

Virtual Coffee Talk with Guidance

Friday February 26th at 9:00 a.m.

SAT, ACT and AP exams

College planning updates

- Welcome parents and guardians
- How students and families of 11th graders can access information about SAT or ACT
- School based testing for SAT and PSAT (upcoming deadlines and information)
- More updates for the SAT and AP exams
- In class presentations for 10th and 11th graders
- When is it time to start meeting individually with guidance about career and college planning?
- Q & A

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PSAT Administration

- NQHS and QHS administered the PSAT to approximately 550 students on Tuesday, January 26th
- First standardized testing since November of 2019
- Very successful and well attended
- Scores will be released on March 8th and students will receive an email on how to access them

SAT and AP Update

- NQHS & QHS are offering a school-day SAT on Tuesday, April 27
- Registration <https://regismart.net/>
- The cost for the SAT without the essay is \$52 (If you are eligible for free/reduced lunch, your exam will cost \$10)
- The cost for SAT with essay is \$68 (If you are eligible for free/reduced lunch, your exam will cost \$17)
- Deadline to register for the NQHS School Day SAT is March 5, 2021
- April 27th will be a remote learning day for all other students
- The March 13th and May 8th SAT administration at NQHS are cancelled
- AP exams will likely be in person and we are hoping to make them optional for this year only (more details will be coming soon)

What has changed with SAT and ACT in Admissions?

- Many colleges were test-optional for 2021- 22 applications -- which means that students can choose to apply without submitting test scores; some have chosen to remain test optional
- Website to find out which schools are test optional: www.fairtest.org
- Make sure to check requirements for each school, as some schools may have other requirements
- The College Board is no longer offering SAT Subject tests
- The College Board will discontinue the optional SAT Essay after the June 2021 administration
- <https://www.collegeboard.org/> for SAT
- <http://www.act.org/> for ACT

Classroom presentations for 10th and 11th graders

- The guidance department met with all 10th graders and assisted them in an interest inventory to help learn about career planning. They were registered on Naviance and completed an assessment to help them start thinking about college majors and career options
- We are beginning 11th grade presentations on March 15th where we have a presentation on college and career planning for all students
- Counselors encourage our students to set up individual post-graduate planning meetings beginning in late March/April

Post-Graduate Planning during the time of COVID

- Virtual presentations to students and families (recorded and posted on QPS website and in Google classroom)
- Google classrooms set-up for seniors and each class -- updated with post-graduate planning information
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) for more information sharing
- Virtual and in person college planning appointments with counselors
- Virtual college fairs through NACAC, College Board, and other agencies
- Virtual on-the-spot admissions (Bridgewater U, Quincy College, Massasoit & Nichols)
- Naviance virtual college visits daily from September to December
- FAFSA support virtually with a volunteer
- Scholarships: Sponsors continue to be extremely generous to our students