

To: SENIORS & PARENT/GUARDIAN  
From: Mr. Rogers  
Date: September 19, 2011

This is the first of several newsletters that we will be handing out to seniors this year. Please take time to read this... there is something in here for everyone.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

College Entrance Exams:

ACT Cost:

\$34.00 - (No Writing)

\$49.50 – (Plus Writing)

**TEST DATES REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

*October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011
**February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012
*June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012

\*Test HERE at AVCS \*\* Not in NY-Must go to Burlington, VT

AuSable Valley's High School CEEB Code is – 331-403.

The ACT Test Center Code for AVCS is 205160

SAT Cost:\$49.00

\$22.00 (Subject Tests)

add \$22.00 (Language w/Listening)\*November test date only

All other subject tests add \$10.00

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011
January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011
*March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012

\*SAT I ONLY - ALL OTHER DATES ARE BOTH SAT I & II

AuSable Valley's High School CEEB Code is – 331-403.

The SAT Test Center Code for Plattsburgh High School is - 33768.

2<sup>nd</sup> choice – Saranac Lake – Test Center Code 33836.

**FEE WAIVERS:** We have a very limited number of ACT and SAT fee waivers  
These will be distributed on a first come, first served basis  
If you have used a fee waiver before, you are not eligible for a second one  
There are strict financial guidelines for the use of these waivers, see Mr. Rogers.

**ACT & SAT IDENTIFICATION:** Along with your admission ticket, be sure to bring the proper photo identification to the test center on the morning of the test  
If you are not sure you have the proper ID, please see Mr. Rogers or Mrs. Brow  
Remember, if you don't have the proper ID, they will not allow you into the test center.

**SENIOR CONFERENCES:** Senior conferences are now being scheduled  
Please schedule your conference as soon as possible with Mr. Rogers.

**TIPS FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND:**

**BE A SECONDARY SCHOOL "GIVER"** - a student who gives back to his/her community and his/her school.

Examples: officers of student organizations, chairpersons of a working committee for a student organization, volunteering in your community.

The secondary school "giver" scores big points with the college admissions committee. Be a "risk taker" especially with rigorous academic courses.

An admissions committee will be very interested in what you are taking in your senior year as well as your grades in 9-11. Take challenging courses whenever you can.

**COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY, DON'T WAIT.**

- SUNY information is in.
- You may apply to six (6) SUNY schools on one application
- The cost is \$50.00 PER school
- We also have some private school applications in the School Counseling Office
- If we don't have what you want, you can send for it
- REMEMBER, there are particular SUNY programs that will fill up quickly for next year, particularly at the technical colleges like Morrisville, Canton, Delhi, etc

**APPLY EARLY!!!**

All college-bound seniors should establish a personal calendar that will have college applications sent by the Christmas break.

Here are a few important points when you fill out your applications:

**DO YOUR APPLICATION IN PEN AND PLEASE BE NEAT**

Also, **USE ONLY 1 COLOR INK.** (Black or Blue)

**ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE TURNED IN TO THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE**

**DO NOT MAIL THEM IN ON YOUR OWN**

They ALL need a transcript of your grades and your testing record

In addition, the SUNY applications have a section that must be filled out by Mr. Rogers

A dated checklist of what was sent to colleges will be mailed home to parents.

Be sure to check the college catalogs or online for deadlines. If in doubt, again, **APPLY EARLY.**

Remember each college application requires a fee  
The cost varies from college to college  
In some cases these fees can be waived  
See Mr. Rogers to inquire about fee waivers.

Often colleges require supplemental application pieces beyond the standard application  
They are required for acceptance and students must meet indicated deadlines  
It is the students' responsibility to obtain application supplements. See Mr. Rogers with any questions or concerns about the application process.

If you apply on-line, you **MUST** let Mr. Rogers know so he can mail supporting materials to the college.

If you have any questions, **SEE MR. ROGERS.**

**RECRUITER VISITATION SCHEDULE:** If you are not considering college at this time or the local job market, Armed Services Recruiters will be here as follows:

AIR FORCE	- 2nd Thursday of each month	- 10 to 12:00
NAVY	- 2nd Tuesday of each month	- 10 to 12:00
ARMY	- 1st Wednesday of each month	- 10 to 12:00
MARINES	- 2nd Wednesday of each month	- 10 to 12:00
NATIONAL GUARD	- 4th Tuesday of each month	- 10 to 12:00
COAST GUARD	- (will come for visit when called)	

**ASVAB:** 11th or 12th grade students who are contemplating military service upon graduation can take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. Check with Mr. Rogers for registration information

#### **COLLEGE NIGHT:**

Due to construction at Plattsburgh State, the Clinton Community College gymnasium will be the site of this year's "College Night" program on Wednesday, October 5th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m

The Counseling Office has a list of the colleges attending and the list is also posted around the school

This is a great opportunity to gather information on select colleges and universities. This is also a great time to pick up college catalogs and applications for admission.

**FAFSA:** The Free Application for Financial Aid will be here in December for a January distribution

This can only be done on-line

Please check your college catalog to see what financial aid forms need to be filed

An additional form, the Profile, is now required by some private colleges

Check with Mr. Rogers.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** We will be publishing a list of scholarships as they become available  
Please check the **ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA** before picking up an application  
The requirements for eligibility are very specific  
Also check the deadline for returning the application to the School Counseling Office  
The list of local scholarships from organizations and those offered by school organizations will be available in early spring.

**COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS & IMMUNIZATIONS:** All students attending New York State colleges and universities will be required to show proof of immunity against measles, mumps and rubella  
Proof of immunity to measles will be defined as two doses of measles vaccine on or after the first birthday and at least 30 days apart, physician documented history of disease, or serologic evidence of immunity  
Proof of rubella immunity will mean one dose of rubella vaccine on or after the first birthday or serologic evidence of immunity  
Proof of mumps will mean one dose of mumps vaccine on or after the first birthday, a physician documented history of disease or serologic evidence of immunity.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE:** Federal law requires that every young man register with the Selective Service within a month of his 18th birthday  
If he doesn't, he won't be eligible for many benefits, such as federal student aid, job training, and most federal employment  
Go to your local post office for more information concerning the Selective Service  
You may also register online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)  
See Mr. Rogers, if you have questions.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** Make sure the schedule you now have assures your successful graduation in June 2012  
Are all requirements completed? Are all required courses and Regents Exams and/or Regents Competency Exams completed? We have been meeting with you individually over the past several years and have discussed all of the above  
However, this is **YOUR** responsibility  
If you have any questions and/or concerns about **ANY** of the above, see Mr. Rogers **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**