

September 2017

# AHS GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

## FAFSA Information:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is starting to process on Oct. 1st. Filling out the FAFSA is extremely important for all seniors wanting to attend college starting Fall 2018:

- The FAFSA application is found online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- You can start applying for financial aid for the 2018-2019 school year (this year's seniors) between Oct. 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.
- All students need to complete the FAFSA in order to be considered for grants, student loans, work study, or income-based scholarships from any public university, private university, or technical college.
- The income used on the 2018-19 FAFSA will be from two years prior to the application year (2016 Tax Year).
- Prior to filling out the FAFSA, each student will need to get an FSA ID. The student can get this ID by going to the FAFSA website and clicking on "Start a New FAFSA". On the following webpage, click on the box that says, "Enter your (the student's) FSA ID". You will then be directed to click on the link that says "Create an FSA ID".
- **If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Rogney in the high school counseling office at (715) 422-0931, or email at [crogney@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:crogney@assumptioncatholicschools.org)**



## Post -Secondary Information for Parents & Students

### 2017 Wisconsin Education Fair Monday, October 2nd Mid-State Technical College 9:00-11:00 A.M.

On Monday, October 2nd, all juniors will be attending the Wisconsin Education Fair at MSTC in Wisconsin Rapids. Representatives from four-year universities, two-year UW schools, and technical colleges will be there to make connections with students from the area.

This is an excellent way for students to get exposure to a number of schools in a short amount of time.

**All juniors need to stop in the Counseling Office by no later than Thursday, October 28th to get a barcode they will need in order to attend and to give to prospective schools.**

### NEW THIS YEAR! JUNIOR & SENIOR STUDENT & PARENT NIGHT

**Wednesday, October 25th  
6:00-8:00 P.M. in the AHS Library**

- From 6:00-7:00, representatives from the UW schools, private universities, and technical colleges will be available to provide necessary information to families to help them in making the best college choices.
- From 7:00-8:00, a Financial Aid Advisor from UWSP will be discussing the FAFSA, how to determine your financial need, and answering parents' questions regarding financial aid.

### What is College Goal Wisconsin?

College Goal Wisconsin is a free event held at various locations around Wisconsin where families and students get expert assistance with the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA).

This year the event will take place at:  
**UW-Stevens Point  
College of Professional Studies  
1901 Fourth Avenue  
Wednesday, October 4th  
6:00 P.M.**

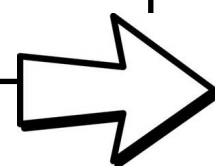
Every college requires the FAFSA in order for a student to be considered for grants, low-interest student loans, the college work study program, and scholarships based on income.

Financial aid coordinators will be available to answer questions and help families through the process of applying for financial aid.

### What to bring?

- 2016 Federal Tax Return and W2s
- 2016 Untaxed Income Records (such as child support)
- Information on savings, investments, business and/or farm assets (if applicable)
- Cell phone (if you have one)
- Driver's License (if you have one)
- Social Security Number
- Alien Registration Card or Permanent Resident Card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Date of birth for parent(s), and month and year of parents' marriage, divorce or separation

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## College Visits

Mon., Sept. 25th - **Viterbo University**

Tues., Oct. 24th - **Ripon College**

Fri., Sept. 29th - **College of St. Benedict's and  
St. John's University**

Wed., Nov. 8th - **Marian University**

Tues., Oct. 17th - **Concordia University**

Mon., Nov. 27th - **St. Mary's Univ. of  
Minnesota**



## **Career Exploration Activities**

The Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce is offering four different bus tours to juniors & seniors who have a career interest in a particular area. The students will be touring various businesses in the area, learning about job opportunities, and learning about that particular industry.

The tours that are being offered are:

<b>Agri-business Bus Tour</b>	<b>Fri., Oct. 13th</b>
<b>Techno Bus Tour</b>	<b>Wed., Nov. 8th</b>
<b>Hospitality Bus Tour</b>	<b>Fri., Dec. 1st</b>
<b>Healthcare Bus Tour</b>	<b>Fri., Dec. 8th</b>

**Please let the Counseling Office know if you are interested in attending!**

### **Test Dates: for the ACT:**

<u>Reg. deadline</u>	<u>Test date:</u>
Sept. 22	Oct. 28
Nov. 3	Dec. 9
Jan. 12	Feb. 10
Mar. 9	Apr. 14
May 4	June 9
June 15	July 14

- To register for the test dates at Lincoln High School, you must register online at : [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### Important Information for ACT registration:

- Assumption High School Code: 502565
- Site Code for Lincoln: 194780

## Scholarships Available

**Kohl Excellence Scholarship** - Available to any senior

1. Go to [www.kohleducation.org](http://www.kohleducation.org)
2. Click on "Student Excellence Scholarship" Tab
3. Under "Religious & Independent Schools", click on "Student Application"

Deadline - **Nov. 22nd** (submitted online) (contact Counseling Office when submitted)

**Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship** - Available to any senior

1. Go to [elks.org/scholars](http://elks.org/scholars)
2. Under the "Scholarships" tab, click on "Most Valuable Student"
3. Click on "Apply"

Deadline - **Nov. 27th** (submitted online) (contact Counseling Office when submitted)

## Senior Reminders

As you begin to apply to colleges:

- Be sure to concentrate on your personal statement. Admissions Counselors want to know who you are. This statement can make the difference if you are on the bubble for being accepted to a particular institution.
- When asking teachers for a letter of recommendation, please do not wait until the last minute. They are often asked to write many letters and want to devote time to each recommendation.
- Please be sure to notify the Counseling Office when you have completed your application and need your transcript sent.
- **The University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point has waived its \$50 application fee for all Assumption students. If applying to UWSP, do not send the application fee payment with your application, as it is non-refundable.**
- **Be mindful of your ACT scores!** Almost all UW schools have guaranteed scholarship money for students with a certain ACT score and a qualifying GPA (usually \$1000-\$2000 for 1-2 years)! Retaking the ACT could increase the amount of money you are receiving. Please contact the Counseling Office for more specific information.

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