



AHS

MARCH/APRIL

COUNSELING

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

March 5th - Scheduling with 8th graders at West

March 6th - Scheduling with 8th graders at Van Hoosen

March 11th - 14th - Schedule input with the Class of 2020 (Current 11th graders)

March 26th - 2nd hour Junior pre-gridding, 3rd hour Sophomore pre-gridding

April 9th - SAT (juniors), PSAT 10

April 10th - WorkKeys (juniors), PSAT 9

April 11th - M-Step (juniors)

April 17th - AP Pre-gridding

Counselors	Caseload	Email
Mrs. King	A to Dom	jking@rochester.k12.mi.us
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Mrs. Clement	Nj to Su	cclement@rochester.k12.mi.us
Mrs. Parliament	Sv to Z	aparliament@rochester.k12.mi.us

REMIND 101

For text message alerts and reminders from the counseling department, please sign up for Remind 101. Text @ahscouns18 to 81010.

SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Counselors met with 9th, 10th, and 11th graders to begin selecting courses for the 2019-2020 school year. All scheduling cards should be signed by the parent indicating their course selection approval. Course requests should also be entered into Student Vue.

All scheduling cards and additional materials can be found on the Adams Counseling website or by clicking on the following link: <https://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/adams-high-school/pages/2519/counseling>

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school registration is now open. Please visit the RCS website for more information and instructions on how to sign up.



ROCHESTER
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE

High School Summer Learning Program

Van Hoosen Middle School
1339 N. Adams
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

June 19 - August 8, 2019

Session 1 June 19 - July 3 7:45am - 2:00pm* <small>*last day of session 7:45am - 10am (exam day)</small>	Session 2 July 9 - July 24 7:45am - 2:00pm* <small>*last day of session 7:45am - 10am (exam day)</small>	Session 3 July 25 - August 8 (ONLINE ONLY)
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Summer Music Theatre - Adams High School
June 18 - August 2

[Click here](#) to register

QUESTIONS - slp-smt@rochester.k12.mi.us
(248) 726-3180 (option 4)

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EXAM FOR CREDIT

Exam for Credit Schedule

Rochester Community Schools establishes semi-annual dates for implementing the District's Exam for Credit procedures. Students who wish to take an exam for credit are required to adhere to the following schedule.

March 15 - April 12, 2019 Registration period. Applications may be picked up in middle school and high school counseling offices and are also available on the Rochester Community Schools website: www.rochester.k12.mi.us>Curriculum>Secondary Education>High School>Exam for Credit Spring 2019

April 15, 2019 Exam for Credit applications due to counseling office.

May 1, 2019 Confirmation emails sent. A list of Course Content Expectations/Syllabus posted on our website www.rochester.k12.mi.us, hover over Curriculum and click on Standardized Testing.

Saturday, May 11, 2019 Exam for Credit administered at Stoney Creek High School. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and testing will begin at 9:00 a.m. Tests for one semester course will end at 10:30 a.m. Tests for full year courses will conclude at approximately 12:00 pm.

and/or

Saturday, May 18, 2019 by subject area

- **May 11:** Math, English Language Arts, French, Spanish, PE
- **May 18:** Science, Social Studies, German & other World Languages, Elective courses, Health

Week of June 3, 2019 Parent/student/counselor notified of results via U.S. Mail for possible schedule change(s).

The Exam for Credit measures a student's current understanding of a course's curriculum prior to taking the course. The material and resources provided will not be all inclusive of the specific exam questions.

Important Note: The Exam for Credit opportunity involves multiple staff members at an additional cost to the district. By law, these costs cannot be passed on to students. It is imperative that students who register but, subsequently, choose not to participate in an exam notify the Curriculum Department at least one week prior to the exam at sfilbin@rochester.k12.mi.us or 248.726.3132. Your cooperation in this will save time and valuable school resources and is much appreciated. *Students who register and do not attend the exam may not be eligible for to participate in future Credit by Exam opportunities.*

If you have questions about exam for credit please contact the assistant principals at the high school your child attends or will attend for high school:

Todd Calcamuggio-Adams
tcacammuggio@rochester.k12.mi.us
248-726-5215

Brian Shelson-Stoney Creek
bshelson@rochester.k12.mi.us
248-726-5719

Casey Wescott-Rochester
cwescott@rochester.k12.mi.us
248-726-5416

You may also contact Carrie Lawler, Asst. Superintendent of Secondary Education (248-726-3131 or clawler@rochester.k12.mi.us), who oversees the Exam for Credit process.

Advanced Placement



REGISTRATION DATES

Jan 28, 2019 - Feb 28, 2019 (\$100)
March 2, 2019 - March 8, 2019 (\$110)
March 9, 2019 - March 15, 2019 (120)

NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

Looking to find the right college for you? National College Fairs is hosting a fair on April 24th at the Suburban Collection Showplace. Register for free at www.gotomyncf.com.



INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

Any student who would like to make an individual appointment with their counselor should come see Mrs. Snook or Mrs. Pierre in the counseling office. Counselors will review transcripts, graduation requirements, application process, review EDP's, discuss NCAA, and share other important information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are posted on the counseling website on a regular basis. Please visit the website to see current scholarships and helpful links:

<http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/adams-high-school/pages/6996/scholarship-bulletin>

Career Cruising

Career Cruising will help you with the following and much more!!!

Quick access to Career information

- Job Descriptions
- Education needed
- Working conditions
- Earnings

Quick access to college information

- School Profile
- Admissions
- Academic information
- Estimated expenses
- Enrollment
- Majors offered
- Links to college web pages!!

