



Guidance Gazette

DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS

Applications to **Lewis and Clark Career Center** for the 2018-2019 school year are due to the guidance office no later than December 22, 2017.

All students who submit an application for Lewis and Clark Career Center will be taking the OASIS test on Thursday, January 11th at 8:00 am. This test will be a contributing factor to what programs you are eligible for at tech school. If you have questions about the OASIS test contact Mrs. Peters in the guidance office.

Tech School Selections will be posted in Early March.



REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 CLASSES

Registration presentations will be held on Monday, January 8, for the Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior classes. Students will be able to begin requesting classes online on Tuesday, January 9. The last day to request classes online is Tuesday, January 16. Students should return their completed schedule form to their Math teacher by Wednesday, January 17.

Counselors will hold individual meetings with each student to discuss 2018 -19 schedules beginning Friday, January 19.

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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 resumé. 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

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



HELPFUL WEBSITES

Finding a College for You:

www.collegeview.com
www.collegeboard.org
www.youniversitytv.com

Financial Aid and Scholarships:

www.financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/
www.StudentAid.gov
www.StLouisGraduates.org
www.StudentScholarships.org
www.finaid.org
www.fastweb.com
www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov
www.studentaid2.ed.gov

Federal Government:

ww.fafsa.gov
www.bls.gov
www.ed.gov

State of Missouri:

www.dhe.mo.gov

ACT:

ACTstudent.org

Free ACT/SAT Prep websites:

www.number2.com
www.LearningExpressLibrary.com

Career Exploration:

www.missouriconnections.org
www.careerinfonet.org

Student Loans:

<https://lendedu.com/blog/private-student-loans/>

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.

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. 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 (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>
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



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

Click on Academics

Click on Library

Scroll down to find Gale Databases link

Click on High Schools, then North High

ACT PREP CLASSES

St. Charles Community College will offer four ACT preparatory courses during Spring semester 2018. These courses will prepare students for the February 10, April 14, June 9, & July 14, 2018 tests. Students will study actual test questions as they develop skills and strategies for taking the ACT.

1. Mondays and Wednesdays (6-8:30 pm) 1/17 - 2/7.
2. Mondays 2/19 - 3/2 on (6-8:30 pm).
3. Thursdays 4/19 - 5/31 on (6-8:30 pm).
4. Wednesdays 5/23 - 7/11 (6-8:30 pm).

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

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

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

January 20, 2018

March 10, 2018

All sessions 8am-2:30pm

- ◆ All written materials will be provided
 - ◆ \$50.00 registration fee
 - ◆ Bring a calculator and notebook
 - ◆ Lunch will be provided
- Register @ webster.edu/testprep

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

WORKSHOP

North High

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

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



COLLEGE FAIR

*The Fort Zumwalt School District will host a college fair at **FZ West High** 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.

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.

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.

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.

Scheduling/Master Schedule Timeline

SPRING 2018

Monday, January 8	8 th grade presentations
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Tuesday, January 9	Curriculum Night, Online schedule requests opened
Thursday, January 11	8 th grade return complete scheduling form to current Social Studies teacher
Friday, January 12	8 th grade advising meetings with HS counselors
Tuesday January 16	Online schedule requests closed
Wednesday, January 17	9 th -11 th grade return complete scheduling form to current Math teacher
Friday, January 19 Monday, January 22-Tuesday, January 23	Individual meetings with current 11 th grade-English classes
Tuesday, January 23- Friday, January 26	Individual meetings with current 10 th grade-English classes
Thursday, January 25- Wednesday, January 31	Individual meetings with current 9 th grade-English classes

DID YOU KNOW?

The ACT logo features the letters 'ACT' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A red swoosh underline is positioned under the letter 'A'.

North High offers an ACT Prep class during the school day. This is a semester class and is worth 1/2 credit.

See your counselor if you would like to include this class in your schedule.



UPCOMING DATES

Fall Semester 2017

Saturday, December 9

ACT Test

Friday, December 22

Lewis and Clark Center applications due to Guidance Office

Spring Semester 2018

Tuesday, January 9

Curriculum Night

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

Karen Wilson—Director of Guidance/
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