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# PAUL VI GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

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## REMINDER FOR JUNIORS

By the time high school students finish their junior year, they often feel it is OK to take it easy and slide through the last year of high school. Your senior year courses and grades matter very much in the college admission process. As you make your course selection for next year, be sure to choose a challenging academic program. Avoid being denied admission to the college of your choice because you opted to take a minimal and lightweight course load for your last year in high school.

Colleges are looking for motivated learners, and there are several ways that they evaluate motivation: course selection and levels, AP exams, attendance and effort reflected in teachers' comments and recommendations.

**Note that doing well on the SAT's and ACT's will not make up for a weak senior curriculum. A lightweight or unchallenging academic load in senior year can be the basis for a decision to deny admission to an applicant.**

## REMINDER TO ALL SENIORS

***Please bring copies of all college acceptances and scholarship offers to the Registrar's office.***

## TESTING DATES

Juniors still have time to register for the SAT I, SAT II and ACT online or via paper application available in the Guidance Office. To register for the SAT I and SAT II go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and for the ACT go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The Test Center nearest to your home is available on the Web.

**\*Remember to include Paul VI school code 310-473 on your registration form. *There is an additional charge for late registration.*\***

*The dates and deadlines for the SAT and ACT are listed on the next page:*

## SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

Choosing the right college can be one of the most important decisions you will ever make. In order to assist college-bound sophomores, juniors and their families with this task, the Guidance Department is sponsoring a college workshop on Monday, March 10, 2008.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. It will include presentations on getting started on the college search, application procedures, an overview of financial aid, and a panel discussion on admission criteria. Goals include: getting juniors and sophomores ready for spring and summer college visits, giving parents the information they need to best assist their children, and instilling in our students the importance of beginning the college search early.

**All sophomores, juniors, and their parents are invited to attend this important and informative program.**

SAT Test Date	Register by	Late Registration
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 10, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008

ACT Test Date	Register by	Late Registration
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8-21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10-23, 2008

### **FINANCIAL AID FLASHES**

Seniors who have completed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid should receive their SAR (Student Aid Report) in 1-3 days if you filed electronically or in 2 – 3 weeks if you filed a paper version. Check immediately for:

- Expected Family Contribution (on upper right of page 1)
- Any mistakes or errors

Any colleges you listed on your FAFSA will also receive a copy of your SAR. Notify your prospective school's Financial Aid Office immediately to make corrections. A delay could mean less aid.

#### **How to make changes...**

**On the Web using your Personal Identification Number (PIN):** go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and under "FAFSA Follow Up", click "Make Corrections to a Processed FAFSA." Check off the items you want to change and make corrections.

**On Paper:** Go to the last few pages of the SAR and find your original FAFSA information. Make changes in the space provided. Only fill in the areas that need to be changed or corrected. Once you have finished, mail the corrected copy to the address listed on the FAFSA website.

**If you have any questions regarding your financial aid package please call the Guidance Office and a counselor will be glad to assist you.**

#### **What is the EFC (Expected Family Contribution)?**

This is the amount of money the Federal Government expects your family to pay each year toward your college education. The difference between the Cost of the Institution and the EFC becomes your financial need.

#### **What if there is an asterisk next to your EFC?**

This means that you have been selected for verification and must provide documents to your prospective colleges to verify the information submitted on the FAFSA. If your college asks for verifying documents send them as soon as possible to avoid any delays in processing your information.

#### **How do I add a school?**

If a student wants to make his or her FAFSA information available to an additional school after filing the FAFSA, the student can select "Add or Delete a School Code" at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or can use the paper SAR to add a new school.

Alternatively, the student may call the FSAIC (Federal Student Aid Information Center 1-888-433-3243) to add the school or give the school permission to add itself. In these cases, the student will need to provide the DRN from their SAR.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Mrs. Jaime Robinson is Paul VI's scholarship coordinator. Information about various scholarship opportunities will be posted on the Paul VI website [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org) under the Guidance section and in the Guidance Newsletters.

If you have any questions see Mrs. Robinson in the Guidance Office. On the following page you will find some of the most recent opportunities.

