

Counselor's Corner

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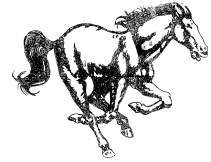
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If your child is not successfully completing or is at risk of not completing necessary credits for graduation required by Coopersville High School and the Michigan Merit Curriculum, please contact your child's teacher or school counselor about the availability of tutoring or other supplemental educational support that may be available.*

**Requirements for graduation may be found in the Coopersville High School Student Handbook or Course Description Booklet available online at www.coopersvillebrancos.org*

Juniors: Doing Your Best



Believe it or not, March is just around the corner. This is an important time for juniors as they will be taking the MME that—when passed—earns them \$4,000 for college. Juniors will soon be receiving a letter home with a full explanation of the MME.

This isn't an easy test. This year's juniors took the PLAN test last year, which is designed to prepare students for the ACT. The ACT test will be taken by juniors on day 1 of the MME. Test scores from the ACT are used for college admissions and scholarship selections.

Our experience has shown that students who take the ACT multiple times and/or who study for this test, can improve their ACT score. Students can further prepare for this test through the use of on-line resources.

Day 2 of the MME is a test called WorkKeys. WorkKeys is a job skills assessment that measures real-world skills.

Day 3 of the MME includes tests prepared by the State of Michigan in the areas of Math, Science, and Social Studies

Free websites for test preparation:

- www.me1.org—Click on Tests & Tutorials and then New User
 - www.number2.com
 - www.actonlineprep.com*
 - www.keytrain.com*
- *Must obtain username and password from Student Services.*

You can also access these websites by following the links on the Student Services website.

We will also be providing reserved time in the computer lab after school with assistance for these websites. The dates are January 21 & 28 and February 11, 18, and 25.

Dual Enrollment

This policy allows students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Our students can take classes at neighboring colleges during 11th and 12th grade. Benefits include:

1. Reduced tuition rates (CAPS actually pays a portion of the tuition),
2. A jump-start in earning college credit, and
3. Access to a wide range of rigorous academic courses not currently offered at CHS.

Students will be invited this winter to attend a meeting to learn more.



CELL PHONES!

Just a reminder that the use of cell phones by students during school hours is strictly prohibited. If students are caught with cell phones ringing and text messages being sent to them during class, phones will be confiscated and detentions issued. In the face of recent tragedies, we have found that students are sometimes contacted even by parents during the school day. Please—if you need to contact your children while they are at school, call the main office. For the safety of ALL students, please send any communication of tragic events through the main office, rather than through text messaging. We can remove students from class to receive your most urgent phone calls.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 10, 11 and 12

Freshman will be taking the Iowa Test. Freshman will NOT be required to come to school on March 10.

Sophomores will be taking the PLAN. The PLAN test will help prepare students for the ACT as juniors. Sophomores will NOT be required to come to school on March 10.

Juniors in the state of Michigan will be taking the MME. Students who are absent will be required to attend make-up sessions.

Seniors will NOT be required to attend school on March 10.

March 11: Seniors should report to school at 8:45. They will be attending a presentation called "Making It Count." The speaker will be focusing on skills required for success in college, preparing for interviews, avoiding debt and other key life skills for post-high school. This is an interactive presentation that will include a workbook that students can keep for future reference.

March 12: Seniors will not report to school UNTIL 10:30 a.m.

MAX the Cash

If your student is a senior and contemplating college, make sure you attend ...

College Goal Sunday February 8, between 2-4 p.m.

Have an expert help you fill out the FAFSA—Free

Not sure about college? Apply for the money and decide later!
If you wait, chances are you'll get less.

Go and Win!

- Text the word "College" to 25827 for a chance to win an iPod nano!
- Go to micollegegoal.org. Send an invite to a friend for a chance to win a Dell Laptop Computer!
- Come to College Goal Sunday for a chance at more than \$5,000 in scholarships and gift cards!

Complete contest and prize rules: www.micollegegoal.org

Go to micollegegoal.org to:

1. Get a checklist of tax records, maps and other things to bring to College Goals Sunday.
2. Sign up for tips and reminders.
3. Tell a friend through the website and win cool stuff.

Grand Valley State University—Pew Campus
DeVos Center
401 Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49504-6431

Baker College—Muskegon
The Library Learning Connection
1903 Marquette Ave
Muskegon, MI 49442

SENIORS

Mark your calendars! The **Financial Aid Meeting** for parents with college-bound seniors is Wednesday, January 7, at 7 p.m. in the CHS auditorium.
Learn more about how to pay for college!

JUNIORS

Did you miss the Junior Parent Meeting in December? Contact Joanne Maki to receive a copy of the handouts.

SOPHOMORE

Sophomores will be updating their on-line EDPs (Educational Development Plans) in English class in February. Leading up to this is a career exploration unit that requires practice making a 10-year life plan.
Ask your students about it!

FRESHMAN

Freshman will be updating their on-line EDP (Educational Development Plans) in January and just completed their 4-year plans. Both documents are fluid, meaning students are not locked in to any final decisions, but skills learned during this experience will help them continue to make important decisions about course selection, college options, career goals, etc. Each freshman home will receive a copy of the student's EDP at the end of the semester. Ask your students about their experiences in Focus!