

Guidance News

HCC Decision Day

Holyoke Community College is coming to PHS on Tuesday, March 2 to host a decision day. Seniors will submit a completed application and transcript and will be accepted on the spot by a HCC representative. If you apply on this day, the application fee will be waived! Sign up in Guidance as soon as possible if you are interested.

College Fair

The Springfield National College Fair is being held at the Eastern States Exposition on two days:

March 7th 12PM- 4 PM
March 8th 9AM-12PM

Register online at www.gotomyncf.com.

When you register, a bar coded confirmation page is produced. Print this, and bring it to the fair. It will act as your electronic ID. This will save you from filling out inquiry cards at each booth!

Anti-Bullying @ PHS

On Wednesday, March 3, 2010 during A block, 8th graders will attend an assembly for a viewing of the first ever PHS Anti-Bullying Video. See you there!

Q&A about the SAT

Juniors should sign up as soon as possible for the next SAT test date!

COST: \$45

TEST DATE: SATURDAY, May 1, 2010

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 31, 2010

HOW TO REGISTER:
<http://sat.collegeboard.com/register>

**All juniors should have a College Board log-in name and password. See your counselor if you need help.*

What is the SAT? The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets you show colleges



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what you know and how well you can apply that knowledge. It tests your knowledge of reading, writing and math. Almost all colleges and universities use the SAT to make admission decisions. It is a smart idea to take the test, even if you're not sure you want to go to college yet.

When is the best time to take the SATs? It is recommended to take the SAT during spring of junior year and fall of senior year.

How is the SAT scored? Each section of your SAT (reading, math and writing) is scored on a 200- to 800-point scale, for a possible total of 2400. Your score is figured by adding points for correct answers and subtracting a fraction of a point for wrong answers. Questions that you skipped don't count either for or against your score.

Should you take an SAT Subject Test? The SAT Subject Tests offer you an additional opportunity to show colleges what you know and what you know you can do.

Some colleges specify the SAT Subject Tests that they require for admission or placement.

Need a prep course? Top Floor Learning, located on the 3rd floor of the Palmer Public Library offers SAT prep courses throughout the year. The next course begins on March 30th and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 29th. The cost of the course is \$175, which includes a brand new text book. For more information call (413) 283-2329 or see your counselor.

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