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## Continuing Ed Fair moves to Ag Center

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carroll County Continuing Education Fair.** This event will be held on **Monday, October 12, 2009**, 6:30 – 8:30 at the Carroll County Ag Center in Westminster, MD. Students and parents can meet with representatives from colleges, tech schools and the military.

## Counseling Notes

College application season has started. Make sure your seniors are aware of their application deadlines. We ask that students put in transcript requests two weeks before the deadline.

## Requesting Homework

Homework requests may be made through the Counseling Office if a student is going to be out three days or more. Please understand that it takes 24 hours for teachers to prepare homework to be sent home. Homework that is being collected can then be picked up in the office.

## Student Employment

Work permits are available at <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/empm.shtml>. We also have a job board listing employment opportunities. Details about the law and youth employment can be found at <http://www.youthrules.dol.gov/>

## NCAA Eligibility

The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse must certify any student interested in playing Division I or Division II college sports. Seniors should register with the NCAA now. For more information please visit the website at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

## CCCTC OPEN HOUSE

Interested in attending the Carroll County Career and Technology Center? Visit during their open house, **October 15 from 6 to 8 PM** and take a look at current student projects, and have a chance to talk to the staff.

## SAT 2009-10

Registration forms are available in Guidance, or sign up now online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Test Dates	Regular deadline	Late deadline
Nov 7, 2009	Oct 1, 2009	Oct 15, 2009
Dec 5, 2009	Oct 30, 2009	Nov 12, 2009
Jan 23, 2010*	Dec 15, 2009	Dec 30, 2009
Mar 13, 2010	Feb 4, 2010	Feb 18, 2010
May 1, 2010*	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010*	April 29, 2010	May 13, 2010

### \*given at WHS

Most colleges want your test scores to arrive directly from the College Board. Save time and money by listing your colleges when you register for the SAT. Avoid late fees, register now. Westminster High's school code is 211080

## ACT 2009-10

This test is also accepted for college admissions. Packets are available in Guidance or register online: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee
Oct 24, 2009*	Sept 18, 2009	Oct 2, 2009
Dec 12, 2009	Nov 6, 2009	Nov 20, 2009
Feb 6, 2010	Jan 5, 2010	Jan 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	Mar 5, 2010	Mar 19, 2010
June 12, 2010*	May 7, 2010	May 21, 2010

\*Given at Carroll Comm. College

## Test Prep

WHS subscribes to "Bridges", which includes TestGear for test prep, available at [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com). The site ID is 10000675, and Password is owls.

A variety of private SAT prep courses are available outside of school.

## **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)**

Each fall sophomores and juniors have the opportunity to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). This year it will be administered in each county high school on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 during regular school hours.

Students often ask, "Why should I take the PSAT?" For **juniors**, the best reason for taking the PSAT is that the participant automatically becomes eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program that can yield monetary reward. Students may only qualify for the National Merit program in their junior year.

For **sophomores**, the major advantages of taking the PSAT are to become acquainted with a test that is similar in length and structure to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Also, by testing against a national group, sophomores can more accurately assess their educational strengths and weaknesses, resulting in an increased awareness of academic areas in need of attention.

Developers of the SAT have indicated that one of the best ways to improve scores is to take the SAT or tests like the PSAT again and again, providing practice and an opportunity to reduce test anxiety.

Carroll County Public Schools will pay for all sophomores in a Carroll County high school to take the PSAT. Prior to the test, students will be presented a special advisory lesson to assist in their understanding of the structure and scope of the PSAT. When scores are received, each school will offer an interpretation session for parents and their students. These sessions should assist them in understanding how to use these scores to increase academic performance in the future.

Each school will also receive a report called "AP Potential". It identifies students that, based on their PSAT performance, have the potential to take and do well in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. This information will also be shared with parents and students.

Sophomores may opt out of the PSAT if a written request is made by a parent. Please be aware that the county will not pay for juniors to take the test, even if they did not take it in their sophomore year.

All sophomores and juniors who are considering any form of post-secondary education, such as a four-year college, community college, trade or technical school, or the military are encouraged to take the PSAT. Please contact your counselor if you have any questions.

