

Counseling & Guidance Department  
New Hartford Senior High School

# JUNIOR NEWS

December 2018

## Important Dates

Dec. 10: PSAT Results available online

Dec. 24 - Jan. 2: Counseling Office is closed

Jan. 21: No School

Jan. 22 – 25: Regents Exams

Jan 28: Spring Semester

**End of Fall Semester:** When you return in January there are only 12 class days remaining! In most cases, if your class does NOT have a Regents Exam, at least one of those class days will actually be a Final Exam day for you. It is to your advantage to review for Final/Regents Exams over break.

You should also be looking at the portal to monitor your class progress. For parents/guardians it is important to remember receiving a Failing Assignment E-mail Blast does NOT necessarily mean your child is failing the course. The Portal will give you information on what the failing assignment actually was and how your child is doing in the course. Then you can talk with your child about the situation.

For Juniors the counselors' student assignments are:

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Ms. von Schiller-Deep (624-1270), Letters Ho - Mi, [evonschi@nhart.org](mailto:evonschi@nhart.org)  
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**PSAT Results:** The results are now available!!! Students can access their PSAT results online at [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org). **The College Board emailed students an access code to view their online score reports.** We will be mailing a copy of the report (which contains the Access Code) home once we receive them.

**ACT/SAT Information:** Most students that are planning on attending a 4-year college after high school will take at least one of the following exams during the spring of their junior year: the SAT Reasoning Test in March, May or June and/or the ACT in April or June. When picking a date or dates to take these tests students should consider: Are you taking AP exams in May? What is your extracurricular schedule like around the ACT/SAT dates? Are you going to need a test date for the SAT subject test(s) (cannot be taken on the same day as the Reasoning Test)?

Students can register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT) and/or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) (ACT) or mail the registration form which is available in the Counseling Office. When filling out the information, remember the School Code is 333345.

**Fee Waivers:** Remember if you qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch you also qualify for fee waivers for the SAT, ACT and up to 4 college applications. If you were on Free or Reduced Lunch in the past (even if you do not use it) and didn't complete the application for the 2018-2019 school year please complete it NOW to take advantage of the fee waivers you are eligible to receive. If you have questions regarding this or to get the fee waiver, please see your Counselor.

We wish students and their families a restful and peaceful holiday season!

**College Search...** You should be developing a list of colleges that interest you and doing research on those schools. Make certain to put schools of interest into Naviance in the "Prospective Colleges" list.

Make sure to be checking the Admission Criteria:  
Do you need to take the ACT/SAT/SAT Subject Test(s)? Do you need it with Essay/Writing?  
What is the average ACT/SAT score accepted?  
What is the average GPA accepted?  
What high school courses are required?

**Activities and Awards:** You should be compiling information from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to the present regarding activities (in school and the community), awards, and honors you have received. You will need this information next year when completing applications. You can put the information in Naviance, keep a folder, or make a list. It should be some place that is easy for you to add information throughout the year.

**We do NOT keep this information in our office!**