

## **STUDENT COORDINATOR'S ZONE JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2017**

### **GRADUATION/CREDIT REQUIREMENTS**

We encourage **ALL** students to work their hardest and turn their assignments in to be successful in earning the required credits for graduation. A student is able to complete at least six credits per year with a normal school day schedule. The following are the Graduation Credit Requirements:

- \*Credits needed to be a sophomore – 5.5
- \*Credits needed to be a junior – 11
- \*Credits needed to be a senior – 16.5
- \*Credits needed to graduate – 22

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, we will be adding a 7<sup>th</sup> hour to the day. Although we will not be adding minutes to the day, this will allow us to add an hour of electives to high school students by shortening the other six hours by a few minutes. A student will be able to complete at least seven credits per year with a normal school day schedule. The following will be the new Graduation Credit Requirements:

- \*Class of 2021 and beyond – Will need 26 credits to graduate
- \*Class of 2020 – Will need 25 credits to graduate
- \*Class of 2019 – Will need 24 credits to graduate
- \*Class of 2018 – Will need 23 credits to graduate

Grade status will be as follows:

- \*Freshman Status – Less than 6.5 credits
- \*Sophomore Status – 6.5 credits
- \*Junior Status – 13 credits
- \*Senior Status – 19.5 credits

**\*\*A Reminder: It's never too early to start researching and visiting colleges to find out your best fit!**

### **SAT**

All juniors took the SAT on April 11, 2017. They have all created a College Board Account to view their scores. This account also allows them to choose up to four colleges that they would like their scores sent to. They have also connected their College Board account to Khan Academy where they used personalized practice tests to help prepare them for the SAT.

If any student would like to retake the SAT to try to improve their score and make them eligible for more possible merit scholarships from colleges, the following dates are scheduled at local areas/schools. Cost: \$46 without essay, \$60 with essay. To register and learn more about the SAT, visit: [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register).

## **SAT TEST INFORMATION**

<b>TEST DATE</b>	<b>REGULAR DEADLINE</b>	<b>LATE REGISTRATION</b>
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	Until August 15, 2017 (Online)
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	Until September 19, 2017 (Online)
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	Until October 25, 2017 (Online)

## **SELECTIVE SERVICE**

Just a reminder to all male students: Sign up with the Selective Service within 30 days of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to stay eligible for federal student loans, government jobs and job training. You may register at your local post office or at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

## **VARIOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Several scholarships are available at [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org). New scholarships are added to this site occasionally. Applications, information about each scholarship, and deadlines are posted. Check it out! There may be a scholarship for you.

## **WELLS FARGO**

Wells Fargo has a couple websites to aid in your college planning. One is Your Financial Aid Journey in 5 Steps, which is a series of videos to help you through the financial aid process in five simple steps – starting with completing the FAFSA. This information may be found at [www.wellsfargo.com/fivesteps](http://www.wellsfargo.com/fivesteps). Another is a private website designed to help students gain access to over 7 million scholarships totaling more than \$41 billion. This website for tuition funding sources can be found at [www.tuitionfundingsources.com](http://www.tuitionfundingsources.com).

## **MERIT AID**

Merit Aid is awarded to students with a broad range of GPA's. Students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher often qualify. MeritAid.com is the first comprehensive website dedicated to helping students with the college search by matching them to merit-based scholarships from colleges across the country. For more information, visit [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com).

The Merit Aid site will help you jump-start your college search. It is connected to Cappex.com where we encourage you to complete a profile at <http://www.Cappex.com/>. Cappex.com is a new, free website. It is a good way to see how your accomplishments and interests match with colleges. It also is a site where you can use valuable tools to assist you on essay writing, timelines for the college search, FAFSA, college visits, financial aid, etc. Cappex.com goes one step further than most college search sites by having colleges apply to you through a private, secure college center. Go to <http://www.Cappex.com/> and complete your FREE profile.

## **MICHIGAN TRANSFER NETWORK**

The Michigan Transfer Network (MTN) is a website that allows anyone to view transfer course equivalencies between many Michigan colleges and universities. This website is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers and is hosted by Michigan State University. The website is [www.MichiganTransferNetwork.org](http://www.MichiganTransferNetwork.org).

## **OTHER HELPFUL SITES FOR FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS AND LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **FAFSA**

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

### **FAFSA PIN**

<http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

### **Michigan's K-12 Curriculum and Standards web page**

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753---,00.html>

### **Huron County Community Foundation**

<http://huroncountycommunityfoundation.org>