

Dates to Remember:

October 28—Early Release at 1:30

November 9—FAFSA Financial Aid Night @ DSU

November 11—No School (Veteran's Day)

November 17—Parent-Teacher Conferences from 4:00-7:00

November 24 & 26—Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL ☺



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

NOVEMBER 2021

✓ Grades 9-12:

Make sure that you are watching the daily announcements and our Counselor's Corner for regularly updated information for parents and students on our DHS website at www.dhs.dickinson.k12.nd.us.

DUAL CREDIT

Students who are interested in taking classes for dual credit and qualify for free or reduced lunches (does NOT mean they need to eat here) can register for dual credit class(es) in the fall and/or spring and have the credits paid for by the ND College Access Network (NDCAN). Visit with your dual credit teacher or counselor if you have questions regarding qualification ☺

HAVE YOU
COMPLETED
THE FAFSA?

Don't wait!

[Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#)

Available as of October 1, 2021. Parents, guardians, and

student may use their federal income tax returns from 2020, before January 1, 2021. Income will interface on FAFSA after 2021 taxes are completed. The online application is FREE at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. A username and password will be created and used as your online application signature. The automatic ND State Grant of up to \$1950.00, based on financial need, is now based on first come-first serve FAFSA completion.

North Dakota State Scholarship

The \$6,000.00 scholarship is available at approved colleges and universities in the state of North Dakota. Students may use this scholarship a total of eight semesters over the course of six years. Students receive \$1,500.00 per year (\$750.00 per semester).

To qualify for the state scholarship, an ACT score of 24 is required, or three WorkKeys scores of "5" or higher. The three WorkKeys tests are *Applied Math, Graphic Literacy,*

and Workplace Documents. More information regarding dates, places, and times these tests will be offered is coming soon!

SENIORS: If you were not happy with your ACT score, or are just looking to improve it, you still have time to retake the test! Your highest score will be the one that counts for college admission and scholarships. Pick up a paper practice booklet with any counselor or practice online. There are also ACT flashcards that can be checked out from the library.

The graphic features the ACT logo and a table of test dates. The table is organized into two main sections for 2019 and 2020, each with columns for the test dates and rows for registration and late registration deadlines. A side panel on the right encourages registration at act.org.

The ACT 2019-2020 TEST DATES				
2019 Test Dates	SEP 14	OCT 26	DEC 14	Register at act.org
Registration Deadline	AUG 16	SEP 20	NOV 8	
**Late Registration Deadline	AUG 30	OCT 4	NOV 22	
2020 Test Dates	FEB 8	APR 4	JUN 13	JUL 18*
Registration Deadline	JAN 10	FEB 28	MAY 8	JUN 19
**Late Registration Deadline	JAN 17	MAR 13	MAY 22	JUN 26

*****NCAA Eligibility Center*****--This online application checks academic eligibility for students who want to play sports at a Division I or Division II college/university. Once complete, be sure to have your official transcript sent from the front office; have them send another one at the end of the school year as well.

*****College/University Visits*****--(Juniors and seniors) Take the time and schedule a college visit! Many colleges/universities have open houses and tours for prospective students; check with the college's website or a college representative for special activities/events. Stop in and see your high school counselor if you need help making contact.

*****Career Planning*****---Throughout students' high school careers, they are given various opportunities to take many elective classes, build their basic skills in core classes, explore career options and interests, and do job shadows in their high interest areas. It is never too early to start discussing realistic options and goals for the future! To explore and compare careers, programs, and colleges, go to www.RUReadyND.com. This site also has access to Testgear, which allows students to prepare for the ACT.

*****Test Anxiety*****--Testing provides a healthy challenge for students and helps them measure what they have learned. Teens have grown up in an era of high-stakes standardized testing. Finals time at the end of each grading period can be stressful for both parents and students. Schools are also ranked according to their students' standardized test scores. Students should get plenty of rest and have a good breakfast before testing.

In conjunction with DSU, a **FAFSA/Financial Aid Night** will be hosted in order to help parents and students (seniors and juniors who plan to early grad) start the financial aid process. This will be held on November 9, 2021, and will take place in Beck Auditorium in Kleinfelter Hall @ DSU. If you plan to attend, please bring your Chromebook with so that we can help get you started☺