

CRC OPEN TIMES –

Monday through Friday – 7:10 AM – 3:00 PM

Students should stop by the CRC to set up appointments.

Appointments can be made for before school, during lunch, after school and the second half of class periods. You will receive a pass during the class period indicating the time of your appointment.

PSAT

~ Attention Juniors! ~

Are you in the top 20% of your class and thinking about attending a 4 year college after high school? Then you should consider taking the PSAT. **Registration is taking place right now and will close on September 23rd.** You can register in the CRC or online. Cost of the test is \$15 and you must have your online registration and payment in by 2:00 p.m. on September 23rd to be able to take the test on Wednesday, October 19th. If you are not in the top 20% of your class but are still interested in taking the PSAT you can register as well. The PSAT is the standardized test that is used to be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Please feel free to contact Ms. Gillis or Ms. Hamel in the CRC with any questions you may have! Register online in the CRC or here: <http://tinyurl.com/jaxzad5>

COMMON APP SCHOOL REPORTS

Does your college require a counselor or school report from the Common App? If so, make an appointment with your counselor to find out the next steps in this process. You will invite your counselor to complete your forms through the Common App, so be sure to enter their email address carefully.

Stay connected to CRC news. Receive our newsletter electronically by emailing Jennifer at: hamelj@district279.org.  Follow us on twitter @MGSHCRC

College Reps Visiting

Sept 22 – University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Sept 26 – University of Minnesota Duluth

Sept 27 – Bethany Lutheran
Arizona State University

Sept 28 - Upper Iowa University
Winona State University
St. Olaf College

Loyola University - Chicago

Sept 29 - North Hennepin Community College
Northern Michigan University
St. Ben's/St. John's

Oct 3 - Northwestern University Chicago
University of Denver

Oct 4 - University of Vermont

Oct 6 - St. Mary's University
University of Pittsburgh
University of Wisconsin - Superior

Meeting with colleges

College admissions representatives come to our school to meet with students (primarily Seniors and Juniors). Visits usually last about 30 minutes. The admissions rep will tell you (and the other students in the group) about their college and answer questions you may have about programs and the campus. This is a great opportunity to get more information. Sign up for these visits and get a pink pass in the CRC.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

2017/2018 FAFSA Changes: Beginning with this year's senior high school students, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available earlier. Seniors will have the opportunity to begin completing a FAFSA on **October 1, 2016**, using tax information from the 2015 tax year. A summary of changes can be found here: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/fafsa-changes>. I would encourage you to begin completing the FAFSA with your student as soon as possible after October 1 at www.fafsa.gov. ALL STUDENTS planning on continuing their education after high school (attending any type of college: 2-year, 4-year, technical, career) should complete a FAFSA.

College Application Deadline Changes: Due to the changes in FAFSA filing, many colleges have moved up their priority and final deadlines for application submission (for example, the priority deadline for the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities has moved to **November 1st**). Please check with the individual colleges to which your student is applying and verify the deadline for the application for admission. It will also be important that your student request their transcript with plenty of time to meet the deadline. If you have questions about applications you can check out our CRC website or stop down to the CRC to make an appointment.

Sending Transcripts

Maple Grove Senior High uses Parchment to electronically process all transcripts. Students must create an account at www.parchment.com. Carefully enter accurate birthdate, full legal name and graduation year information (these are the three most common errors which cause delays). Other tips: Use a private email address (not your Osseo apps email address). Do not open this account using the Facebook login option. After you create the account, immediately add Maple Grove Senior High as your institution (at the blue plus sign prompt). Please allow several days for processing. Transcripts cannot be sent during end of trimester grading windows (for about a week). Please check application deadlines and plan ahead. Detailed step-by-step directions for sending transcripts can be found on the CRC website under Quick Links. If you have questions please stop by the CRC. We are happy to help!



Military Recruiters at Maple Grove Senior High

Information in CRC/Recruiter available in cafeteria during lunches

U S Army October 4 (**usually 1st Tuesday**) Sergeant Pearson

Minnesota Army National Guard October 13 (**usually 2nd Thursday**) SFC Behrens

U S Marines –September 28 (**usually 4th Wednesday**) Sergeant Rosales

U S Navy October 6 (**usually 1st Thursday**) OS2 Christa Kluender

US Air Force October 19 (**usually the 3rd Wednesday**) Staff Sergeant Jason Neal

The Minnesota House of Representatives is now accepting applications for the 2017 High School Page Program.

For over 40 years, high school juniors from throughout Minnesota have participated in this unique opportunity to view their state government in action. This non-partisan program allows students to spend a week at the State Capitol participating in a wide variety of educational experiences. They are able to gain a better understanding of state government and the legislative process by examining what they have learned in the classroom under real-life circumstances. An application and more information can be found at www.house.leg.state.mn.us/edprog/introletter.asp To be considered for this program, applications must be received by December 2, 2016. This is a great opportunity for any student planning to study law and politics.

Groves Academy is sponsoring a College Fair geared exclusively toward students who have learning disabilities or attention disorders. This is the only college fair of its kind in Minnesota and the five-state area. Representatives from over 50 schools and organizations will be in attendance. This event is free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Prescott at prescottj@grovesacademy.org or 952-915-4295.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016
Earle Brown Heritage Center
6155 Earle Brown Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55430



Maple Grove Police Explorers ~ Thinking about a career in law enforcement? Consider joining Police Explorers. Meetings are Monday evenings 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the City of Maple Grove Police Department. Questions? Email policeexplorers@maplegrovmn.gov

Questbridge is a non-profit program that will assist outstanding low-income seniors in gaining admission and full four-year scholarships to leading colleges. Colleges who partner with Questbridge include Amherst, University of Notre Dame, Brown University, Columbia University, MIT, Yale and many other top-tier schools. More than 2,000 students were selected as National College Match finalists in 2015 and admitted to partner colleges; many of them receiving full tuition scholarships. High school students who have demonstrated academic excellence in the face of economic obstacles are encouraged to apply, including students of all races and ethnicities. Many past award recipients have even been among the first generation in their family to attend college. Interested students should apply on line at www.questbridge.org. Application is free and **due September 27th**.

