



Caper Notes

FROM LCMRHS COUNSELORS

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Senior and Senior Titles

This newsletter will be available every month online at www.lcmrschools.com. It will contain information about scholarships as well as other information important to seniors and their parents. Most of the local scholarships will be offered after the first of the year. It is the student's responsibility to obtain a copy of the application and to return it completed to the guidance office.

As always students and parents are invited to visit with the Guidance Counselors:

Mrs. White	All Freshman
Mr. Courtney	A-E
Ms. Markovitz	F-K
Ms. O'Donoghue	L-P
Ms. Nivitskie	R-Z

~New Resource~

Naviance is a new career and college search tool available to all students. Take career surveys, research occupations, perform college searches, and look up scholarships from your personalized Naviance Family Connection account. Naviance is also used to send electronic documents to colleges like transcripts and letters of recommendation. For more information on how to register, contact your guidance counselor.

ACCC Jumpstart

ACCC Jumpstart is an opportunity for students to apply to ACCC, take the placement test, and enroll in classes all at LCMR. Students must complete an application and sign up for the program in the guidance office. The first Jumpstart session is **Wednesday, December 19th.**

IMPORTANT

When you register for the SAT/ACT, you must list our high school code or scores will NOT be sent to LCMRHS and therefore will NOT be listed on your transcript.

LCMR high school code: 310210

College Admissions Testing

Seniors who plan to attend a four-year college and have not taken a college admissions test need to do so very soon. Those who have tested may choose to retake either test in order to try for a higher score. The registration packets for the SAT I, SAT II Subject, and ACT tests are now available in the Guidance Office or you can register online at www.collegeboard.com/sat or www.act.org. You may check the college catalogs or talk with your counselor if you are unsure which test(s) to take. The high school code number for Lower Cape May Regional High School is **310210**. Students planning to attend a community college will not need to take the SAT or the ACT.

**** YOU ARE ENVOURED TO REGISTER FOR THE SAT ONLINE. NEW SECURITY REGULATIONS REQUIRE YOU TO UPLOAD A PICTURE TO YOUR ADMISSIONS TICKET.**

**** NO STUDENT WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT PROPER ID AND YOUR ADMISSIONS TICKET.**

SAT I & SAT II SUBJECT TESTS

Test Date	Registration Deadlines
October 6, 2012	September 7, 2012
November 3, 2012*	October 4, 2012
December 1, 2012	November 1, 2012
January 26, 2013 *	December 28, 2012
March 9, 2013	February 8, 2013
May 3, 2013	April 19, 2013
June 1, 2013 *	May 2, 2013

*test given at LCMRHS

The cost of the SAT I is \$50.00; the SAT II Subject Tests range varies depending on the test. Late registration dates are available for an additional \$26.00.

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 27, 2012	September 21, 2012
December 8, 2012	November 2, 2012
February 9, 2013	January 11, 2013
April 13, 2013*	March 8, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013

*given at LCMRHS

The cost of the ACT without the writing component is \$35.00 and with the writing component is \$50.50. Please check the registration packet for test site locations.

ASVAB TESTING

There are opportunities available to young men and women who can qualify for today's ARMED FORCES. Each branch of the military offers programs of training and technical schooling as well as an excellent college scholarship program. Any senior interested in taking the vocational test for the armed services needs to sign up for the test in the Guidance Office. The test is free and will be administered at

LCMRHS on **February 12, 2013.**

ADMISSIONS: EARLY DECISION OPTION

If you are considering early decision for admission, check immediately with your college of choice for their specific requirements. These deadlines are rapidly approaching and you must plan now if this option is important to you

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Now is when you should be in contact with colleges, securing their applications, filling out their applications, and submitting the different kinds of paperwork required. All colleges have deadlines, some in the fall and others early in the new year. Check your catalogs and don't be caught by a passed deadline. ***It is your responsibility to determine where you want to apply and what the specific requirements are.*** Information is available in the Counselors' Office to assist you.

Note: It is important that you give teachers and/or counselors 2-3 weeks notice if you want them to write a letter of recommendation. Please plan ahead so you don't miss any deadlines.

