

September, 2016

Dear Senior Parents,

During the week of September 26, 2016, counselors will begin meeting with seniors to discuss post high school plans. These conferences will continue discussions started in the spring of the junior year focusing on college admissions and college selection as well as alternatives to attending college. We expect to meet with every senior by the end of November. If you would like to attend the conference with your student, please **contact your student's counselor to schedule an appointment**. We have included a copy of our **Senior Pre-College Calendar** to assist you in planning your timeline for the year.

Colonie Central High School is a test center for the administration of the **SAT (Reasoning Test)** and the **ACT**. Both of these tests meet college admissions requirements. **The ACT and the SAT will be administered at Colonie Central High School for the 2016-2017 school year on the dates listed in the enclosed Senior Pre-College Calendar**. Instructions for online registration are available in the counseling center.

To register online:

**SAT** - <http://www.collegeboard.org/> and **ACT** - <http://www.act.org/>

CCHS registration codes are: **CEEB Code – 330055** and

CCHS Test Center codes: **SAT: 33-114 ACT: 171650**

Please be advised that local community colleges, Hudson Valley Community College and Schenectady County Community College, **do not** require either the **SAT** or the **ACT**. Instead, they give incoming freshmen their own placement exam.

Be sure to check our department web page on the district website at [www.southcolonieschools.org](http://www.southcolonieschools.org). Go to Schools-Colonie High School-Counseling. You will find many links pertaining to college searches, financial aid and scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school counselor by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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# COLONIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Senior Pre-College Calendar

### Colonie Central High School's CEEB code is 330055

Use this code for SAT/ACT registration, college applications and FAFSA/Profile applications.

#### September

##### Senior Conferences

Begin the week of Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

Passes sent to senior's first class of the day for conferences

##### Transcripts

Each student will receive his/her personal transcript. It is the student's responsibility to review the transcript and notify the school counselor with corrections. Corrections should be reported to the school counselor by Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Transcripts will not include SAT and ACT scores. Students must have their scores forwarded to colleges through the College Board and/or ACT.

#### September-January

##### Applications/Recommendations/Essays

- ❖ **Applications will be completed by the students through their school Naviance account. Seniors will receive instructions from the counselors regarding this procedure in September.** With rare exceptions, all applications will be submitted electronically.
- ❖ **All applications with a January 1, 2017 deadline: Students are responsible for notifying the Counseling Center by December 1, 2016 to send in supporting documents (transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.), to ensure processing before the Holiday Recess.**
- ❖ Letters of recommendation are to be requested by the student from his/her teachers and school counselor. Please give the teacher or school counselor **at least 3 weeks** to complete your letter.

#### September-June

##### 2016-2017 TEST DATES AT COLONIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Reg Fee</u>
<u>ACT</u>	Oct. 22, 2016	9/16	9/30	\$42.50 no writing
	April 8, 2017	3/03	3/17	\$58.50 + writing
<u>SAT I</u> +	Nov. 5, 2016	10/7	10/25	\$57.00 w/essay
<u>*SAT II</u>	May 6, 2017	4/07	4/25	\$45.00 no writing

\* Subject specific examination required by the most selective colleges only.

The SAT I and SAT II are also offered at other area test sites on Oct. 1, 2016; Dec. 3, 2016; Jan. 21, 2017; and June 3, 2017. The ACT is offered at other test sites on September 10, 2016; December 10, 2016 and June 10, 2017.



**Students must forward their scores to colleges through the testing services. Test scores do not appear on high school transcripts.**

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Additional information and online registration available at :

<http://www.collegeboard.org/>

and

<http://www.act.org/>

## October

Colonie Central High School College Fairs are held in the PIT on Friday mornings from 10:30-11:45 AM on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the College Fair bulletin for participating colleges.

## September-December

### NAVIANCE Program

Naviance is an internet-based program that the district has purchased access to for student use. Naviance has a wealth of information on colleges, majors, careers, personality-type assessments and occupations. To access their account, students go to [Naviance.com](http://Naviance.com) and "sign in". The username is unique for each student... Username = firstname.lastname  
password = student ID# (must be 7 digits; add 0 in front if needed).

## October-March

### Scholarship Guidelines

Our scholarship bulletin, *Guidelines*, is published periodically with the first one available around Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. It is distributed to each senior in their English class and is available in the Library, Counseling Center and Attendance Office for those students having late arrival, as well as at [www.southcolonieschools.org](http://www.southcolonieschools.org). Last year our students were awarded over \$3.4 million dollars in merit scholarships.

### The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Can be accessed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) in October. You may wish to go to [www.ed.gov/prog\\_info/SFA/FYE](http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/FYE) for more information about federal student financial aid programs. The FAFSA can be filed beginning October 1, 2016. Every student attending college must complete this form.

**REMEMBER – SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR WITH QUESTIONS.  
GOOD LUCK!!!**