

Life Beyond High School... Where do I go from here?

Applying to college...

- *Now is the time to apply – check deadlines at school's website
- *Applications – many schools prefer or require online application – all SUS prefer e-apps
- *Transcripts – see Mrs. Shumaker in the records room to request a TR – all colleges and universities require a TR – please give Mrs. Shumaker 24 hrs. notice
- *DE students – to be safe, you should request SJRCC to send your CC TR themselves to the college even though it appears on your PMHS TR. Mrs. Shumaker has the SJRCC TR request form.
- *There is no charge for the first 5 scholarships TR's but college TR's cost \$2.00 each after the first one and must be pre-paid.

What else do you need to get into a college besides the application and transcript?

- *SAT or ACT test scores (see next page for details)
- *Letters of recommendation
 - *You may need a rec from a counselor or teacher, either for admission or for a scholarship or both
 - *Contact the person writing your rec at least two weeks prior to when you'll need the letter
 - *Give your rec writer pre-addressed, stamped envelopes to use to mail the letters of recommendation
 - *For a counselor recommendation, use the rec packet we have in guidance – see Mrs. Giuliani

College Night - Monday, Sept. 22nd at Bartram Trail Gym – 6:30 – 8:00 PM – many southeastern college reps come and you can talk to them and pick up literature about their school

College Admissions Representatives Visits – Admissions reps come to PMHS in order to meet with college bound students. These visits are scheduled and announced by Mrs. John. Watch for up-coming visits on the blue screen, the PA announcements and on our guidance bulletin board.

Financial Aid Night – late January – evening – PAC – financial aid officer from SJRCC will explain the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to parents new to college financing

Scholarships...

- *There are two kinds of scholarships – need based and merit based
- *Need based is awarded based upon your economic background – Need is determined by the federal government through the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- *All students continuing their education must complete a FAFSA for an institution to consider awarding them a scholarship or a loan
- *The FAFSA may be completed either online (www.fafsa.ed.gov) or by paper copy but cannot be mailed or completed until January 1 of the student's senior year. Available in Guidance in Dec. or early January.
- *Merit based scholarships are awarded based upon your achievements, not economic status. Bright Futures is merit based.
- *You must "apply" for Bright Futures online before the day of graduation. This website opens up December 1st of your senior year – www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org. It is a simple form.
- *Find out about local scholarships + others that come through the PMHS Guidance Office by regularly checking our Scholarship Bulletin. Applications for these scholarships will be available in the scholarship drawer in Guidance when the scholarship is advertised. Scholarship Bulletins will be available on the Guidance bulletin board, in the upper level academic classrooms and on the PMHS website.

SAT & ACT –the College Admissions Tests...

*All colleges, universities and community colleges require a minimum SAT or ACT for admission.

*Bright Futures requires a minimum test score as do some scholarships. The last time you may take the SAT or ACT to qualify for Bright Futures is the last date the test is given in the year you are a senior.

SAT 2008 – 2009 Test Dates (\$45.00 reg. fee, \$23.00 late fee)

www.collegeboard.com

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline	Locations
Oct. 4, '08	Sept. 9, '08	Sept. 16, '08	PMHS, SAHS, BTHS
Nov. 1, '08	Sept. 26, '08	Oct. 10, '08	PMHS
Dec. 6, '08	Nov. 5, '08	Nov. 18, '08	BTHS, PVHS
Jan. 24, '09	Dec. 26, '08	Jan. 6, '09	SAHS
Mar. 14, '09	Feb. 10, '09	Feb. 24, '09	PMHS
May 2, '09	Mar. 31, '09	April 9, '09	PMHS, SAHS, BTHS, PVHS
June 6, '09	May 5, '09	May 15, '09	BTHS, PVHS

Test Center Codes: BTHS – 10614, PVHS - 10383, PMHS – 10616, SAHS – 10615
PMHS CEEB code: 101601

ACT 2008 – 2009 Test Dates (\$31.00 reg. fee, \$15.00 opt. write. fee, \$20 late fee)

www.act.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline	Locations
Sept. 13, '08	Aug. 12, '08	Aug. 13-22, '08	PMHS, NHS, BTHS, SAHS, St. Joe
Oct. 25, '08	Sept. 19, '08	Sept. 02-Oct. 3, '08	PMHS, BTHS
Dec. 13, '07	Nov. 7, '08	Nov. 8-20, '08	PMHS, BTHS, NHS, SAHS, St. Joe
Feb. 7, '09	Jan. 6, '09	Jan. 7-16, '09	PMHS, BTHS, NHS, SAHS, St. Joe
Apr. 4, '09	Feb. 27, '09	Feb. 28-Mar. 13, '09	PMHS, BTHS
June 13, '09	May 8, '09	May 9-22, '09	PMHS, BTHS, NHS, St. Joe