COMMON APPLICATION

The Common College Application is available through the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Students need only to complete this application once when applying to any of the participating independent colleges and universities who utilize this form. The list of schools using the common application is available in the Guidance Office.

***** We now have a partnership with Common App and Naviance that allows us to send out transcripts and letters of recommendation electronically. If you are applying to Common App school, please let your guidance counselor know.**

ATTENTION SENIOR BOYS

You need to register with Selective Service.

It is not the Army, it's not the draft, no one's going to your house-it's just one of the things a man's gotta do. If you are 18, you have to register within 30 days of your 18th birthday. It's the law! If you are 17, you can submit registration information and when you're 18, you'll be registered automatically. Registering keeps you eligible for Federal college loans, grants, and student aid in most states. You can register on-line at www.sss.gov, you can fill out a registration card at any U.S. Post Office or you can send back the registration card you may have received in the mail. If you have any questions, check with your Guidance Counselor.

WHAT DO THEY LOOK AT?

Admissions officers consider these factors in roughly the following order of importance:

Grade Point Average/Difficulty in Curriculum

SAT I & SAT II scores

Class Rank

Application essays

Extracurricular activities

Recommendations

Interviews

Intangibles



Of course, every college is different. The larger the school, the less time it has to spend with your application (sometimes less than five minutes). Big state schools rarely reach number three on this list. Small schools may look past weak grades or test scores if they see something special about you.

COLLEGE VISITS AT LCMR

The following schools will be visiting LCMRHS on the dates and at the times listed. There could be additions to this list after this newsletter was sent out so check the bulletin board in Guidance. The bulletin board has the sign-up sheets for the school meetings, but you can also sign up for a visit through NAVIANCE. Sign up and you will receive a pass on the day of the school's visit. This is your opportunity to meet with a representative from the school and to ask any questions you might have. REMEMBER SCHOOLS ARE BEING

ADDED TO THIS LIST DAILY SO KEEP CHECKING THE BOARD AND LISTEN TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS...

October

10/4	Radford University	8:00 am
10/10	Fairleigh Dickinson U	9:30 am
10/15	Johnson & Wales U	8:00 am
10/16	Rider University	9:00 am
10/22	DeSales University	1:00 pm
10/24	Manhattan College	1:30 pm
10/26	Salisbury University	8:00 am
10/30	Gwynedd- Mercy C	1:00 pm
10/31	York College of Pa	9:00 am
10/31	Rosemont College	12:00 pm

November

11/2	Albright College	1:00 pm
11/5	Centenary College	1:30 pm
11/22	William Patterson U	1:30 pm

Atlantic City National College Fair

Thursday, November 1, 2012

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Atlantic City Convention Center

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Instant

Decision Days:

The Office of Enrollment Management is proudly hosting Instant Decision Days for academically talented high school seniors! IDD offers you the opportunity to connect with College administrators, deans, faculty and students, and learn firsthand about academic, social and campus life AND walk away with a college acceptance in one day! Space is limited - by reservation only!

Friday, October 26, 2012

Friday, November 9, 2012

Friday, November 16, 2012

Requirements:

- High school senior - grade 12 beginning September 2011
- Expected high school graduation - June 2012
- 1,130+ SAT Critical Reading & Math combined
- Top 20% class rank - calculated at end of junior year

- IDD Application signed by your guidance counselor and faxed to the Admissions Office. At the end of the day you will receive your letter of acceptance for admission to Stockton College for Fall 2012! You may also receive a scholarship award if eligible. This is a non-binding

decision - you are under no obligation to submit an enrollment deposit. You will have until May 1, 2012 to confirm acceptance for Fall 2011.

****Go to Stockton.edu for more information.**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

As scholarship information is received in the Counselors' Office, it will be publicized through the "Caper Notes" and/or announcements. It is important to pay close attention to information on eligibility criteria, deadlines, etc. If you are interested in any of these scholarships, please contact the Counselors' Office for applications and/or additional information.

