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junior conferences

march 1 through april 7 Lacey Township High School counselors will be meeting with the class of 2018 regarding their next-year scheduling, personally and carefully tailoring it to the specific likes, interests and goals of each of our juniors. Parents are encouraged to attend, and all have received a postcard invitation, along with other digital invites.. **What will you gain from scheduling an appointment? A lot of knowledge. See below for further details about some of the information is covered:**

Course selection: Rising seniors will discuss the advantages of taking college classes (on and off Lacey campus), AP-level courses, and advanced level electives. Seniors are also permitted to leave early or enjoy a late arrival, pending approval.

Post-secondary education plans are thoroughly explored. After graduation, seniors' worlds are their oysters! There are many options of what post-graduation plans can be, including, but not limited to: a four-year institution, a two-year institution, vocational school, military enrollment, and work placement.

Career planning is also discussed, and possibilities are endless. Naviance has an outstanding inventory called the Career Interest Profiler.

Naviance is an online portal where students can explore their likes, interests, future career paths (Career Interest Profiler) narrow down the their college options (SuperMatch College Search, Colleges I'm Thinking About) and request transcripts for college submissions (Colleges I'm Applying to).

Call Lacey Township High School Guidance and Counseling Department to schedule today!!!! 609-971-2020, ext. 2013

success
occurs when
opportunity
meets
preparation.

this month's bucket list

create:

list of 5 goals that can be achieved in 1 week, 1 month, and 1 year

read:

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
by Stephen Covey

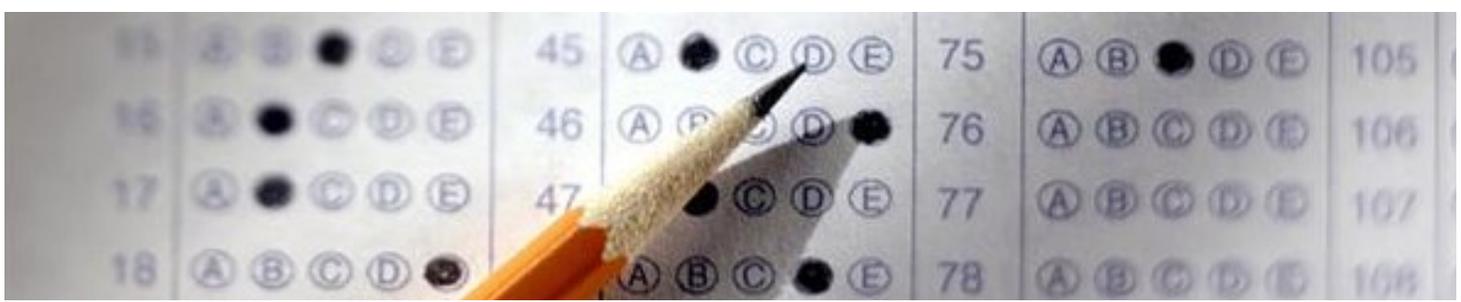
watch:

Ted Talk on 8 Secrets of Success
by Richard St. John

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the scoop on testing

The focus on standardized testing seems to be stronger than ever, especially with the NJ Department of Education's shift from utilizing HSPA for a graduation test to a more flexible approach. With target scores clarified for PARCC and an adjustment in the PSAT, it is crucial to remain updated regarding which tests do meet graduation requirements—and exactly what their target scores are.

For your convenience, please see the below chart, indicating detailed information for upcoming graduation classes' testing requirements. Take special note of the information bolded in red, as PSAT scoring has changed with its modified test. LTHS sophomores and juniors have received their PSAT score reports from October's administration, which clarify their individual reading and mathematics sub-scores.

PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
SAT Critical Reading, prior to 3/2016 \geq 400 <i>or</i> SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section, on or after 3/2016 \geq 450 <i>or</i> SAT Reading (Subject) Test \geq 22	SAT Math, prior to 3/2016 \geq 400 <i>or</i> SAT Math Section, on or after 3/2016 \geq 440 <i>or</i> SAT Math (Subject) Test \geq 22
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading \geq 16 <i>or</i>	ACT or ACT PLAN Math \geq 16 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer \geq 6 <i>or</i>	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra \geq 76 <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading** \geq 40 <i>or</i> PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading*** \geq 22 <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math** \geq 40 <i>or</i> PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math*** \geq 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading \geq 422 <i>or</i>	ACT Aspire Math \geq 422 <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31 <i>or</i>	ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31 <i>or</i>
Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal	Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal

