

# Counselor's Currents

April 2024

Some of the Freshmen participated in Connecting The Dots to get college and career ready!



Jace checking out Architecture.



Sara looking at Peru State information.



Aisi and Libby doing some resume work.



April is

NATIONAL AUTISM  
AWARENESS MONTH



### Words of advice for second-semester seniors:

**DO:** Remember to write thank-you notes. Be proactive by asking for what you need and advocating for yourself. Follow through with appointments. Take time to enjoy what you have left of your senior year. **READ YOUR EMAILS!!!**

**DON'T:** Don't ever assume, no matter what the case! Don't ignore deadlines or surprise your parents with unexpected bills. Don't settle for so-so grades if you're capable of doing better! Don't expect others to do for you what you should be doing for yourself.

Refer to EducationQuest's Senior Timeline ([educationquest.org](http://educationquest.org)) to help you stay on track during your senior year. The more organized you are, the happier you and your family will be. This is sure to help you feel much more at ease when you start college.

### 2023-2024 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (\$36 fee required)
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

If you miss the regular deadline, you may register during the late period but must pay the additional nonrefundable late fee.

**NOTE: All materials sent by mail must be RECEIVED by the last date of the late period, regardless of when they are postmarked.**

If students are wishing to register at school, he/she must have their social security number and a credit card to pay for registration.

#### TEST FEES

Registration for the ACT without writing is \$68.00.

ACT with writing costs \$93.00.

Juniors and Seniors qualifying for F/R Lunch may see Mrs. Houston for a fee waiver.

## Seniors...It's decision time!

Here's how to make your final college decision.

*Compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications, and campus visit notes. List the pros and cons of each school using the following criteria:*

**Location** – *Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.*

**Cost** – *Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in student and parent loans will be needed to cover expenses?*

**Academic program** – *Which college offers the degree program that best fits your career interests? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other degree programs that interest you?*

**Student life** – *Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? If you plan to live on campus, do you like the housing arrangements? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?*

*Make your final decision by May 1st and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and financial aid, to another student.*



## April "To Do" List

### Seniors

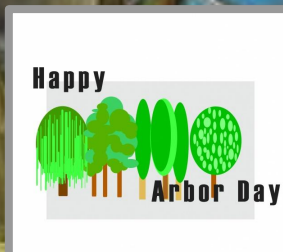
- \_\_\_ Continue applying for scholarships.
- \_\_\_ Make your final college decision.
- \_\_\_ Submit your campus housing registration fee and deposit.
- \_\_\_ Start purchasing dorm essentials.
- \_\_\_ Register for new student orientation at your college.
- \_\_\_ Start looking for a summer job.

### Juniors

- \_\_\_ Register by May 3 for the June 8 ACT.
- \_\_\_ Start looking for scholarships.
- \_\_\_ Schedule campus visits.
- \_\_\_ Start narrowing your college choices.
- \_\_\_ Apply for a summer job and create a budget to help you save for college.

### Sophomores

- \_\_\_ Learn about careers that match your skills and interests.
- \_\_\_ Start researching colleges that might be a good fit for you.
- \_\_\_ Create or update your EducationQuest Activities Resume to keep track of your awards, activities, and volunteer work.



## Tips for Making the Most of Your College Visits:

**Plan Ahead:** Schedule your visit when classes are in session so you can see the campus in full swing. Oh, and book that tour – it's like having your own personal guide to all the cool spots.

- **Go Beyond the Tour:** Don't just follow the crowd; take some time to explore on your own. Duck into the library, check out the gym, and maybe even crash a club meeting to see what's up.
- **Talk to Anyone and Everyone:** Seriously, don't be shy. Professors, students, random people chilling on the quad – ask them all about their college experience. You might uncover some hidden gems (or red flags).
- **Snap Pics and Take Notes:** With so many colleges to visit, it's easy to forget which dining hall had the killer mac and cheese. Snap some pics and jot down notes so you can remember what stood out at each place.
- **Reflect:** After each visit, take a breather and think about how you felt. Did the campus give you warm fuzzies, or did something feel off? Trust your gut – it's usually spot on.