



*Counseling Department*

*Class of 2013*

## ***SENIOR NEWSLETTER***

### **CREDITS**

It is your responsibility to make certain you are securing the necessary and the proper credits for graduation. *Twenty two credits* are required including

- 4 English
- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 4 Social Studies
- 1.5 Physical Education
- .5 Word Processing
- .5 Personal Finance

If you have failed a course or transferred into the Jamestown system, make certain you are properly enrolled to meet the requirements for graduation. If you are uncertain, check with your counselors. Your cumulative GPA (grades 9-11) and Class Ranks are available from the counselors.

### **CAREER CENTER/COUNSELORS' RESOURCES**

The career information room contains college, military, and career information. Charts display vocational schooling opportunities in North Dakota. A bulletin board provides college material and scholarship information. The Career Room is used for scheduled visits by college and military representatives.

The counselors have the **RUReadyND** ([www.rureadynd.com](http://www.rureadynd.com)) and **March2Success** ([www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)) programs, books and catalogs containing up-to-date information on undergraduate schools. Information is available concerning entrance requirements, majors, tuition, other costs, and financial aid. Four hundred forty majors are identified in Peterson's Four-Year Colleges. The College Boards College Handbook gives the latest facts on over 3,000 colleges and how to choose among them. Other books available are: The College Cost Book, ACT Prep, Occupational Outlook Handbook, and College Planning Made Easy. See the counselors for additional assistance or stop by the JHS Media Center for other resources.

## COLLEGE FAIR

**When:** Tuesday, September 25, 2012

**Where:** JHS Gym

**Time:** 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Seniors will be allowed to attend during 2nd period at the time listed above. The college fair is open to students, parents, or anyone who is interested in obtaining career information. Representatives from universities, colleges, private colleges, trade and technical schools, and the armed forces from a three state area which includes ND, MN, and SD will be available. Information on financial aid will also be available.

Go to <http://www.ndcollegefairs.com/Registration/StateSelect> to print out a barcode that will save you lots of time at the college fair. Instead of having to write your name and contact information at each college – they can scan your barcode.

## SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

**When:** Monday – October 15 – 7:00 pm

**Where:** JHS Theatre

## COLLEGE / MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES

College and military representatives will be visiting the high school - soon. Use this opportunity to help determine what school would best fit your needs. Be sure to ask about admission standards, scholarships, financial aid, and programs offered. See your counselors for a travel slip to get you out of the last 10 minutes of class. It is your responsibility to be to your next class on time.

R.O.T.C. Scholarship Applications and/or Academy Applications must be taken care of NOW!

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TEST DATES AND DEADLINES

### ACT

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
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

### SAT

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
November 3, 2012	October 4, 2012
December 1, 2012	November 1, 2012
January 26, 2013	December 28, 2012
March 9, 2013	February 8, 2013

**Deadline for the ACT or WorkKeys for the ND Academic or CTE Scholarship is February 9, 2013.**

- Registration packets may be obtained from the counselors. It is advisable to take these tests early in the school year!
- ZAPS/ACT Prep and TestGear are proven ways to prepare.
  - **ZAPS** – October 6 from 9 – 3 pm - Jamestown High School
- If you score a 24 or higher on the ACT, you **may** qualify for \$6,000 scholarship provided by the ND High Education Board.

- *Fee Waivers are available for students who are on free/reduced lunch. If this applies to you – please see a counselor.*

\*ACT Score Reports are sent directly to the student's home. Jamestown High School receives a roster of scores for each test date and records the results on the student transcripts. It is your responsibility to notify the counselors if you *do not want* an ACT score placed on your transcript.

### ASVAB

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) has been scheduled for interested seniors for *October 3, 2012 - 8:30 am in the Career Center*. Whether you decide to enter college, technical/vocational school, military service, or the world of work, the ASVAB can provide helpful information. ASVAB scores relate to both military and civilian career areas and can help you evaluate your potential for success in training in both areas. The ASVAB scores reflect potential for success in training in both areas. The ASVAB scores, grades in subject areas, values, and your level of motivation play a large role in career exploration and planning. The ASVAB will also be given at the Career and Technical Center on December 10 at 8:30 am.

### FINANCIAL AID

You can get financial aid only if you apply! Don't disqualify yourself by not applying. Aside from completing scholarship and contest forms, financial aid forms are not filled out until after the first of January of your senior year. Be sure that you know the application procedures for each school to which you wish to apply. This information is usually included in the admissions brochures and booklets that schools and colleges provide to you. Deadlines for financial aid applications are very important and sometimes very strict. Each college will have its own financial aid and admissions deadlines. It is your responsibility to check your school's deadlines.

**Financial Aid Night is January 8, 2013**

- **Please note ND Academic/CTC Scholarships have an application deadline.**
  - **Be sure to take care of this prior to the end of the school year.**

### Athletics in College

Considering athletics in college? NAIA or NCAA

Stop by and visit with a counselor about the requirements.

