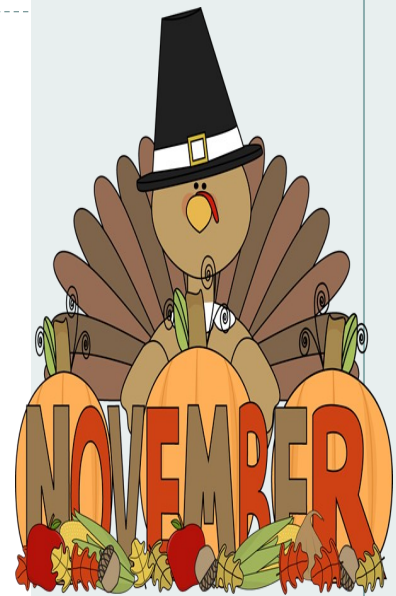


# Guidance Gazette

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

Lewis & Clark Career Center will host an informational meeting held on November 14th @ FZN during first hour for current Sophomores and Juniors interested in attending Lewis & Clark for the 2018-19 school year. Additionally, there will be an Open House held at Lewis & Clark on November 9 from 6:45-7:45 pm. Applications for the 2018-19 school year will be accepted in Guidance until December 22, 2017. If you have questions about Lewis & Clark please contact Mandy Peters in Guidance. Refer to page 5 for information on the Lewis & Clark Open House.

The ASVAB Career Explorations test is a career planning program designed to explore opportunities through a series of aptitude tests and an interest inventory. It is also the entrance test for enlisting in military options. The test will be available on November 13 for any interested Senior or Junior. The test is completely voluntary. Pre-registration will be required and will begin November 1 in the Guidance office.



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## MISSOURI CONNECTIONS

*Missouri Connections is a web-based resource to help Missouri Citizens determine their career interests, explore occupations, establish education plans, develop job search strategies, and create resumés. Sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Economic Development, Missouri Connections is available to students, parents, guidance counselors, educators, and job seekers at no charge.*

*To get started, visit [www.missouriconnections.org](http://www.missouriconnections.org)*

*Guest Access: User Name = FZNorthHS Password = 2viewmoc*

*Once you access this website, create your own profile and save it with your own username and password.*

*A link to this website has been posted on the Guidance page of the FZN website @ [nhs.fz.k12.mo.us](http://nhs.fz.k12.mo.us)*



### HELPFUL WEBSITES

#### **Finding a College for You:**

[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
[www.youniversitytv.com](http://www.youniversitytv.com)

#### **Financial Aid and Scholarships:**

[www.financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/](http://www.financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/)  
[www.StudentAid.gov](http://www.StudentAid.gov)  
[www.StLouisGraduates.org](http://www.StLouisGraduates.org)  
[www.StudentScholarships.org](http://www.StudentScholarships.org)  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov)  
[www.studentaid2.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid2.ed.gov)

#### **Federal Government:**

[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)  
[www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)  
[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

#### **State of Missouri:**

[www.dhe.mo.gov](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)

#### **ACT:**

[ACTstudent.org](http://ACTstudent.org)

#### **Free ACT/SAT Prep websites:**

[www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)  
[www.LearningExpressLibrary.com](http://www.LearningExpressLibrary.com)

#### **Career Exploration:**

[www.missouriconnections.org](http://www.missouriconnections.org)  
[www.careerinfonet.org](http://www.careerinfonet.org)

**Locker Signs:** *Have you been accepted to one or more colleges? Would you like to have a sign on your locker? Bring a copy of your acceptance letter(s) to Mrs. Loesche in Guidance.*



If you plan on playing NCAA Division I or II sports in college, you should have completed the NCAA Initial Eligibility form in the 2nd semester of your Junior year. If you have not yet completed this form, please do so ASAP. Go to [www.eligibilitycenter.net](http://www.eligibilitycenter.net).

NCAA now requires prospective athletes to supply ACT or SAT scored to the Clearinghouse directly from the testing agency (ACT or SAT). **Test scores shown on an official high school transcript will no longer be acceptable for NCAA purposes.**

To submit your ACT score directly to the NCAA, go to [www.actstudent.org/scores](http://www.actstudent.org/scores). The ACT code for NCAA is 9999. The cost is \$12.

