

# Junior Parent Night

Thursday, October 11, 2018

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## Topics of Discussion

- Goals for Junior Year
- Upcoming standardized tests
- Post-secondary planning tools

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## Main Goals for Junior Year

- **ACADEMIC:** Put forth best academic effort since this will be the last year of grades listed on the transcript that is submitted to colleges.
  - **POST-SECONDARY PLANNING:** Research specific options in order to narrow your list of preferred schools to a manageable number by the beginning of senior year (3-5).
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## ACT Testing

- It is recommended that students take the ACT for the first time in the second semester of their junior year.
  - **State/District Test - February 20** during school day vs. **National Test Dates - 7 Saturdays** throughout the year.
  - There is a "plus writing" option:
    - Some colleges/universities recommend or require the writing score. Check if your preferred college requires it
    - The writing score does not factor into the cumulative score; it yields a separate score that colleges may use to consider readiness for college level writing and critical thinking
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## 2018-19 ACT Test Dates

**December 8th:** Deadline November 2, 2018

**February 9th:** Deadline January 11, 2019

**February 20th:** State Testing Date. Register at MWHS

**April 13th:** Deadline March 8, 2019 @ MWHS

**June 8th:** Deadline May 3, 2019

**July 13th:** Deadline June 14, 2019

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## ACT Registration - National Test Dates

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

High School Code: 241-775

Test Center Code: 178630

Register early to have a better chance of testing at preferred location

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## ACT Registration Details

- Students need to upload a photo when registering
- That photo will be printed on the admission ticket and test roster
- Students MUST present a photo ID on the day of the test
- Remember to use consistent identifying information (full, legal name, etc.)

\*\*Same process is followed for the SAT as well.

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## State ACT date

- Wednesday, February 20th (after a 4 day weekend)
  - All juniors eligible and encouraged to take the test during the school day
  - ACT plus Writing
  - \$20 fee (\$58.50 on National Test Dates)
  - College reportable score with writing
  - ALL registration details will be covered at MWHS - students only need to pay the fee and take part in the pre-administration session to be registered.
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## ACT Prep Options

### Free or minimal charge:

- Free Sparknotes ACT Prep resource
- On ACT website: Practice questions and Question of the Day
- On ACT website: Live and recorded Learning Events
- Official ACT Prep Guide Book- \$25.00
- ACT Online Prep - \$40.00

### More expensive:

- ACT Kaplan Online Prep Live - \$599
- Community Ed options: TBD
- Local Prep Agencies (cost varies):
  - Sylvan
  - Huntington
  - Kalan
  - Chyten
  - Club Z Tutoring
  - College Tutors

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### Class of 2018 Matriculation

August University  
 Baldwin Wallace University  
 Bemidji State University  
 Bethel University  
 Bradley University  
 Boston College  
 California Polytechnic State University  
 Columbia College  
 Gustavus Adolphus College (2)  
 Hiram College  
 Iowa Western Community College  
 Iowa State University (2)  
 Loyola University, Chicago  
 Luther College  
 Macarthur College  
 Miami University, Oxford  
 Minnesota College of Art and Design  
 Minnesota College of Business  
 Minnesota School of Business  
 Minnesota State University, Mankato  
 Northland Community College (2)  
 North Dakota State University  
 Occidental College  
 Purdue University  
 Rochester Community and Technical College  
 South Dakota State University (2)

St. Catherine University (2)  
 St. Cloud State University (2)  
 University of Kansas  
 University of Minnesota, Duluth (2)  
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (2)  
 University of Missouri, Columbia  
 University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
 University of North Carolina  
 University of South Dakota (2)  
 University of St. Thomas (2)  
 University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)  
 University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
 University of Wisconsin, River Falls  
 University of Wisconsin, Superior  
 University of Wisconsin, Stout (2)  
 Winona State University (2)

Graduating Class Profile	
3.0 GPA or higher	53%
Continuing formal education	54%
To attend a 4-year school	63%
To attend a 2-year school	15%

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## Explore your options wisely




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## College Characteristics to Consider

- Type of school
  - Size of school
  - Location
  - Academic Programs/Degrees
  - Cost of Attendance
  - Availability of Financial Aid
  - Admission Criteria
  - Campus activities and environment
  - Support Services offered
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## Naviance: College Research

- Login to Naviance with your child
    - Username: initials with grad year
    - Password: Student id number with zeroes
  - "Colleges" Tab
  - "College Search"
  - Click on any college to get information
  - Click on "admissions" to get specific admissions data
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## Post Secondary Planning Resources

- Online Research
    - Naviance (students have login information)
    - MCIS: [www.mncis.intocareers.org](http://www.mncis.intocareers.org) (user: mound pass: westonka)
    - [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org) (College Board Search tool)
    - [www.mnscu.edu](http://www.mnscu.edu) (MN 2 and 4 Public)
    - [www.ump.edu](http://www.ump.edu) (University of MN system)
    - [www.privatecolleges.org](http://www.privatecolleges.org) (MN private colleges)
    - [www.wisconsin.edu](http://www.wisconsin.edu) (UW System)
  - College Rep Visits
  - Campus Visits
  - Parent, Teacher, Counselor, Coach, Advisor
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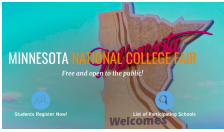
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## National College Fair in MN



**When:** Wednesday, October 24th and Thursday, October 25th

**Where:** Minneapolis Convention Center

**More info:** [NACAC National College Fair website](#)

- Hundreds of colleges/universities. Searchable list available online.
- Students are encouraged to attend with parent/guardian.

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## Cost of College Attendance

Annual Cost of Attendance (tuition, books, living, other)

- Normandale Community College: \$7,911
- Hennepin Technical College: \$7,159
- Minnesota State, Mankato: \$17,138
- University of Wisconsin, Madison: \$30,110
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities: \$28,106
- University of St. Thomas: \$56,182

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## 5 Month "to do" List

- Consider which ACT testing date(s) will be best for your child: register for those dates
- If there are schools that require the SAT, make plans to take it
- Utilize online resources to sort through college choices
- Encourage your child to take advantage of college rep visits
- Schedule official campus tours
- Encourage rigorous course load through senior year
- Attend parent night in February
  - We'll review college application process for senior year

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### Going beyond admission...getting ready

- Who is driving the college search/application process?
  - Can your teen cope with the "hard" feelings of life?
  - Can your teen take responsibility for his/her self care?
  - Can your teen manage time?
  - Does your teen know how to seek help?
  - Can your teen take responsibility for and learn from their poor decisions?
  - Has your teen shown they can manage themselves in a setting without family?
  - Can your teen assess risk?
  - Does your child understand the financial investment of college?
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### Thanks for coming!

See you in February!

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