IT IS THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- READ THIS NEWSLETTER.
- OBTAIN THE APPLICATION.
- FILL OUT THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY ATTACH ANY REQUESTED DOCUMENTS OR REQUEST IN WRITING THAT THE DOCUMENTATION BE ATTACHED BY THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
- RETURN THE APPLICATION TO GUIDANCE PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE SET BY THE GUIDANCE OFFICE.

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCMREA John R. Maxwell Scholarship: \$500 awarded to a male and female student who will be majoring in education at an accredited college. Involvement in extracurricular activities and/or community involvement is required. Deadline is **April 8, 2013.**

Lower Cape May Regional Education Association Scholarship: This award goes to a student with a parent or guardian who is an LCMREA member and will be attending a two or four year college in the fall. Student must have a GPA of at least a 3.0 and show some type of school activity or community involvement. Deadline is April 8, 2013.

College Application Reminders

Register and take the SAT or ACT as quickly as possible, if needed. **NOW!**

After investigation, narrow your college list to a manageable number. **NOW!**

Write, call, fax, or go on-line with each college to request information and applications for admissions, scholarships, financial aid, housing, etc. **NOW!**

Complete and submit application for admissions well in advance of deadlines. Do the same for housing, scholarships, and financial aid. **SOON!**

Attend the **Financial Aid Meeting** in on LCMRHS (date to be determined). The **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** will be distributed at the meeting and will be available in the Guidance Office following the meeting. This form is to be mailed on or after January 1, 2013. (Note: some private schools use the CSS Profile application also. Follow your school's instructions.)

Most universities offer scholarships for students planning to attend that school. You should contact the Financial Aid office at each of the schools that you are interested in attending.

Remember: The best source of information about a particular college is their own catalog. Also, the best source of financial aid information is the Financial Aid office of the college to which you are applying.

Tips for a Killer Essay

With more colleges asking unique essay questions, the student's job of writing an interesting essay has become more challenging and more time consuming. Those students applying to multiple colleges are no longer able to simply rehash the standard question for each school. Here are seven tips to guide you through the evolving world of the college essay. Treat the essay seriously, but be creative and original.

Allow yourself at least a month to think about, write, review, and revise your essay.

Outline your ideas first, so you know where you're going.

Make sure you answer the question completely, providing specific examples to back up your points.

Use your own voice, and don't just respond with what you think a college would like to hear.

Get a second opinion on your first draft-from a friend, family member, or teacher. Proofread carefully, and submit a neatly typed version.

Test Strategy

Get Familiar. Learn the content and format of the test.

Practice, Practice, Practice!!

Get your rest. Get plenty of sleep the night before the test, and leave yourself enough time to get to the test site.

Arrive at least 30 minutes before the exam and bring necessary materials to the test site: admission ticket, photo identification, several pre-sharpened pencils with good erasers and a calculator.

During the test remember to:

- *read the directions and questions carefully
- *pace yourself
- *answer easy questions first
- *use logical reasoning a process of elimination for tougher questions
- *review your work
- *be precise in marking your answer document
- *erase wrong answers completely

The most important advice: Stay cool, calm, and collected. Don't let the test stress you out.

www.4tests.com

www.kaplanpracticetest.com

www.review.com

www.number2.com

www.collegeboard.com>sat prep

www.act.org/aap/index.html



SAT vs. ACT

The road to college can be a confusing and hectic' one. Choosing the right admissions test to take-SAT or ACT-doesn't have to be. While most colleges across the country accept scores from either test, the SAT and ACT are significantly different, measuring different skills. Check with your guidance counselor and preferred colleges, then use the information below to decide which test is right for you.

Differences at a glance:

SAT

no science section

no trigonometry section

vocabulary emphasized

non multiple-choice questions included

guess penalty

no English grammar

Math accounts for 50% of your score

questions go from easy to hard in most sections

all your SAT scores reported to colleges

ACT

science reasoning section

math sections include trigonometry

vocabulary less important

entirely multiple choice

no guessing penalty

English grammar tested

math accounts for 25% of your score

easy and hard questions mixed within sections

report scores only from the test dates you choose

