

School Counseling Newsletter

Mercy McAuley High School

Save the Date

December 4, 2021: SAT Test Date

December 9, 2021: Government End of Course Test Date

See Below for more details

December 11, 2021: ACT Test Date

December 15-17, 2021: Final Exams for First Semester

See Below for more details

December 17, 2021: 1st Semester Ends

December 20-January 4, 2022: Christmas Break

January 4, 2022: 2nd Semester Begins

January 19, 2022: CCP Night at Mercy McAuley High School

More information to follow



JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES PSAT RESULTS

PSAT results will be available online beginning Tuesday December 7. Students should go to:

<https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home>. [CLICK HERE](#). If they do not have an account, they will need to create one. Most juniors should have an account.

Parents should go to the following website to learn more about PSAT results and how to help your student.

<https://parents.collegeboard.org/college-board-programs/psat-nmsqt>. [CLICK HERE](#)

Contact your daughter's counselor with any questions.

COLLEGE AND CAREER



HAS YOUR STUDENT BEEN ACCEPTED TO COLLEGE OR RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP?

Please remind your student to send her acceptance letters and/or scholarship letters to her counselor! She can forward the emails or bring a hard copy in. We keep a record for graduation and end-of-year activities.

Tell your students to keep up the hard work; they are almost to the finish line!

SCHOLARSHIPS



THE GIBLER TEAM FOUNDATION - FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

Walt Gibler and The Gibler Team will be giving out Scholarships for (2022-2023) tuition to students who have endured a disease or disabilities. Applicants will have to submit an essay online about how this disease or disability has challenged them and how they not only survived but thrived despite this challenge. The essay should be between 350-450 words. Essays will be due 1/28/22 and winners will be announced in mid February.

[Click Here For More Information](#)

GEORGE S. & STELLA M. KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST

[Details here](#)

MAMIE EARL SELLS SCHOLARSHIP

[Details here](#)

JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST

[Details here](#)



OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Ohio Township Association Scholarship Program began in 2005. Many years prior to this, former board member Paul Smith and his wife, Ethel, gave the initial donation to the OTA Scholarship Fund, providing the groundwork for future scholarships. The scholarships are also funded by donations from County Township Associations, personal gifts, and proceeds from the OTA's annual golf outing.

Today, four \$1,500 scholarships are awarded annually. Among other requirements, applicants must be a high school senior planning to attend a two or four-year Ohio college or university.

Wondering if you reside in a township? Consult your local County Auditor's website and input your home address in the property search function to obtain tax and property details. **If you're looking for your local township officials,** contact your County Board of Elections.

For more information or if you have questions, please call the OTA office at (614) 863-0045.



OHIO MEANS JOBS CAREER CLUSTERS

Explore various Career Clusters on our **Ohio Means Jobs Website**. It will help your student get a better understanding of their career options. There are also live chats with personnel who will help your student plan and make informed decisions that will drive her success!

Career Cluster

Details here



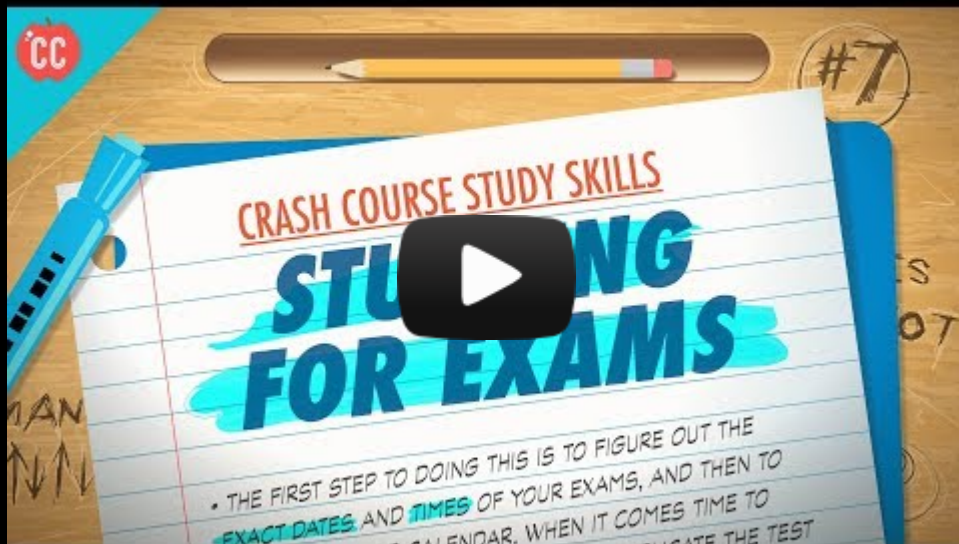
WHAT HAPPENED IN TUESDAY TEA?