Go to [https://sso.careercruising.com/page/openidconnect:](https://sso.careercruising.com/page/openidconnect)

1. Sign in using your RCS Google Username and Password.
2. Update your EDP to 100% completion.

This year we will be working with freshman and sophomores on their EDP's at counseling grade level meetings. Juniors and seniors must complete their EDP's on their own time and they must be turned in when we survey for classes during 2nd semester (with the exception of seniors who must complete their EDP's before requesting a transcript).

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION SESSIONS and FAFSA WORKSHOPS

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY OFFERS a variety of financial aid events, including:

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION SESSIONS

for students and their families to obtain general financial aid information needed to prepare for college.

This event is open to the public and does not require admission to OU.

FAFSA WORKSHOPS

for high school seniors and their parents to receive assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This event is open to the public and does not require admission to OU.

To learn more and register for an event, visit oakland.edu/financialservices.



College Timeline

Use this guide to stay on top of important deadlines

This is a general timeline for college planning. Contact each school for more specific information regarding admissions, housing and financial aid deadlines.

Junior Year

FALL

- Take the PSAT (Oct. 14 or 17, 2015) to get an idea of what to expect on the SAT. A stellar PSAT score also can qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- Assess your reasons for going to college: What are your goals? What learning opportunities are most important to you? What are your career interests?

WINTER

- Begin preparing for the ACT and/or SAT.
- Make a list of factors that are important to you in choosing a college. Discuss with counselors, teachers, parents and friends.
- Begin collecting information on colleges that interest you. Attend fairs and college-night programs in your area.

SPRING

- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Take college admissions tests (ACT/ACT Plus Writing Test, SAT Reasoning Test/SAT Subject Test).
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** If enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, prepare for May AP exams.
- Consider visiting college campuses over spring break.

SUMMER

- Continue visiting college campuses.
- Consider taking summer courses or holding an internship in a field that interests you.
- Work on drafts of admissions applications, especially the essay portion. Craft a résumé.
- Prepare for fall standardized tests if you have not yet taken them or if you want to improve your spring scores.
- Begin your scholarship search. Research scholarships using websites and sources within your community.

Senior Year

FALL

- Request letters of recommendation from teachers.
- Mark your calendar with all future deadlines, including application deadlines for all schools to which you are applying.
- Schedule required and/or recommended interviews.
- Retake the ACT/SAT if necessary.
- Continue visiting colleges.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** October-December early-action and early-decision application deadlines.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Check deadlines for scholarships and other private aid.

WINTER

- Early-admission decisions delivered in December. If early admission has been denied, it's time to re-group and apply to other schools.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Regular admissions deadlines begin.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Deadlines for scholarships and other private aid.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Apply for federal aid. The deadline is June 30, 2016, but you should apply as soon as you can after Jan. 1. Schools have their own deadlines – contact them for exact dates. Consult financial-aid offices and www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Keep up second-semester grades, and stay active in extracurricular activities. Many colleges ask for mid-year grade reports and/or state that acceptance is contingent on continued performance.

SPRING

- Most acceptance and denial letters should arrive by mid-April.
- Check out campuses at schools that have accepted you and schedule overnight visits at top-choice schools.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Reply to all decision letters with intent to attend or not attend.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** If enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, study for May AP exams.
- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Deposit deadlines. Many deposits are due May 1 to secure your spot. Meet this deadline or risk forfeiting your spot to wait-list students.

SUMMER

- **IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** Attend orientation programs.
- Get ready for the dorms. Talk to future roommates and current students to determine what to buy.
- Get a meningitis shot.
- Consider working an internship or attending a class at a local community college.



Steps for Applying for Financial Aid

1. Apply for Admission, as Well as Financial Aid

Before a student's chances for aid can be determined, many colleges require both an application for admission and financial aid. Since application deadlines vary by institution, you might want to develop a calendar of important dates. Apply as early as possible.

2. Submit Required Financial-Aid Forms

File all required forms for financial aid consideration at the colleges you are contemplating. This includes the correct year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and obtaining a PIN number from the U.S. Department of Education at www.pin.ed.gov.

File one FAFSA total for all of the colleges you are considering. The FAFSA includes a section for you to list the colleges to which you want your information sent.

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to fill out the form. The website includes deadlines, instructions for completing the form, and follow-up procedures, so you can check on the status of your form. If you have questions about completing the application or would like a paper version of the FAFSA, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center (800.433.3243). During your senior year, complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Jan. 1.

The FAFSA collects demographic and financial information from students and parents to be used to determine an Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the figure used to determine a student's eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, other federal financial aid programs, and many state programs. The EFC is determined according to formulas set periodically by Congress.

Check with each college to determine whether there are additional forms the college requires you to file. File all forms in time to meet the colleges' financial-aid application deadlines. Admissions and financial-aid deadlines are often different; remember to meet each requirement.

3. Apply for Scholarships and Grants

Besides aid offered directly by a college and aid for which your FAFSA form is an automatic application (for example, a Federal Pell Grant), inquire about state scholarship, grant and loan programs. Ask about institutional, community, foundation and corporation programs, as well.

4. Tracking Your Progress

Monitor all the information you receive from individual college business offices regarding fees, payment schedules, etc. Include this information in your college planning.

GET MORE INFO

Contact this state agency to obtain additional information about financial assistance:
Student Financial Services Bureau
Outreach Services
800.642.5626, ext. 37054
www.michigan.gov/studentaid