

Seton Guidance Corner

October 26, 2023

Advantages of the Advanced Placement (AP) Program

The AP Program is designed by the College Board to provide motivated and academically prepared high school students in 10th, 11th or 12th grade with the opportunity to study and learn at the college level with the potential to reduce college costs. The two components of the program are AP courses and AP exams. Although Seton does not offer AP courses, students do have the opportunity to take the AP exams. AP exams are scored on a 5-point scale, and a score of 3 or higher corresponds to a passing grade in a comparable college course. Most colleges and universities will grant college credit and/or advanced placement for successful AP exam scores (consult individual colleges for their policies). Earning college credit or advanced placement can allow students more flexibility to double major, study abroad, or graduate early. Participating in the AP Program can also help students to stand out in the college admissions process. For additional information, visit <https://setonschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AP-OA.pdf>.

The 2023-24 AP exams will be administered at Seton in May, but the registration deadline is coming up on Monday, November 13. For a list of AP exams offered as well as for registration and payment information, visit <https://setonschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AP-Registration-2023-24.pdf>. Contact Mrs. Reyes with questions. (smreyes595@gmail.com, 703-331-3587).

Planning for College & Military Academy Night at Seton

Seton is hosting a "Planning for College & Military Academy Night" for all freshmen and sophomores and their parents on Wednesday evening, November 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Faustina. Presenters will speak on what students can start doing now to plan for college and for entrance into a military academy. Topics include information on high school transcripts, GPA's, AP and CLEP exams, school resumes, financial aid, FAFSA, scholarships, and college loans. Parents and students will also have the opportunity to speak with Seton Alumni as well as FOCUS missionaries from various colleges. Please RSVP by November 1 here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CA9AA2EA31-44924088-planning>.

Franciscan University Meet and Greet

Franciscan University of Steubenville is coming to the DMV area this Saturday, October 28, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and offering a Meet and Greet for prospective students and their families. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Admissions staff and an Alumni panel with time for questions and answers. The event will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church located at 1914 N. Randolph St., Arlington. RSVP here https://fus.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX_eventsb_events#/esr?eid=a0iDm000000MFrSIAg.

Upcoming College Visit at Seton

Monday, October 30 – The Catholic University of America

Students, don't forget to stop by the table in the main entrance lobby during lunch and ask any questions you may have (i.e., admission requirements, majors, scholarships, financial aid, sports, etc.).

Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program

Established in 1972, the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program (VTAG) is designed to assist students who attend accredited private, nonprofit colleges and universities in Virginia. The grant does not need to be paid back; is not need-based; and does not require a financial statement. For more information and to view a list of eligible institutions to include Christendom College, visit <https://www.schev.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid/federal-state-financial-aid/virginia-tuition-assistance-grant-program>.

A Touchdown for School Success

Have a love for football? Consider these ideas to help with school success:

1. Feel a need to read or write more? Check out library books about football or consider keeping a journal for writing game summaries.
2. Want to improve your math skills? Use football statistics for math practice. For example, graph wins and losses or figure out the probability of each team making the Super Bowl.
3. How about brushing up on some geography? Hang a U.S. map on the wall and mark each team's location and research how the team's name and mascot relate to the city.

Keep up with your favorite sport and learn something while you do it! 😊

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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

2023 Local Conservation Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: October 31, 2023

<https://virginiacriminalaws.com/2023-donna-murphy-local-conservation-scholarship/>

Ted & Holly Rollins Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: November 15, 2023

<https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/search/ted-holly-rollins-scholarship/>

Visionary Scholarship

Amount: Up to \$2,500

Deadline: December 1, 2023

<https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/search/visionary-scholarship/>

Equitable Excellence Scholarship

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: December 15, 2023

<https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/search/equitable-excellence-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.*