

Counselor's Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 3--*Manufacturing Day at DSU Biesiot Activity Center*

October 17-*Free Online College Application*

October 19 & 20- No school-Teacher's Convention

October 25/26 – ASVAB Testing for Juniors (morning only)

October 27-Early Release (1:00)

October 28 -- *ACT Test at DSU*

October 31—**PSAT Testing** (sophomores/juniors who signed up)

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid –

Typically, students and parents are able to start working on this application October 1. However, for the first time in many years, the FAFSA application is getting a major overhaul! With that being said, there is currently no official date for the opening of this year's application—we are being told it will be sometime in December. As soon as more specifics are provided, we will push that information out to students.



Oct. 3, 2023-- Manufacturing Day (Tuesday) –

Hosted by area manufacturing leaders each year is recognition of National Manufacturing Day and will take place at the Biesiot Activity Center. This event will promote local manufacturing careers and jobs, and provide information to our educators, students and the public about manufacturing in our area, as well as help bridge the connections between school and careers.

College Application Month

October in North Dakota!

We will give seniors an opportunity to apply to one

ND post-secondary school for FREE during a school day! The Bank of North Dakota covers the \$35 fee! Please encourage your senior students to take advantage of it! Counselors will be on hand to help with questions and to distribute a transcript, which contains pertinent information.



WHO: Any and all senior DHS students

WHEN: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

During off hours or long lunch (from 8:10 to 3:35)

WHERE: Library

WHY: It's FREE!!!!

*****All Students - North Dakota State Scholarship*****

The \$6,000.00 scholarship is available to students at approved colleges and universities in the state of North Dakota. Students may use the ND Scholarship at \$1500.00 per year, or \$750.00 per semester, over six years. Students may defer the scholarship for a variety of reasons.

WorkKeys

WorkKeys testing can be done to meet the criteria for the CTE track of the scholarship mentioned above. (A 24 on the ACT will qualify you for either the CTE or the Academic track.)

There are three WorkKeys tests: Workplace Documents, Graphic Literacy, and Applied Math. These will be offered starting second semester. Students should visit with their high school counselor to see if they would benefit from taking these tests or retaking the ACT. IT COULD GET THEM \$6000.00!!!

Bank of ND Dual Credit:

Bank of North Dakota (BND) is accepting applications from eligible students for financial assistance to pay for dual credit courses. Funding may be limited. Applications will be considered by date submitted. Approved students may receive assistance for up to two (2) courses per academic school year. Please see a counselor with questions and/or to get signed up☺

JUNIORS/SOPHOMORES-The PSAT (Pre-SAT)-

This is an optional upper academic test that measures reading, writing and language, and math skills for sophomores-juniors. We will test the entire morning of Tuesday, Oct 31, in the DHS auditorium. Those juniors whose scores are in the very top percentages may also compete for National Merit Scholarships. Counselors will help students with the test interpretation when results come in sometime in January.

➤ **PSAT-FREE PRACTICE OPTIONS -**

- Options for practice on our website include Test Prep Review and Testive on our RUReady program. You may also practice free online at www.collegeboard.org.
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Dickinson Backpack Program:

This is a food program intended to help alleviate childhood hunger on weekends and during school breaks; packs are filled with shelf-stable food. With your approval we will send a bag of food home with your child every Friday. This is a FREE program for those meet specific criteria. See a counselor to get signed up☺

College/University Visits -- This is a great opportunity to take the time to schedule a college visit. Many colleges/universities have open houses, field days, and tours for prospective students who might be interested in attending their school in the fall of 2024. Check with the college's website or college representatives for special activities/events for an opportunity to see campus life and visit with students presently attending. Seniors who are interested in attending an open house should contact the school for dates of open houses for different programs. Stop in with your senior counselor for help in making contacts.

NCAA Eligibility Center-- Checks academic eligibility for students who want to play sports at a Division I or Division II college/university. Make sure that you have completed your online NCAA application and that you have your official transcript sent from the front office both at the time that you complete your application and at the end of the school year.