## **Carroll Community College News**

Hill Scholars Information Night

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Concurrent Information Session

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Workshop

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

**Prepare for the Placement Test!!**

[www.carrollcc.edu/services/testing/placement/](http://www.carrollcc.edu/services/testing/placement/)

## **College Visits**

During the school year, college representatives visit WHS. Juniors and Seniors interested in these colleges can sign up in the Guidance Office.

<b>College name</b>	<b>Date of Visit</b>
Central Penn College	Mon, 10/12
Virginia Tech	Mon, 10/12
Univ of Mary Washington	Mon, 10/19
UMBC	Wed, 10/21
Roanoke College	Thurs, 10/22
Shippensburg Univ	Fri, 10/23
Shenandoah University	Mon, 10/26
Univ of Scranton	Mon, 11/2
Salisbury Univ	Wed, 11/4
Randolph College	Fri, 11/6

## **Scholarships and Contests**

The guidance office receives information on scholarships and contests open to students. Students may come to the guidance for a complete listing of scholarship information available. New scholarships will be listed in the newsletter, and a complete list will be available on our website. Other helpful websites include [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org)

### **2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

Students who have made a difference by volunteering in their community over the past year. You could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) or [www.principals.org/prudential](http://www.principals.org/prudential), click on the "How to Apply" link, and follow the onscreen instructions. Access key, type the word spirit. 9-Nov-09

### **SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes**

High School Seniors can win a \$1,000 scholarship for their first year expenses at a college or private career school. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 30, 2009 through May 14, 2010. [offtocollege.info](http://offtocollege.info) or [suntrusteducation.com](http://suntrusteducation.com)

### **National Commission for Cooperative Education**

The National Commission on behalf of eight NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities will award merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000, for a renewable value of \$4,200.00. Please note that to be eligible for a merit co-op scholarship a student must apply, be accepted, and attend one of the eight NCCE Partner Colleges/Universities listed on the website. [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) 15-Feb-10

### **Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student**

The Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship is for seniors who will be furthering their education. This scholarship is based on community service, work, academics, and financial need. [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars) 2-Nov-09

**AXA Achievement**

Seniors: Are you active in your community? Have you led a project that benefits others? Have you overcome personal challenges? You may qualify for an AXA Achievement Scholarship of \$10,000 or \$25,000. [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) 15-Dec-09

**Iona**

Presidential And Deans' Scholarships: Become a part of Iona's prestigious honors program and receive a scholarship ranging from full to three-quarter tuition. [www.iona.edu](http://www.iona.edu) 1-Dec-09

**The Culinary Institute of America**

Educator Resource Center, where you can find more information on our college, faculty, and curriculum, as well as our Top Turkey Scholarship Contest. Students who enter the contest and submit a video for our "People's Choice" Award, they could win up to \$15,000 in scholarships. [www.ciachef.edu/educators](http://www.ciachef.edu/educators)

**Davidson College**

The Belk Scholarship recognizes and rewards students who have demonstrated outstanding intellectual and personal achievement and significant leadership ability. Belk Scholars receive an annual scholarship equivalent to the college's comprehensive fees [belkscholarship@davidson.edu](mailto:belkscholarship@ davidson.edu) 15-Nov-09

**Boston University**

Boston University Trustee Scholarship Competition. Each Scholar receives a renewable scholarship covering full undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees for four years. Trustee Scholars are typically in the top ten percent of their class and are also very active leaders in their schools and communities. [www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee) 1-Dec-09

**University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

These competitive programs combine financial awards with special opportunities for advanced research, unique seminars, directed internships, study abroad and more. Selected scholars will receive awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$22,000 per year. <http://www.umbc.edu/financialaid/scholfom>.

**Oral Roberts University**

The Whole Person Scholarship Program is for seniors looking to attend Oral Roberts University. You must be nominated by a school or church official or a member of the ORU alumni, faculty or staff. To be considered, all freshmen students must have a 3.0 GPA and a 21 ACT or a 1000 SAT <http://wholeperson.oru.edu>

**Ithaca College**

The Park Scholar Awards cover the full cost of attendance, include stipends for living expenses, books, and a one time computer purchase of \$2,500 [www.ithaca.edu/parkscholars](http://www.ithaca.edu/parkscholars)