Seniors looked at final steps for college applications and acceptances.

Freshman looked at study skills, learning styles, and how to prepare for final exams.

ACADEMIC

Studying for Exams: Crash Course Study Skills #7



Important End of Course Testing Information

Government End of Course Exam - The end of course exam for Government will be given on Thursday December 9. All seniors in this class are required by the State of Ohio to take the end of course exam in Government. This is scheduled for 8 a.m. on December 9 in the cafeteria of Mercy McAuley.



Semester Exams

Semester exams are right around the corner. Plan ahead to do your best - consistent study skills are the best strategy.

Make sure you understand what is being taught. Confused? Ask questions. Make a plan to see your teacher during TEA, FLEX, before school, or after school. Exam review should be just that - review. Learn the material the first time around and the exam prep should be a bit easier.

Review each subject every day. Don't have homework? Make time to review your notes anyway. This will help the material sink in and help you find if you have questions about a topic.

Make sure all work is complete. Missing an assignment? Ask if it can still be turned in for partial credit. Even if it can't - doing the work will help ensure you don't miss any important concepts that will be tested later.

ACADEMIC HELP

Need extra help in a class or interested in learning new study skills? Check out the document below that include multiple resources available at Mercy McAuley, tutoring options, organizational skills, study tips, and online resources.

See your counselors for additional academic help!

[Academic Help](#)

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL

5 Tips To Manage Holiday Stress

1



Keep It Simple

- Do Less and Enjoy More
- Establish a Budget for Gift Giving
- Make Homemade Gifts
- Start a Family Gift Exchange

2



Forget About Perfection

- Stick to Your Daily Routine as Much as Possible
- Plan Ahead
- Make Lists of Tasks and Errands
- Prioritize What You Want to Accomplish
- Keep Old Holiday Traditions That You Enjoy
- Add New Holiday Traditions to the Old Ones
- Slow Down and Enjoy the Season
- Don't Fret If You Can't Do It All!

3



Attend to Your Self-Care

- Don't Overindulge on Food and Alcohol
- Maintain a Healthy Diet
- Exercise - Even a Short Walk is Helpful
- Take 10 Minutes for Quiet Time When Needed
- Get Enough Sleep
- It's Okay to Say "No" to Requests
- Ask for Help When You Need It

4



Acknowledge Emotions & Feelings

- Holiday Time Can Make You Happy
- Holiday Time Can Make You Sad
- Holiday Time Can Bring Frustration
- Holiday Time Can Be Lonely
- Ride the Wave of Holiday Emotions
- Reach Out To Friends, Family, or a Counselor For Support
- ALL EMOTIONS ARE VALID