Volunteer Hours on Your Transcript ~ Although volunteer hours are needed for National Honor Society, they truly are considered a *secondary* factor in college admissions. The most important factors remain coursework (rigor), your grades (gpa) and your college admissions test results (ACT/SAT). If you choose to add volunteer hours to your transcript, forms are available in the main office from the Volunteer Coordinator Joan Roberson. The forms should be returned to Joan Roberson for consideration.



National College Fair

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Minneapolis Convention Center



Why Attend?

Attending a college fair is the best way to gather information, first hand, about colleges and universities, especially those in distant cities. Free and open to the public, the [Minnesota National College Fair](http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/FallNCF/Pages/Minnesota.aspx) offers high school students and their families the opportunity to meet face to face with college representatives from throughout the country. Attendees will learn about admission requirements, financial aid, course offerings, and campus environment, as well as other information pertinent to the college selection process. At the fair's counseling center, students and parents can discuss their individual needs with college experts. Learn more and pre-register at <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/FallNCF/Pages/Minnesota.aspx>

Testing Information!

ACT

It is recommended that you take the **ACT + writing**. Have your scores sent directly to colleges when you register. It is FREE to send to colleges at registration. If you need to send scores later you will pay \$12 per college. Register at www.actstudent.org. Students will also need to upload a photo when they register. That photo will be printed on the student's test admission ticket and the roster provided to proctors at testing sites. Testing staff will compare the submitted photo to a photo ID and to the student in person at the testing site. Don't forget to upload the photo, and to bring an ID with you on testing day!

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Period
OCTOBER 22, 2016	SEPTEMBER 16, 2016	SEPTEMBER 17 - 30
DECEMBER 10, 2016	NOVEMBER 4, 2016	NOVEMBER 5 – 18
FEBRUARY 11, 2017	JANUARY 13, 2017	JANUARY 14 – 20
APRIL 8, 2017 <small>(not recommended for JRS, as you will take it here at school on April 19th)</small>	MARCH 3, 2017	MARCH 4 - 17
JUNE 10, 2017	MAY 5, 2017	MAY 6 - 19

SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Period
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016	ends September 20
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	ends October 25
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	ends November 22

District 279 Community Education will again be offering low cost ACT prep classes! Check for scheduled classes at: <https://osseo.thatscommunityed.com/> and search ACT Prep. CRC also has info on private tutors.

Free preparation for the ACT available in CRC, contains full-length practice tests, including writing, information about optional writing test, strategies to prepare for the tests, and what to expect on test day. Read this booklet carefully and take the practice tests well before test day so you will be familiar with the tests, what they measure, and the strategies you can use to do your best on test day. Additional ACT preparation material can be ordered at www.actstudent.org/testprep

You can also review for the test independently. Free sample questions are available at www.actstudent.org/sampletest and at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-practice-test>

You can take a **free ACT or SAT practice** test online at: www.PrincetonReview.com/PracticeTest

Online test prep services. There are lots of online resources that are free or modestly priced for prepping for the tests: 1) [Grockit](#), 2) [Number2.com](#), 3) [ePrep](#).

ACT Helpful Websites: College Readiness

Standards and Sample Test Question <http://www.act.org/standard/instruct/index.html>

Essay View <http://www.act.org/essayview/index.html>

Parent Resources <http://www.act.org/path/parent> , ACT Question of the Site: <http://www.actstudent.org/qotd/>

Student Athletes!

NCAA Clearinghouse: http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html

The Transcript “Walk Thru” A coach can pursue you avidly, but nothing is solid until your transcript and test scores get put in front of admission officer. This usually happens before you are invited for an official visit. So get your transcript and SAT/ACT scores to the coach early for a walk through.

Please request an unofficial transcript through our new online electronic system and keep that copy in your files to duplicate as you need for athletic coaches and your visits. **Remember to allow plenty of time for transcripts to be processed, even with the electronic system. You will be responsible for faxing or mailing transcripts for your coaches.**

*When student-athletes register for the ACT, please use the **NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999**. This will ensure the test score(s) come directly to us. Student-athletes who don't use the 9999 will need to pay to have the score sent later in the process. Remember that we cannot take ACT or SAT scores from transcript.

Military:

Military: Did you know that we have representatives from the military available each month in the cafeteria, to answer questions? If you would like to meet with these representatives outside of the lunch hour, you can also stop in to the CRC and arrange to use our space before or after school.

Military Academies -- Students interested in petitioning for appointment to one of the academies can find specific admission requirements and steps about each of the academies by visiting their websites. Those links are provided below.

US Military Academy -- (USMA) in West Point, New York <http://www.usma.edu/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Naval Academy -- (USNA) in Annapolis, Maryland <http://www.usna.edu/homepage.php>

Coast Guard Academy -- (USCGA) in New London, Connecticut <http://www.cga.edu/admissions/>

Air Force Academy -- (USAFA) in Colorado Springs, Colorado <http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Merchant Marine Academy -- (USMMA) in Kings Point, New York <http://www.usmma.edu/>