Name: **Anna M. Vincent Scholarship Trust**

Deadline: March 1, 2008

Apply: [www.fsrequests.com/annavincent](http://www.fsrequests.com/annavincent)

Name: **Savannah College of Art and Design Scholarship**

Deadline: March 1, 2008

Apply: [www.scad.edu/scholarships](http://www.scad.edu/scholarships)

Name: **Camden County Council #10 / Henry J. Dunn Scholarship**

Deadline: March 7, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **NJF LEAD Scholarships**

Deadline: March 8, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **CCSNA Scholarship**

Deadline: March 15, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **The Ozanam Scholars Program at St. John's University**

Deadline: March 15, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **Knights of Columbus Sancta Familia Council #11498  
Freshman Scholarship**

Deadline: March 17, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **Foster and Adoptive Family Services Scholarship**

Deadline: March 28, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **Richard C. Goodwin – Josiah DuBois Humanitarian Award**

Deadline: March 31, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Public Safety  
Scholarships**

Deadline: March 31, 2008

Apply: [www.camdencountyhero.com](http://www.camdencountyhero.com)

Name: **NJUA Equal Employment Opportunity Scholarship**

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **NAWC Scholarship**

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **NJMMA Scholarship**

Deadline: April 7, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **BLSJ Scholarship**

Deadline: April 11, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **Parent / GajECKi Scholarship, Penn State Club of Southern  
NJ**

Deadline: April 14, 2008

Apply: [www.pennstatealumnisj.org](http://www.pennstatealumnisj.org)

Name: **NJCFSA Scholarship**

Deadline: April 18, 2008

Apply: <http://njcfsa.org> for an application

Name: **Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Chief Gary R.  
Cline Memorial Scholarship**

Deadline: May 1, 2008

Apply: [www.camdencountyhero.com](http://www.camdencountyhero.com)

Name: **Billy Consalo Memorial Agricultural Scholarship**

Deadline: May 1, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for an application

Name: **Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Scholarships**

Deadline: May 1, 2008

Apply: See Mrs. Robinson for further details

## **SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS**

The following is a list of summer programs offered for high school students at various colleges and universities. Additional information is available in the Guidance Office or on the college website.

### **ITHACA UNIVERSITY**

#### ***Summer College for High School Students***

Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2008. Applications mailed after May 1 will be considered on a space-available basis.

[www.ithaca.edu/summercollege](http://www.ithaca.edu/summercollege)

#### **Three-Week Session:**

June 29 – July 18, 2008  
One course, three credits

#### **Five-Week Session**

June 29 – August 1, 2008  
Two courses, six credits

#### **One-Week Minicourses**

July 20 – 25 and July 27 – August 1, 2008

All minicourse participants will receive a certificate of completion

### **THE JUNIOR STATESMAN FOUNDATION**

#### ***Summer Programs***

The Junior Statesman Foundation is looking for freshman, sophomores, and juniors who have a passionate interest in politics and current events. Seeking the serious, concerned student who enjoys discussing and debating issues, who lingers to pursue a question raised in class, who always has an opinion and loves to challenge those of fellow students.

If you would like to be considered for this unique opportunity, see Mrs. Robinson.

### **OXFORD**

#### ***Summer Course 2008***

The Oxford Advanced Studies Program summer course will take place in Oxford, England from July 1 – July 25, 2008. This program offers a superb academic curriculum in a range of subjects, with stimulating lectures accompanied by in-depth tutorial courses.

Academic curiosity and a mature approach to scholarship are encouraged.

[www.oasp.ac.uk](http://www.oasp.ac.uk)

### **OPEN HOUSES & COLLEGE FAIRS**

You and your parents are invited to the following open houses. Please check with the college/university to check start times and to see if pre-registration is necessary.

*Please note:* These are upcoming open houses for a select few colleges only. Please check with your school(s) of choice to find out when they will be hosting open houses.

- Woodrow Wilson High School – “Financial Fortitude”**  
Topics include: FAFSA, teen credit card debt, to budgeting and saving for a college education  
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2008  
Time: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Manor College – Open House/Career Day**  
Date: Sunday, February 24, 2008  
Time: 11:00 am  
For info or directions call 215-884-2216 or visit [www.manor.edu](http://www.manor.edu)
- Hallmark Institute of Photography**  
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2008  
Time: 12:30 pm  
RSVP: <http://hallmark.edu>  
or call 413-863-2478
- Centenary College**  
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2008  
RSVP: [www.centenarycollege.edu/events](http://www.centenarycollege.edu/events)  
or call 1-800-236-8679

☑ **Felician College**

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2008  
RSVP: [admissions@felician.edu](mailto:admissions@felician.edu)  
or call 201-559-6131

☑ **New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center in Edison, NJ**

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2008  
Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 6:00 pm-9:00pm  
RSVP: [www.njexpoctr.com](http://www.njexpoctr.com)