becoming familiar with the assessments

- Accuplacer** Created by CollegeBoard, the Accuplacer is an entrance test typically used by community colleges. There is an English and a mathematics section, and meeting their target scores indicates that a student is able to perform at the college-level in the respective subjects. This can be taken year-round at community college testing centers.
- ACT** The American College Test is the most popular national entrance test for four year schools. Created by its own corporation in lieu of CollegeBoard, the ACT is longer in length, more analytical in nature and includes a science portion. Typically, students who are strongest in math and science will test more competitively on the ACT. This test is taken on Saturdays; registration occurs online via www.act.org.
- ASVAB** The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is most commonly known as a prerequisite to serve in the military. However, its participants are eligible for a very thorough career inventory upon their score interpretation, performed by a government official. This test is free and can be taken during the school day 2-3 times per year at LTHS, or privately with a recruiter. All ASVAB results are furnished to local military recruiters and students under 18 must have signed parental permission. This is the only assessment with a composite score (AFQT) that does not differentiate English and Mathematics scores.
- PARCC** Pearson has created the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness in College and Careers which aligns to state Common Core Standards. PARCC assessments are delivered online and provide schools with thorough feedback of student progress. Students in English 9, 10, 11 and Algebra 1, 2 and Geometry are assessed during the school day in April at LTHS.
- PSAT** Created by CollegeBoard, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test assesses student's general abilities in reading, writing and mathematics. LTHS sophomores and juniors take this assessment in October without cost to the student during the school day. By creating an account with and linking the PSAT results, CollegeBoard provides free personally-tailored review to strengthen weaknesses demonstrated in testing.
- SAT** Created by CollegeBoard, the Scholastic Aptitude Test assesses student's general abilities in reading and mathematics. An optional writing portion may be purchased at an additional cost. This test is taken on Saturdays; registration occurs online via www.collegeboard.org.



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MARCH

- 1 Job and Career Fair
AP Payment due
Junior conferences begin
Narcotics Anonymous Presentations, gr. 11
- 6, 7 8th Grade Visits @ LTHS
- 8 Prom Boutique
- 8, 9 AADA Anti-Drug Elementary Shows
- 10 Red Night Out
- 14 AADA Anti-Drug Elementary Show
- 11 Monmouth & Ocean County Youth Wellness
Summit at Brookdale Community College
- 14-17 Vocational School (OCVTS) Visitations
- 15 Heroes & Cool Kids Training
- 20 Heroes & Cool Kids Elementary Visit

APRIL

- 4 Financial Aid Info. Night (HESAA)
- 7 May SAT registration deadline
- 8 ACT @ LTHS
- 8-17 Spring Break
- 20, 21 PARCC Testing
- 23 Open House at Seton Hall
- 24, 25 PARCC Testing
- 25 OCPGA College Night at the Jersey Shore

we surveyed recent graduates
about their advice for underclassmen.
here's what they said:

< advice for freshmen >

Don't be so preoccupied with trying to be a part of a certain crowd. Do what makes you happy!

Take things slow, the next three years will fly by. Try to get involved with the school to see different things that interest you.

Get involved in extracurricular activities.

Once junior and senior year comes around and you're trying to fill out your NHS application, college resumes, and/or scholarship packets, you'll wish you had been more involved throughout your time at LTHS.

Even though four years seems like a long time, high school really does fly by very quickly and you should enjoy everything you can...do not wait too long to start working hard. Always put your best effort into everything that you do.

Every year in high school counts so treat each year like it is the most important.

< advice for sophomores >

Don't compromise your values and morals.

You're half way there! Try challenging yourself next year to take an AP class; I promise it's not that bad!

Don't lose focus.

Stay on track. You'll regret it later in your high school career if you don't.

If you were not involved in activities freshman year, it is not too late. It is important to be heavily involved especially for the upcoming years.

Manage your time.

< advice for juniors >

Give yourself one day a week where you aren't overwhelmed with school work. School work is important, but so is your mental health!

Junior year was the hardest when it came to balancing school work, activities, and even a job so take the time to finish this year strong.

Don't give up. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ>

Juniors, senioritis is real.

Enjoy the time you have left with peers and teachers because you only have one more year and it goes by very quickly. Also, it is never too late to change habits. Join clubs and work really hard in school, it will all pay off.

Don't give up just because you're heading into your senior year; senior year can make or break a student.