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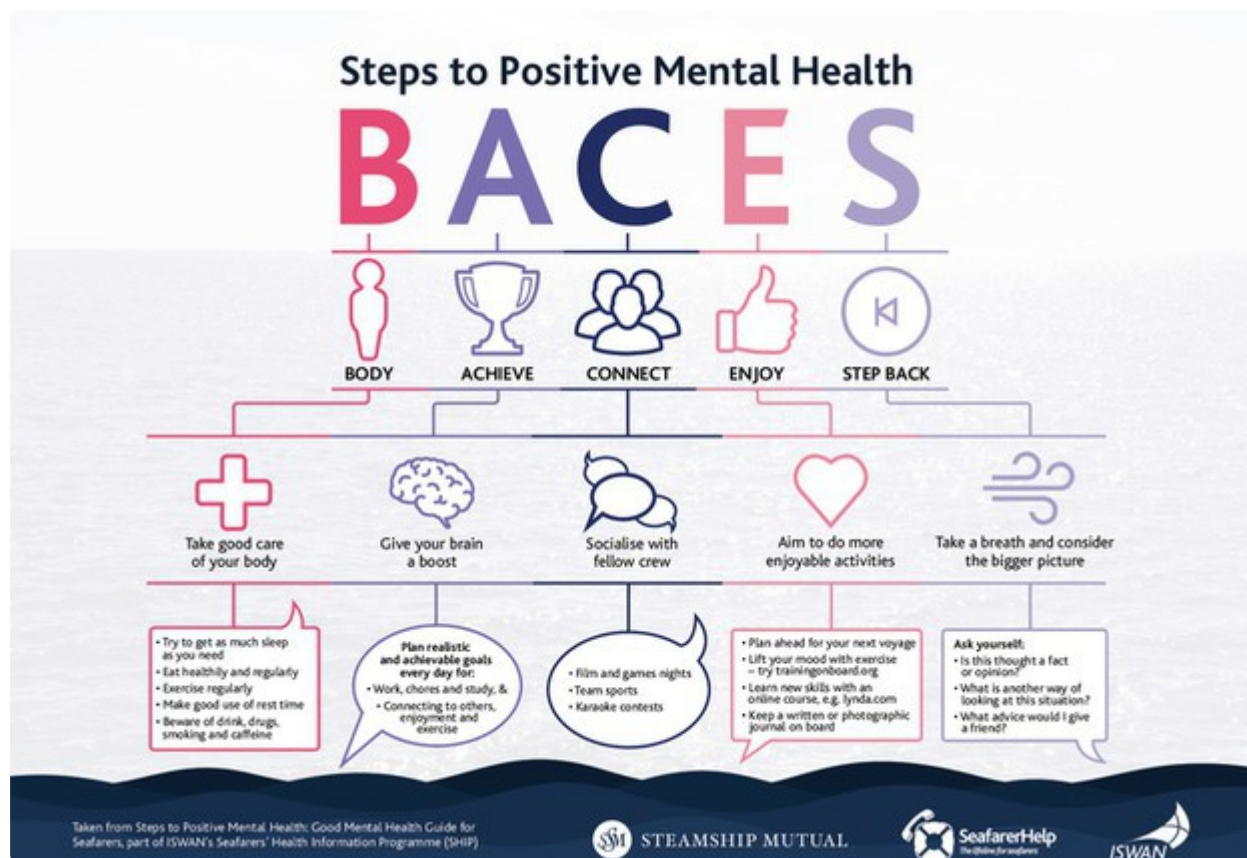


Focus on Kindness and Gratitude

- Enjoy Time With Family and Friends
- Pick Your Battles When Tensions Are High
- Donate Money or Time to Charity
- Practice Acceptance, Forgiveness, & Gratitude

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TIPS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR TEEN



MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

If you feel that you or a friend is in a crisis situation and/or fearful of hurting yourself or others and there isn't a caring adult you can reach right away, please reach out to one of the following:

- Call **281-CARE (2273)**
- Text **4HOPE to 839863**
- Call the Psychiatric Intake Response Center (PIRC) at Cincinnati Children's Hospital @ **(513) 636-4124**
- You can also call **911** or Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at **513-946-6400**

Mental Health Resources

STUDENT PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Bank of America Student Leaders

Since 2004, Student Leaders has been part of Bank of America's ongoing commitment to youth employment and economic mobility. Our goal is to help prepare a diverse pipeline of community-minded young students to be successful in the workforce through leadership training and work experience.

Through our Student Leaders® program, we annually connect more than 300 community-minded high school juniors and seniors from nearly 100 communities to employment, skills development and service.

If you or someone you know is a current junior or senior in high school and have a passion for improving the community, please join us for an information session to learn more about the application process and program details. This session is open to prospective applicants, parents, guardians, guidance counselors and advisors.

