

Seton Guidance Corner

October 12, 2023

Seniors, are you planning to apply Early Action?

The Early Action deadline for many schools is November 1 and only a few weeks away. There are several benefits to applying to colleges early (i.e., increased chance of being accepted, more opportunity for financial aid, and receive an early response to your application). If you are planning to apply early and need your transcript sent anywhere to meet this deadline, email Mrs. McIntyre at tmcintyre@setonschool.net. Please do not wait until the last minute. Also, if you need a Counselor Letter of Recommendation, email Mr. Geary at pgeary@setonschool.net, and remember, he requires at least a two-week notice.

Get a Jumpstart on College Credit While Saving Money

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) helps students earn college credit for intro-level college course material they may already know. Students who pass a CLEP exam could earn three or more college credits and save on college costs. In addition, students who pass multiple exams have a greater chance of earning their degree sooner. CLEP's are accepted by 2,900 colleges and universities, are available year-round at more than 2,000 CLEP test centers (as well as via remote proctoring), and require no coursework (free and affordable online study resources are available). The program offers 34 exam subjects including College Algebra, History of the United States, Biology, Spanish, Information Systems, and more. Exams cost \$93 (plus test center's administration fee) which is considerably less than the average cost of a college course. For more information, visit <https://clep.collegeboard.org/>.

Thomas Aquinas College (New England Campus) Fall Open House

Students are invited to stay from Thursday, November 2, at 4:00 p.m. until Sunday, November 5, at 12:00 p.m. to get a holistic view of the life offered at Thomas Aquinas College. Opportunities include:

1. Experiencing the Liturgical life with two daily Masses, confessions available, adoration, and rosary.
2. Experiencing the academics by seeing classes, participating in a seminar, and speaking with students outside class.
3. Experiencing campus life by staying in the dorms, watching the intramural soccer games, playing sports and campus activities.

To register, visit <https://admissions.thomasaquinas.edu/register/FallOpenHouse>. Questions regarding TAC or the open house, contact Jean Guerreiro, Admissions Counselor, at JGuerreiro@thomasaquinas.edu. Something to note is that Amtrak will take attendees right next door to TAC!

Bill Woolf for Senate Campaign - Fall Semester Internship

VA's 30th Senate District – Western Prince William County, City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park
Hours - Flexible 6-10 hrs./week min. (Fridays and Saturdays preferred.)
Contact Sam Bridges at samuel@woolf4va.com.

HOBY 2024 Leadership Program for Sophomores

Sophomores are invited to apply as Seton's ambassador at the 2024 Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Program that will be held May 31-June 2, 2024, at James Madison University in Harrisonburg. The HOBY program was founded in 1958 and is designed to help high school sophomores recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. Although there is a cost to attend (\$275), this is a great opportunity to develop or enhance leadership skills as well as strengthen your student resume which can be valuable when applying to colleges, military, and trade schools. To apply and be considered to attend as Seton's ambassador, please email Mrs. Guyant at cguyant@setonschool.net by November 1. For more information about the program, visit <https://www.vahoby.org/about/>.

2023 FCPS College Fair

Date: Sunday, October 15, 2023

Time: 4 to 7 p.m.

Location: Eagle Bank Arena at George Mason University (4500 Patriot Cir, Fairfax, VA 22030)

Fairfax County Public Schools along with the Office of Admissions at George Mason University present the 48th Annual College Fair. It is one of the largest College Fairs in the region and features 200 colleges and universities from around the nation as well as representatives from the U.S. Service Academies. To register, visit <https://www.fcps.edu/family-resources/college-and-career-planning/college-fair-and-college-night>.

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 – November 2 (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – October 26

Click [here](#) to register.

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

SAT Test Date – December 2

Registration Deadline – November 2

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

Reasons To Be - In Memory of Jimmy Watts

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: November 1, 2023

<https://bold.org/scholarships/reasons-to-be-in-memory-of-jimmy-watts/>

McClendon Leadership Award

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: November 1, 2023

<https://bold.org/scholarships/mcclendon-leadership-award/>

Frito Lay Community Builder Scholarship

Amount: \$25,000

Deadline: November 20, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/26379/frito-lay-community-builder-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.*