Go to find out more! [http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA\\_EMS/NCAA.jsp](http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp)

### SCHOLARSHIP BOOKLETS

1. Pick up your own personal copy from one of the counselors.
2. Familiarize yourself with the various awards for which you may qualify and their deadlines.
3. Try for contests or scholarships for which you qualify. Participation at times is very limited, and you certainly won't be able to win unless you submit your entry.
4. Remember to inquire about and apply for scholarships offered by the school you plan to attend.
5. When applying for scholarships, *type your application*. Watch for spelling errors and sentence fragments. Follow requirements exactly.
6. Listen to announcements as new contests and scholarship opportunities become available.

## North Dakota SCHOLARSHIP

**Any student that has approximately a 3.0 grade point average – needs to meet with a counselor as soon as possible to determine if you have met the requirements for the \$6,000 scholarship.**

### North Dakota Academic Scholarship

This scholarship is for \$750 a semester up to eight semesters (\$6,000 max). It is valid for up to six years after high school graduation and semesters do not have to be consecutive. The students must meet the requirements for the regular diploma and also the following:

- Math through Pre-Calculus
- Two credits of the same Foreign Language
- One credit in Fine Arts or Career and Technical Education
- One additional unit in any Foreign language, Fine Art or Career and Technical Education
- One credit of Advanced Placement or Dual Credit
- Students may not have a grade lower than a C and must have a cumulative 3.00 GPA
- Students must have an ACT of 24 or higher

### North Dakota Career and Technical Education Scholarship

This scholarship is for \$750 a semester up to eight semesters (\$6,000 max.) It is valid for up to six years after high school graduation and semesters do not have to be consecutive. The plan of study and WorkKeys is coordinated through the Career and Technical Center. The students must meet the requirements for the regular diploma and also the following:

- One unit of Algebra II
- Two units of a CTE coordinated plan of study
- One unit selected from foreign languages, Native American languages, American sign language, fine arts or CTE
- Any 5 additional units, 2 of which must be in the area of CTE
- Students may not have a grade lower than a C and a cumulative 3.00 GPA
- Students must have an ACT of 24 or higher or a WorkKeys score of 5 or higher on each of the three tests.

### WorkKeys Testing

The WorkKeys test would be taken by a student who has met the requirements for the Career and Technical Education Scholarship from the state of North Dakota. Students can receive this scholarship with a 24 on their ACT or by receiving a 5 on each of the three tests administered. Registration forms will be available in the High School or CTC counseling offices. The test will be given in the computer lab at the Career and Tech Center. Mr. Wold supervises the tests. The three tests are Reading for Information, Locating Information, Applied Math. The cost is \$6.00 per test or \$18.00 for all three tests. This test is taken on the computer and the student will receive the results at the end of the test. The student can take all three tests at one time or individually. If a student needs to retake a test they only need to repeat the test with a score less than 5. The score needed on each test is a 5 and the scores are not averaged. Payment must be included with registration form. Mr. Wold will consider alternate dates if these times do not work for the student. Contact Mr. Wold at 952-4252 or email at [Bruce.Wold@sendit.nodak.edu](mailto:Bruce.Wold@sendit.nodak.edu) with your request or stop in his office at the CTC.

**Dates for the WorkKeys test are listed below. Tests will start at 7:50 a.m. and 2:30 pm**

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 17	October 10
November 14	November 7
December 12	December 5
January 23	January 17
February 6 (last chance to test)	January 30

## TRANSCRIPTS RELEASE

1. Seniors planning to attend a post-secondary school will be required to furnish a transcript (an official record of grades and attendance). Before Jamestown High School can release a copy of your transcript, a "Transcript Release Form" must be completed and signed. Students not yet 18 must also have a parental signature. Pick up a release form in the counselors' offices or the on the JHS website. ([http://jhscounselingdepartment.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/3/8/13388114/official\\_transcript\\_release\\_form.pdf](http://jhscounselingdepartment.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/3/8/13388114/official_transcript_release_form.pdf)) For a transcript to be sent out within twenty four hours, it needs to be turned in with a stamped, addressed envelope to the Counseling Office by noon. (*\*Envelope should be addressed to the institution that will be receiving the transcript*)

## SELECTIVE SERVICE

Turning 18? Young men, remember to register for Selective Service during your birthday month. A trip to the post office and a few minutes will take care of that for you. You may also apply on line [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). You must have registered if you intend to file for federal financial aid.

## DVD's / INTEREST SURVEYS

Seniors, please feel free to visit the counselors if interested in assessing your Career Interests. Before school, after school, and during study halls are possible appointment times.

Seniors, this is your last year of high school. Have a great year! Consider trying out for an activity or joining a school organization. Make new friends, set academic and career goals, and use the resources provided. If you have special concerns or have occupational or career questions, feel free to see the counselors.

# HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!!!