

Milaca High School

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Newsletter for Juniors and their Parents

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Upcoming Dates at a Glance:

Sept. 22nd: Education Fair at Mora High School

Oct. 7th-8th: National College Fair

October 15th: PSAT (sign up by Sep. 19th)

November 5th: ASVAB Test (sign up by Oct. 27th)

A main focus for junior year is to spend time researching and exploring the various options for training and education following high school. Several upcoming events will help you to begin this process.

College and Military Representative Visits:

Many college and military representatives visit MHS each year to meet with students who may have an interest in their college or military branch. The representatives who are scheduled will be listed online at the Student Services website and announced in the daily bulletin. Meeting with these representatives provides an excellent opportunity for you to explore your options. **Please sign up ahead of time online or in the Student Services Office** and a pass will be sent to you for the day and time of the visit.

Education Fair:

We will attend the Education Fair on Monday, September 22nd at Mora High School. All Juniors will be bussed to the Fair as a school activity. The College and Education Fair provides an excellent learning experience for students to become aware of higher educational opportunities. All 11th graders will participate in this activity unless a parent/guardian opts them out of participating. Students will load the buses at 9:00 am from the flagpole. We plan to return to school in time for 4th period. Students should pre-register at StriveFair.com to receive a barcode to use at the event.

MN National College Fair:

The Minnesota National College Fair will take place on Tuesday, October 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 pm, and on Wednesday, October 8th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Students who plan to attend must provide their own transportation, and will need to bring a pre-excused note from a parent/guardian to school in order to attend during the school day. To register for the event and obtain a barcode that can be scanned by college representatives at the fair, visit nacacattend.org. More information can be found at: mn-acac.org/ncf.

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test)/ NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test):

On October 15th, the **optional** PSAT test will be given at Milaca High School from 8:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The primary purpose of the PSAT is to provide an opportunity for students to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship competition and other scholarship opportunities. The PSAT also serves as a practice test for those students who will be taking the SAT (college entrance test - please note: The SAT is not commonly required by colleges in the Midwest).

If you are interested in taking the PSAT, sign up in the Student Services Office by September 19th. The fee is \$18.00 (checks can be made payable to "Milaca High School"). Check with your School Counselor if you think you might qualify for a fee waiver. You will need to use a school issued chromebook to take the PSAT. You will receive information when you sign up that will help you understand the test format, and also help you practice for the test.

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery):

On November 5th, the ASVAB test will be offered at Milaca High School. This test is **optional and free**. The ASVAB is threefold: It teaches students career exploration skills, helps students learn more about themselves and the occupations they may find rewarding, and matches their interests, abilities and personal preferences with career opportunities. The ASVAB test is taken on a computer. Students will take the test from 8:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Students will receive their results in the afternoon. Any students interested in joining the military will need to take the ASVAB. If you are interested in taking the ASVAB, please sign up in the Student Services Office by Monday, October 27th.

ACT (College Entrance Test):

On March 10th, all Juniors will have the option to take the ACT test at Milaca High School. Most four-year colleges accept this college entrance test, although in recent years many colleges have become test optional.

Two-year colleges have their own assessment, typically the Accuplacer. More information will be provided on the ACT in the Spring.

Preparation for the ACT and ASVAB:

There are a variety of resources available to help students prepare for standardized tests such as the ACT and ASVAB. Study books can be purchased online or at local bookstores. Students can find practice tests and study guides for the ACT at:

<https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>

ASVAB practice tests can be found at: <https://nationalguard.com/practice-asvab>

MNCIS (Minnesota Career Information System):

Milaca High School currently subscribes to MNCIS, an online career and college information website. This site contains a great deal of information that can assist students with post high school planning. The site offers career interest assessments, college search tools, and scholarship searches.

www.mncis.intocareers.org: Click "Log in with Clever"

Remember, your School Counselors are here to help you!