested in at any time leading up to next spring. **The Common Application is a good way to apply for multiple colleges at once. You can apply to colleges at once like Missouri State in Springfield, Mizzou, Drury, and Missouri S & T. There are many, many colleges on the Common App.**

Application fees do apply to some colleges but fee waivers are available. Let me know if you need help with a fee waiver.

Most open-admission colleges take applications even up to the week before you want to attend. Open-admission colleges are colleges like OTC, MSU- West Plains, ASU- Mtn. Home.

Important Dates to remember if you are interested in attending college:

- September 21 @ Homeroom — Senior College Financial Aid Meeting
- October 11 @ 7:55 a.m. — MSU West Plains representative visit
- October 12 at 5:00 — Senior Financial Aid Night and FAFSA FRENZY
- October 18 — District ACT test 1-4th hours
- October 25 — Mansfield College & Career Fair (We will post a sign-up sheet.)
- November 14 @ 11:00 — Mizzou representative visiting
- November 17 @ 1:00 — MSU Springfield college representative visit

A+ Students: Make sure you are filling out the A+ Tutoring Log form. You can find the log forms in my office. This is how we track hours, so turn in your completed forms.