Additionally, all prospective student athletes intending to enroll in an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time must complete the **NCAA Amateurism Certification questionnaire**. (Note: If you have already registered, you will need to use your PIN to go back and complete the questionnaire.)



Register at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) (FZN High School Code: 262483)

You can create your own web account on ACT web site and make changes in your registration.

### Test Dates for 2017-2018

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>(Late Fee Required)</u>
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

#### ACT FEES

Basic Test Fee (no writing).....\$46.00

Basic Test Fee (with writing).....\$62.50

LATE REGISTRATION FEE.....\$29.50

(The total cost for late registration is \$75.50 - no writing)

Fort Zumwalt North High School is a test center for the ACT Test on the following national testing dates:

December 9, 2017

February 10, 2018

**FZN's Test Center Code is 164420**

## DETERMINING THE RIGHT FIT FOR COLLEGE

**Average Debt upon Graduation:** What will it cost for you to get an education? Will your prospective career path make it feasible to pay back your student loans?

**Safety:** What kinds of safety measures/systems does the college have in place? How seriously do they take student safety?

**Internship Opportunities:** Relevant experience in your field of interest is important, especially when you're trying to get a job. Find out what types of internship opportunities are available to you and how the process works.

**Academic Services:** Even if you don't think you're going to need it, the support services offered on campus will tell you something about the school's commitment to student success.

**Retention Efforts/Student Advising:** Are there services available to help you navigate college majors and graduate on time?

**Most Popular Student Events:** It can be difficult to determine the climate of a college's campus, but the most popular student events can offer clues. Is it Homecoming? An Earth Day rally? A big college football game?

## ACT PREP CLASSES

**St. Charles Community College** offers ACT preparatory courses in partnership with Cambridge Educational Services, who use the latest versions of the actual ACT tests to create this course. Students will study actual test questions as they develop skills and strategies for taking the ACT.

#### Class Dates:

Mon/Wed, Jan. 17-Feb. 7, 2018

Mondays, Feb. 19-March 2, 2018

Thursdays, April 19-May 31, 2018

Wednesdays, May 23-July 11, 2018

(no class on 7/4/18)

Cost is \$149 and the book must be purchased separately at the SCC bookstore.

For more information or to register, go to [www.stchas.edu/learnforlife](http://www.stchas.edu/learnforlife) or call 636-922-8233.

\*Get \$5 off the course, use discount code PEACHJAR.

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**Webster University** offers one-day ACT Prep seminars focused on reinforcing writing skills, study techniques and test-taking preparedness. Choose from the following dates:

November 18, 2017

January 20, 2018

March 10, 2018

All sessions 8am-2:30pm

- ◆ All written materials will be provided
- ◆ \$50.00 registration fee
- ◆ Bring a calculator, pencil and notebook
- ◆ Lunch will be provided
- ◆ Space is limited to 65 students per session

Register @ [webster.edu/testprep](http://webster.edu/testprep)

**You must register separately for the ACT test @**

**[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)**

FZN School Code: 262483

## COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Colleges encourage students to apply on-line. Some may waive the application fee if you apply online. After you have applied online, please stop by the Guidance Office to tell Mrs. Loesche where to send your transcript.

Colleges require your official high school transcript to be sent from your high school. A college cannot process your application without it.

## NET PRICE CALCULATOR

All undergraduate institutions that award federal title IV financial aid are required to offer a **net price calculator** that provides students an estimated cost to attend their college.

When viewing college websites, go to **Admissions** and look for the **net price calculator**.

## FAFSA

WWW.FAFSA.GOV

You must complete and submit the FAFSA to apply for federal student aid for college or career school and for most state and institutional aid. The quickest way to apply is online using the FAFSA on the Web @ [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

Financial aid offices use information from the FAFSA to determine if you are eligible to receive federal student aid from grants, loans and work-study programs. States and schools also use the information from the FAFSA to determine if you qualify for additional aid. So be sure to fill out a FAFSA even if you think you won't qualify for federal aid.