Test Center Codes: BTHS – 207930, NHS – 161960, PMHS – 209540, SAHS – 194210, St. Joe - 188740
PMHS CEEB code: 101601

Minimum Scores

Community College

Comp I, II, and III
Humanities

SAT Cr. Read. = 440
ACT Read = 18
ACT English = 17
CPT Read. Comp. = 83
CPT Sent. Skills = 83

College Algebra
Statistics

SAT Math = 450
ACT Math = 21
CPT Math = 85

All other DE classes = a test score on file

Bright Futures

Florida Academic SAT = 1270, ACT = 28
Florida Medallion SAT = 970, ACT = 20
Florida Gold Seal SAT = 440 read & math
ACT = 17 Eng., 18 read
19 math
CPT – 83 read, 83 sent.
skills, 72 alg.

Perfect scores for: SAT - cr. read. = 800, math = 800, writ. 800
ACT – Eng. = 36, math = 36, reading = 36
science reasoning = 36

OK, So College Is Not For You...How to Become Financially Independent –
GET A REAL JOB !!!!

No matter what, you must continue your education in some way after high school if you want to earn a real living. Let's face it, technology has changed your world of work. Here is what is available in St. Augustine:

SJRCC – St. Johns River Community College – 808-7400 or www.sjrcc.edu

AA degree – It's the first two years of the four years of college – complete your AA and it's off to the big university

AS degree – Is a two year program designed to get you right into the world of work (semi-professional)

Technical Certificate – one year of study prepares you to go to work

Vocational Certificate – (PSAV – Post Secondary Adult Vocational) – less than a year of training, sometimes a few weeks only

SJRCC AS Degrees

Accounting Technology
Business Administration
Chemical Technology
Computer Engineering Technology
Computer Information Technology
Computer Programming & Analysis
Criminal Justice Officer Administration
Electronics Engineering Technology
Emergency Medical Services
Financial Services
Fire Science Technology
Health Information Management
Industrial Management Technology
Internet Services Technology
Marketing
Nursing
Office Administration
Radiology Technology

SJRCC Technical Certificates

Accounting Applications
Business Management
Child Development/Early Intervention
Computer Programming
Computer Programming Specialist
Information Technology Administration
Information Technology Analysis
Marketing Management
Microcomputer Repair/Installer
Office Management
Wireless Communications

SJRCC Vocational Certificates

Apprenticeships – Const. & Building
Childhood Education (Early)
Corrections Officer
Law Enforcement Officer
Patient Care Technician
Police Service Aid
Public Safety Telecommunication

First Coast Technical School Offerings

824-4401 www.fcti.org

Sports & Recreational Turf
Horticulture Science & Services
Landscape Operations
PC Support
Health
Early Childhood Education
Auto Service Technology

Commercial Art Technology
Printing & Graphic Arts
Carpentry
Cabinet Making
Cosmetology
Commercial Food & Culinary Arts
Web Design

If you are totally without vocational direction, then the ASVAB is for you!! This free test takes only 3 hours and examines your abilities, interests and values and comes out with career areas or clusters you would be suited for. The ASVAB will be given on Wednesday, November 8, 2007 in the PAC at 8:30 a.m. Sign up will be in Guidance.

Things to remember...

The minimum passing score for the FCAT is 300 on each section. If you have taken and failed the FCAT at least 3 times, you may (if approved annually by the legislature) substitute an SAT or ACT score.

	Read	Math
ACT	15	15
SAT	410	370

Fall is when you apply to college. Early Decision helps in your admission status but you should only apply Early Decision if you are 100% sure that you want to attend that school.

You can be sure not to receive any scholarships if you do not apply. Get organized, read the scholarship bulletin, pick up the application in Guidance and mail it in!!

You are responsible for turning in the proof of your community service hours to Ms. Midgley before graduation.

You are responsible for “applying” for Bright Futures by going online before graduation day. The website opens up on Dec. 1st of your senior year. It is: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

We wish you the very best for your future!!

