

College and Career Bulletin

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www.northmontschools.com/hs/Counselors**Advanced Placement Tests**

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams will be the weeks of May 3 – May 14. These exams cost \$86 each. If a student is currently taking or has taken an AP Course and is interested in taking the AP Exam for that course they will need to bring a \$13 non-refundable deposit for **each exam** they wish to take to the Counseling Center between March 11 and March 19 to register. Checks may be made payable to Northmont High School. The remaining \$73 per exam is due on the day of the exam.

Some colleges offer AP credit (college credit) for scores of three or higher on an AP Exam. Please check with the college of your choice for information on their AP credit policies. The following AP Exams will be offered in May at Northmont High School: English Literature and English Language, Computer Science, Music Theory, Statistics, Calculus, United States History, Biology, Physics and Chemistry. Exams last approximately four hours and are held in the morning or the afternoon of a predetermined day for each test. These are nationally set AP Exam dates. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Peters in the Counseling Center – 832.6019.

NCAA Eligibility

Junior students who wish to participate in Division I or II athletics in college should register at the end of this school year with the NCAA . See

www.northmontschools.com/hs/Counselors for more information and a link to the NCAA eligibility center. To contact the NCAA by phone call 877-622-2321.

Dayton-Montgomery County and Northmont Local Scholarships

Two of the best local scholarship opportunities for seniors planning to attend college next year are the Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship Program (DMCSP) and the Northmont Local Scholarships. DMCSP eligibility requirements are to be a resident of Montgomery County and have at least a 2.5 grade point average. The student may attend any accredited college or university.

Northmont local scholarships are awarded by several Northmont area civic and service organizations. Both applications are due to the Counseling Center by Friday, March 19.

MVCTC Update

Students who have submitted applications to the Miami Valley Career Technology Center should receive notification packets by April 23. Students are asked to read the packet carefully and return the completed registration forms to the Northmont Counseling Center by May 7. The MVCTC will send information to accepted students about schedule pick-up/orientation this summer.

COUNSELING CENTER WEB PAGES

Parents and students are encouraged to use the Northmont Counseling Center web pages for help with a variety of questions. The web pages are a great resource for finding information on, or links to, topics such as ACT/SAT testing, college visitations, applying to colleges, scholarships and financial aid.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

On March 18, 2010 the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be given at the high school from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Junior and senior students who are considering a career in the military or who wish to take part in a comprehensive career assessment are encouraged to take the test. There is no cost nor is there any military obligation. A meeting to interpret the ASVAB results will follow in May. Interested students should contact their counselor by March 12, 2010.

Preparing for College Encourage Your Junior to . . .

- **Take and retake the ACT/SAT –** Northmont is a test center for the June 12 ACT. Register online at www.act.org. For the SAT see www.collegeboard.com.
- **Seek out scholarship information:**
 - o For local scholarship opportunities: On the counseling center web page click **Scholarships**.
 - o **FastWeb** is a nationwide scholarship search program. On the counseling center web page, click on **College Financial Aid**, then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on **Links**, then on the **FastWeb** icon.
- **Plan for college campus visits**
 - o Guidelines for college visitation are on p.24 of student agenda planner.

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Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program

The PSEO program allows students to take college classes while still in high school to supplement their high school courses. Northmont students are enrolled at Sinclair Community College, Wright State University, the University of Dayton and other local colleges. When taking these college courses for both high school and college credit, the state requires Northmont to pay the college tuition. Each college has eligibility requirements students must meet and sets the number of spaces available. All Northmont students were given information about the PSEO program during the scheduling process in February. Interested students must submit an "intent to participate" form to their counselor by March 30, 2010 for the 2010-11 school year and must attend (with a parent) an informational meeting in April at the high school. For more information about the PSEO program see the Counseling Center's Web site.

Ohio Graduation Test

All students in the graduation classes of 2010 and beyond must pass all parts of the OGT. This test will be given the week of March 15-19 to all students in the sophomore class, as well as any juniors and seniors who still have not passed all sections. School will begin 2 hours and 49 minutes later each day that week (1st period will begin at 10:39 a.m.) in order to accommodate students taking this test. Students not testing are strongly encouraged to find alternate transportation and plan to arrive at 10:30 a.m. Students who are unable to find their own transportation may ride the bus at its regularly scheduled time. However, those students will be assigned a study hall where regular study hall rules will apply. Juniors and seniors who need to pass a section of the OGT will be notified of the day they are scheduled to test. Parents are asked to help reinforce the importance of this test and make sure their child is at school on these dates. Questions may be directed to the counselors or Ms. Hauschild at 832-6025.

TESTING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 15,	Reading
Tuesday, March 16,	Math
Wednesday, March 17,	Writing
Thursday, March 18,	Science
Friday, March 19,	Social Studies