

Seton Guidance Corner

May 11, 2023

ASJB College Nights

Seniors are invited to register for one of the Associates of St. John Bosco's (ASJB) upcoming College Nights being held this summer at five locations in Northern Virginia. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. and will include a panel of upper-class students giving personal testimonies about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life, small groups divided by university, a bundle of free books called the "Bosco Bundle" to take to college, and pizza. These connections and free resources will help seniors deepen their faith while away at college. Student volunteers (some of whom are from Seton School) will be representing colleges all across Virginia and the country.

2023 College Night Dates & Locations

June 28th - St. Mark's (Vienna)

July 5th - St. Michael's (Annandale)

July 12th - Holy Trinity (Gainesville) *NEW*

July 19th - Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria)

July 26th - Holy Cross Academy (Stafford)

For more information and to register for this free event, visit www.asjb.org/student-registration.

How to Apply to College After a Gap Year: Your Gap Year Strategy

Students should begin considering options at the end of junior year/beginning of the senior year.

Know Your Top-Choice School's Policies - Applying and deferring your acceptance for a year will help keep you on track for admission. Go through the college application process and know your school's policy regarding gap years and deferrals. Make sure the schools you are applying to have a clear deferral policy and find out if you will have to pay a tuition deposit for the fall term for which you want to enroll. If you decide not to apply now, make a clear plan for when you will visit and apply during your gap year.

Make an Itinerary - Make sure you have a clear vision of how your year will be spent. Some schools may require a summary of your gap year plans in order to allow you to defer your admission for a year, so make sure you have your plans clearly laid out. A gap year is not a vacation; it's a learning and growing experience. (<https://www.ivywise.com/ivywise-knowledgebase/resources/article/the-truth-about-gap-years/>)

Gap Year Ideas - Gain experience in industry/business, improve ability in a language, volunteer at home or abroad in the charity sector, gain extra qualifications, work with young people, travel, earn money.

The New Digital SAT: What to Expect

The new digital SAT will be offered in the U.S. beginning in spring 2024. Students will take the digital PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT starting this fall. College Board is making a full transition to digital and will no longer offer a paper and pencil version of the tests after these dates. For an article on what to expect with the new digital SAT, visit <https://www.ivywise.com/ivywise-knowledgebase/resources/article/the-new-digital-sat-what-to-expect/>.

PWC Libraries – Summer Reading Volunteers

Prince William Public Libraries are offering teens, between 13 and 18, volunteer opportunities to support the 2023 "All Together Now!" Summer Reading Program at local branches, June 20 - August 20. Limited volunteer positions are available. For more information, visit <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/library/summer-reading-volunteers>.

Deadline Extended for JumpStart2NOVA Program

The **JumpStart2NOVA program** offers tuition-free summer college courses to high school seniors who are considering attending Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) in the fall and will be graduating this spring. Online (asynchronous) courses begin May 30 and will end on August 9. **The application deadline has been extended until 5:00 p.m. on May 19.** A mandatory orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, from 6-7 p.m. and a link will be provided. For more information about the program and how to apply, visit: <https://www.nvcc.edu/jumpstart/index.html>. Any additional questions can be directed to jumpstart@nvcc.edu.

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

CLT Test Date – May 20 (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – May 15

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for CLT's free practice test.

SAT Test Date – August 26

Registration Deadline – July 26

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free SAT practice test.

ACT Test Date – July 15

Registration Deadline – June 16

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free ACT test prep.

Scholarship Opportunities

Worthy Goal Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: May 15, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10065/worthy-goal-scholarship>

Young Women in STEM Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: May 23, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/22942/young-women-in-stem-scholarship>

Visionary Scholarship

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: June 1, 2023

<https://app.goingmerry.com/scholarships/visionary-scholarship/5736>

Learner.com Algebra Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Deadline: July 31, 2023

<https://bold.org/scholarships/learner-algebra-scholarship/>

**Please note, opportunities in the Guidance Corner are not endorsements of the programs. They are shared as options for students and parents to carefully consider.*