

**BBCHS**

# Counseling Department Junior Newsletter

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**COUNSELING  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE)

### TESTING DATES

All testing begins at 8:00am

#### March

3/1 Late Arrival  
3/5 Casimir Pulaski Day  
No School  
3/6-3/9 REACH Week  
3/9 Last Day of 3rd Quarter  
3/16 Early Dismissal  
3/17-3/24 Spring Break

#### April

4/6 No School  
4/11 Early Dismissal  
4/24-4/25 PSAE testing-

#### April 24th

##### ACT

**ACT - 4 1/2 hrs. Total time**

- English 45 minutes
- Math 60 minutes
- Reading 35 minutes
- Science 35 minutes

#### April 25th

##### ISBE Science

**ACT Work Keys Math and Reading**

Beginning this year, the ACT test that is a component of the PSAE, will **not** include a writing test. If a student is interested in a college that requires the writing test, they will need to take another ACT on a national test date. Information regarding this can be found at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**ISBE Science/ Work Keys - 3 hrs. total time**

- ISBE Science 40 minutes
- Work Keys Math 45 minutes
- Work Keys Reading 45 minutes

## Summer School Helps Students Step Ahead



Summer School will be offered for credit recovery and credit advancement. Credit recovery is for students who have failed a course and need to make it up in order to meet graduation requirements. Credit advancement is for students who are trying to fit in a lot of courses such as music or foreign language. Each session of summer school is equal to one semester of a class. Students can only take one class during each session. Two summer sessions will be offered in recovery classes that correlate with each semester of an academic year. Students who miss more than two days of class for any reason will be dropped and no refunds will be issued.

### Dates and Times

#### Session I

June 11 - June 29

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 18

#### Session II

July 2- July 23

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: June 15

### Costs

Cost for district students are \$150.00 per session (includes a \$30.00 nonrefundable registration fee). Transportation is available for District 307 students with an additional fee of \$65.00.

Information and registration forms are available on the BBCHS website and in the BBCHS counseling office.

# College Representatives visit BBCHS



Every week admission representatives visit the counseling office of BBCHS hoping to talk with potential students. Their visits are included in the Daily Announcements. Students just need to request a pass in advance from the counseling office to be excused

from their classes. At this time of year we especially encourage juniors to come and talk with the representatives since most seniors have made their decisions already. Students will receive materials about the college and be able to put a face to the school. Repre-

sentatives are prepared to answer questions about majors, campus life, housing, scholarships, athletics and anything you can think of. So don't let our college representatives get lonely – come say “hello” and find out more about college.

## Junior Seminars & ACT Preparation

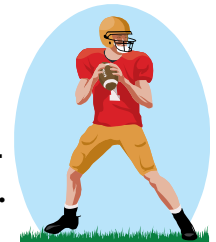
This February the counseling department will meet with all of the junior class members for a seminar using Career Cruising and College Board websites. The focus was on finding a post-secondary school of interest, campus visits, and ACT preparation. Students will be given a packet of information and asked to navigate both websites to “find their match” for a post-secondary school that met their criteria (major, size, location, etc). The students generated a list of post-secondary schools to visit.

Also found within the packet of information was a handout regarding options for ACT preparation. Students were handed a letter containing login information for ACT online prep. Through their website, ACT offers students a chance to take online practice tests.

### \*NEW THIS YEAR AT BBCHS\*

BBCHS has implemented a formal review process. The math and science review will take place on Tuesdays in February. All students will be provided formal review by Math and Science teachers in US History classes. If a student does not have a US History class, they were assigned to one. In March, formal review will take place for English and Reading in junior English classes. Review materials that will be provided include: ACT retired questions, ACT Math Work keys test and ISBE Science test.

## NCAA Clearinghouse



A prospective student-athlete is someone who is looking to participate in inter-collegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or Division II institution in the future. Students that are interested can go on-line at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) and get a summary of the rules and regulations in easy-to-read form. Guidelines relate to recruiting, eligibility, financial aid and college freshman eligibility requirements for Division I and II. Make sure to have your student mention his/her interest in college athletics to his/her counselor during registration.