SEE ATTACHMENTS AT BOTTOM OF NEWSLETTER



THE REYNOLDS YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP AT DENISON

The Reynolds Young Writers Workshop at Denison is an energizing 8-day program for motivated high school students (rising juniors and seniors) who love to write. For over 25 years, the Reynolds Workshop has brought together young writers who are passionate about writing and eager to connect to a close-knit community of writing friends. The workshop is held each June on the beautiful campus of Denison University, a leading liberal arts college, in the village of Granville, Ohio.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Ball State Interior Design Summer Workshop

For the past thirteen years Ball State's Interior Design program has offered high school workshops/camp experiences where high school students of all levels learn about interior design in a hands-on way. The workshop explores fundamentals of 2D and 3D concepts, basic drawing and illustration skills, use of color and light effects, and how interior environments affect human behavior. This inclusive program seeks to blend tradition and innovation in creative learning.

At the end of the workshop, students have new friends, new perspectives, and a personal portfolio full of ideas!

This year we will be offering four flexible workshops:

- Two ten day on-campus workshops during the summer
- Two three week on-line workshops during the summer

Registration for summer Youth Interior Design Forum is now open.

About 80 percent of college students in the United States end up changing their major at least once, according to the [National Center for Education Statistics](#). Participation in this workshop will help your student build an art portfolio, help them make their final decision about declaring "interior design" as a major and also help them with a smooth transition to college after this exciting campus experience. Further, we will waive a required elective course for them, if they participate in the workshop and get admitted to Ball State University to study [Interior Design](#).

Murray State University's Commonwealth Honors Academy

June 4, 2022-June 25, 2022

The Academy brings together 120 rising high school seniors from Kentucky and the surrounding region for three weeks for an exciting, challenging academic enrichment program. Upon the completion of the academy, students will

- Receive 6 hours of honors level university study credit
- Have the opportunity to take an additional six hours of tuition- free university courses at Murray State University during their senior year
- Be awarded a four-year \$2,000 renewable housing scholarship to attend Murray State University

To qualify for the academy, students must have

- A completed Junior year of high school
- A composite ACT of approximately 25 (or equivalent on the SAT) and a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Other credentials, such as community service, such as community involvement, class rank, and teacher recommendations that are taken into consideration in the selection process

The student application deadline is March 15, 2022

NOW HIRING

[Twin Towers – Life Enriching Communities](#)

[Wicked Good – Pub and Grill](#)

[Oak Hills Works: Various Part-time and Seasonal jobs](#)

[Ohio Living Llanfair – after school servers for independent living dining halls](#)

[Perfect North Slopes](#)

[Cincinnati Zoo – Food Sales](#)

[Hillebrand Nursing & Rehabilitation Center](#)

Walgreens - see "Customer Associate Recruiting Flier" at Bottom of newsletter

STANDARDIZED TEST PREP OPTIONS

- ACT Academy : <https://academy.act.org/>
- A+ Tutoring: <https://www.aplustutoring-testprep.com/>
- Academic Insights: Kathleen Kuhn <http://www.academic-insights.com/>
- Club Z: www.clubztutoring.com/Cincinnati
- Education for Testing (Martha Geller): http://www.educationfortesting.com/_v2/

· Inspirica: www.inspirica.com

· Kaplan Test Prep: <https://www.kaptest.com/>

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§ Full access for 1 month—free

§ <https://www.kaptest.com/sat/free/sat-on-demand-trial>

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· Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

· Constance Gorman: <http://www.mycincytutor.com/>

o Tutors math, chemistry, ACT, and SAT

· NKY Tutoring: www.nkytutoring.com

o Focuses on the math section of the ACT

· Ohio Means Jobs: <https://jobseeker.k-12.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/assessments/home.aspx>

o PSAT, ACT, SAT, ASVAB, and AP

· Torch Prep: <https://www.torchprep.com/>

· Townsend Test Prep: <http://www.townsendtestprep.com/>

· Ace Test Prep: <https://www.acetestprepcincy.com/>

o Two Elder/St. X teachers, Brett Currin/Julie Brandel offer a course for Catholic high school students and may private tutor

· Multiple ACT and SAT help applications are available for your smart phone. These are to be used to improve your weaknesses, additional practice, and to change up your study routine.

o Magoosh (good for memorization), ACT and SAT flashcards

§ <https://magoosh.com/>

Khan Academy App

The Grading Game (good for writing)

Math Brain Booster (good for math)

ACT online Prep

ACT prep by Ready4

ACT Prep Coach & Practice Test / ACT Test Prep, Practice, and Flashcards



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