



**Pascack Valley Regional High School¹
District
SCHOOL COUNSELING
NEWSLETTER
Winter 2021**

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SAVE THE DATES!



**January 11 - Course Selection Begins for
Upperclassmen**

January 29 - End of Semester I

March 24 - SAT (PH/PV Only)

**April 14 - Hills/Valley Coalition Program
(More details to follow)**

May 3-14 - AP Exams



The Student Wellness Centers at Pascack Hills & Pascack Valley High Schools are available to all students and families. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please contact our student wellness counselors, Ms. Franceski at Pascack Hills and Dr. Myers at Pascack Valley. For more information re: the student wellness center, please visit the counseling website at www.pascack.org. Also, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Franceski at efranceski@pascack.org or Dr. Myers at smyers@pascack.org.

Sophomores and Juniors were administered the PSATs on October 14th and the scores are in!

- ◆ **Students who have a College Board account** will be able to log in and access their scores using their username and password. Scores will be listed under the “My Score Reports” tab.
- ◆ **Students who do not have a College Board account** must create an account by following the steps listed below.
- ◆ Go to www.collegeboard.org
- ◆ Click on “Sign In” on the top right-hand corner of the page.
- ◆ Click on “Don’t have an account? Sign Up”
- ◆ Under “Create Your College Board Account” select “I am a Student”
- ◆ Provide contact information
- ◆ Create a username and password
- ◆ Read and agree to the Terms & Conditions.
- ◆ **If no scores are listed under the PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2020 heading, contact your counselor for an Access Code.**

Hi, Student McSample

School Name: Summit High School, School Code: #####
2015, Grade: 10th Grade
Student I.D. #####
Optional Code: N/A
Access Code: *****



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Explore
Begin to explore careers that might
interest you — link directly from
your online score report

Testing Information

SAT DATES

TEST DATES	TEST	REGULAR REGISTRATION (submit by)	LATE REGISTRATION
March 24, 2021	SAT only	January 29, 2021	January 29, 2021
May 8, 2021	SAT & Subject Tests	April 8, 2021	April 8, 2021
June 5, 2021	SAT & Subject Tests	May 6, 2021	May 6, 2021

Go to www.collegeboard.com to register!



CEEB CODES

PASCACK HILLS 310-823

PASCACK VALLEY 310-540

ACT DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 9-15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13-26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 2021

Go to www.actstudent.org to register!

Scholarship Opportunities



Reminder: Scholarships are posted in Naviance!

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Be sure to frequently check Naviance for scholarship opportunities as Naviance updates regularly. In addition, listed below are several websites pertaining to scholarship opportunities.

www.fastweb.com
www.finaid.org
www.college-scholarships.com
www.college-scholarships-org
www.chegg.com
www.goingmerry.com

From www.collegeboard.org

Tips for Finding Your College Match: Characteristics You Should Consider

How can you find colleges that match your needs? First, identify your priorities. Next, carefully research the characteristics of a range of schools. Finally, match the two. Here are some college characteristics you should consider.

Size of the Student Body

Size will affect many of your opportunities and experiences, including:

- Range of academic majors offered
- Extracurricular possibilities
- Amount of personal attention you'll receive
- Number of books in the library

When considering size, be very sure to look beyond the raw number of students attending. For example, perhaps you're considering a small department within a large school. Investigate not just the number of faculty members, but also how accessible they are to students.



Location

Do you want to visit home frequently, or do you see this as a time to experience a new part of the country? Perhaps you like an urban environment with access to museums, ethnic food, or major league baseball games. Or maybe you hope for easy access to the outdoors or the serenity of a small town.

Academic Programs

If you know what you want to study, research reputations of academic departments by talking to people in the fields that interest you. If you're undecided, relax and pick an academically balanced institution that offers a range of majors and programs. Most colleges offer counseling to help you find a focus.

In considering academic programs look for special opportunities and pick a school that offers many possibilities.

Campus Life

Consider what your college life will be like beyond the classroom. Aim for a balance between academics, activities, and social life. Before choosing a college, learn the answers to these questions:

- What extracurricular activities, athletics, and special interest groups are available?
- Does the community around the college offer interesting outlets for students?
- Are students welcomed by the community?
- Is there an ethnic or religious group in which to take part?
- How do fraternities and sororities influence campus life?
- Is housing guaranteed?
- How are dorms assigned?

