

Seton Guidance Corner

September 28, 2023

Get Organized for School Success!

- O – Organize all papers using folders/binders.
- R – Reduce distractions while doing homework.
- G – Gather items the night before to take to school the next day.
- A – Arrange a to-do list each evening and check off completed assignments.
- N – Neatly place items in your locker and backpack.
- I – Identify large assignments ahead of time and break into manageable parts.
- Z – Zoom in on a good study space at home and keep it orderly.
- E – Establish a consistent time each evening for homework.
- D – Develop an unrushed morning routine before heading to school.



Date Change for the FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used by colleges and universities to determine student eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, scholarships, educational loans, and work-study programs. In the past, the FAFSA became available on October 1st. **Due to changes and improvements to the application, the 2024-2025 award year FAFSA will open this December.** The federal government and many states award financial aid on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is recommended to submit the form as soon as possible after the application becomes available.

College Transfer Fairs at NOVA

Students interested in attending Northern Virginia Community College after graduation and then transferring to a 4-year college/university have the opportunity to learn about the transfer process and meet representatives from over 50 colleges and universities. (<https://www.nvcc.edu/transfer/fairs.html>)

Annandale Campus

Date: Thursday, October 12

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Richard J. Ernst Cultural Center (CE), Gymnasium

Loudoun Campus

Date: Wednesday, October 11

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Higher Education Center (HEC), Event Center

Guidelines for Requesting a Letter of Recommendation

Whether you need a Letter of Recommendation for college, a military academy, or scholarships, click [here](#) for helpful information on requesting an LOR.

NASA Opportunities for Virginia High School Students

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium provides free NASA-related programs for Virginia's high school students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. The programs have an interactive online STEM learning experience and are highlighted by a seven-day residential summer academy at NASA.

10th Grade - Virginia Space Coast Scholars focuses on the current missions flown or managed by NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore. <http://vsgc.edu.edu/spacecoast/>. Application deadline is October 16.

11th AND 12th Grades - Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars focuses on NASA's human spaceflight missions and the Journey to the Moon and on to Mars. Students can earn up to five free dual enrollment college credits. <http://vsgc.edu.edu/VASTS/>. Application deadline is October 24

Upcoming College Visits at Seton

Thursday, October 12 – Benedictine College

Monday, October 30 – The Catholic University of America

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

CLT Test Date – October 14 (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – October 9

Click [here](#) to register.

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

SAT Test Date – November 4

Registration Deadline – October 5

Click [here](#) to register.

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

ACT Test Date – December 9

Registration Deadline – November 3

Click [here](#) to register.

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

Scholarship Opportunities

Builders' Association Scholarships

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: October 31, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12894/builders-association-scholarships>

Cooke College Scholarship Program

Amount: Up to \$55,000 per year

Deadline: November 16, 2023

<https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/>

Volunteer for Vets Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: November 30, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/18555/volunteer-for-vets-scholarship>

National Space Club Scholarship

Amount: \$15,000

Applicant must have the intention of pursuing a career in the STEM fields.

Deadline: December 4, 2023

<https://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/index.html>

**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.*