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Dear Sophomore Students and Parents,

We are writing to inform you that beginning December 11th, 2017 students can access their PSAT scores by visiting <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org>. Students without a CollegeBoard account will be able to create one. **Students should take care to keep this important account information accessible as it will be utilized extensively throughout the college application process.**

Official score reports are scheduled to be delivered by the end of December and will be forwarded to students as soon as they are received. Counselors will be available to discuss and interpret scores for individual students by appointment.

The PSAT is comprised of 2 sections, Evidenced Based Reading and Math Problem Solving. These results are useful for students to identify areas to work on for the junior year SAT exams. **Scoring is based on a 160-760 scale for each section.** Students can also visit www.satpractice.org for an individual study plan based on his/her test results as well as review question and answer explanations. Student test books are available in the guidance office.

A college search, selection and application time line is available on the Guidance website. The Guidance Department will begin group meetings with students in their junior year. Sophomore students are encouraged to utilize the free online SAT and ACT test prep available to all M.H.S. students via their Naviance accounts and/or the Kahn Academy website.

Naviance is a web based program the Guidance Department utilizes to help students navigate through the college application process. All students have Naviance accounts and all parents are encouraged to register as well. For parents who have not yet registered please contact the guidance office. A guide to the program is available on the guidance webpage under the tab for Naviance Family Connection.

As always, if you have any questions about the PSAT results, the free online SAT Prep or the college application process, please visit the guidance page at www.mufsd.com or contact the guidance office at 631-298-8471, ext. 3224.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Lynch".

Brian Lynch
Guidance Coordinator

College Search and Application Timeline

Freshman Year-

Complete Do What You Are Interest Inventory on Naviance
Utilize Free SAT Test Prep (Method Test Prep) on Naviance
Get involved in Extracurricular and or Volunteer Activities

Sophomore Year-

November – PreACT (practice ACT)
March-May-Meet with your Counselor to Ensure your Course Selections are Meeting College Entrance Requirements
Continue to Keep Track of Extracurricular Activities
Complete Career Cluster Finder and Investigate Careers on Naviance
Utilize Net Price Calculators on Individual College Websites for est. of College Costs
Register at NCAA Eligibility Center if interested in DI or DII College Athletics

Junior Year-

October- PSAT (Practice SAT)
December- PSAT Results returned
January- Group Meetings with Counselors (students will be asked to complete checklist items in Naviance including Career Interest Profiler, Junior Survey, Game Plan Survey, College Search, Resume, SAT and ACT Registration)
Jan-April- Individual Meetings with Students and Counselors to discuss Post-Secondary Plans
February- Parent College Night
March-August- SAT and ACT Tests for Juniors
March- Aug- Continued College Search, College Visits, Contact Coaches, Rough Drafts of Essays and Extracurricular Resumes
Utilize Net Price calculators on Individual College Websites for estimate of college costs
Utilize FAFSA Forecaster for estimate on your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) based on Federal Financial Aid formula

Senior Year-

September- Group Meetings and Individual Meetings with Counselors
Oct-December- Three more opportunities for students take SAT or ACT depending on their individual needs
Oct-December- Request Teacher Recommendations- usually two teacher recommendations and one counselor recommendation
Sept-December- Continue to Visit, Tour and Interview at Selected Colleges
October- January Complete CSS Profile (Financial Aid Form) if required by your college(s). Complete FAFSA (Free Application for Fed. Student Aid by your College's Deadline.
November- January- Applications are Submitted Based on Individual Student Needs and Application Deadlines
Dec- Jan- ED or EA Applicants Begin to Hear Back from Colleges
January-February- March-April- Students Begin to Receive Decisions from Colleges. April 1st is the Deadline to Which Most Colleges will adhere to in Notifying Students.
May- May 1st is the National Reply Date. Students Must Decide and Deposit by this Date to Save a Spot at the College of Their Choice.

Scholarship Lists are Prepared and Posted Monthly for all Local and Many National Scholarship Opportunities through the Guidance Office