You will be required to use a FSA ID to sign the FAFSA. To create a FSA ID, go to: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

Your FSA ID is used to sign legally binding documents electronically. It has the same legal status as a written signature. Don't give your FSA ID to anyone. Sharing your FSA ID could put you at risk of identity theft. The FSA ID is a username and password that you must use to log into the FAFSA.

Academic Year 2018-19: Submit your FAFSA beginning October 1, 2017. Use income tax info from 2016.



*Do you want to use study guides, take practice tests or do research from the comfort of your own home? There is a solution! At Fort Zumwalt North High students, staff and parents have access to our Gale Databases from everywhere with an internet connection. There are 11 different databases available. Each database offers some very unique opportunities for study or for research. The Gale databases are filled with current information and updated on a regular basis.*

*As a leading edtech and digital nonfiction content provider, Gale is committed to delivering authoritative, curriculum-aligned resources to improve student engagement, encourage collaboration, and foster critical thinking.*

### Access GALE Databases:

#### From a school computer:

Locate the Gale Databases Icon on your computer and open

Click on North High

Click on Gale testing and education reference center

Find Materials that interest you

#### From Home:

Go to NHS website [nhs.fz.k12.mo.us](http://nhs.fz.k12.mo.us)

Click on Academics

Click on Library

Scroll down to find Gale Databases link



# **LEWIS & CLARK** **CAREER CENTER**

**2400 Zumbahl Road  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
(P) 636-443-4950 (F) 636-443-4951**

**What:** Prospective Student Enrollment Information Night  
**When:** November 9, 2017  
**Where:** Lewis & Clark Career Center  
**Time:** 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
**For:** Prospective Students and Their Parents

If you are applying to attend Lewis & Clark and have questions concerning our enrollment process or any of our programs, plan to attend on November 9. You will have a chance to tour our facility and check out one or two programs of your choice.

## **PROGRAMS OFFERED TO JUNIORS AND SENIORS**

Applied Retail & Business Skills	Early Childhood Careers
Auto Collision Repair	Electrical Trades
Auto Service Technology	Health Occupations
Brick & Stone Masonry	Health Related Occupations
Building Trades	Heating/Ventilation/AC
Computer Software Development	Power Equipment Repair
Computer Maintenance & Networking	Precision Machining Technology
	Welding

## COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

### **North High**

College Planning Workshop: *Tuesday, February 13 @ 6:30pm - Auditorium*

*Juniors, sophomores and parents are invited to begin planning for college. We will discuss the how to find the college that is right for you.*

## FORT ZUMWALT COLLEGE FAIR

The Fort Zumwalt School District will host a college fair at **FZ West High School** on **March 8, 2018**.

Students from all Fort Zumwalt high schools are welcome to attend and learn about college and career options after high school.

## UPCOMING DATES

### **Fall Semester 2017**

Friday, November 3	Deadline to register for the December ACT Test
Thursday, November 9	Lewis and Clark Center Prospective Student meeting @ L&C
Monday, November 13	ASVAB @ FZN
Tuesday, November 14	Lewis and Clark Center informational meeting @ FZN
Saturday, December 9	ACT Test
Friday, December 22	Lewis and Clark Center applications due to Guidance Office

### **Spring Semester 2018**

Thursday, January 11	Lewis and Clark Center Testing
Friday, January 12	Deadline to register for the February ACT Test
Saturday, February 10	ACT Test
Tuesday, February 13	College Planning Workshop @ FZN Auditorium -6:30pm
Friday, March 9	Deadline to register for the April ACT Test
Saturday, April 14	ACT Test (Not offered at FZN on this date)
Tuesday, May 1	Senior Awards Night
Friday, May 4	Deadline to register for the June ACT Test
Saturday, May 26	Graduation
Saturday, June 9	ACT Test (Not offered at FZN on this date)
Saturday, July 14	ACT Test

### **GUIDANCE STAFF**

**Nita McGill**—Counselor (A-Fi)

**Karen Wilson**—Director of Guidance/  
Counselor (FL-LA)

**Amanda Peters**—Counselor (Le-Ri)

**Becky Sieve**—Counselor (Ro-Z)

**Becky Taylor**—Crisis Counselor

**Ann Woods**—Registrar

**Julee Loesche**—Financial Aid Secretary

**Karen Berich**—Guidance Clerk

