

Class of 2013



What Does The Future Hold For You?

Now is the time to start planning!

- Put in that extra effort now. Grades count! This is your last chance to bring up your GPA before sending off college applications in the fall of your senior year.
- Take honors and AP classes. Colleges realize that these courses are more demanding and that you can handle challenging courses.
- Take the PSAT in October and attend score interpretation meeting in December.
- Use Choices Planner & Naviance at home to search for colleges/career information.
- You may begin to attend college rep visits in the Career Center. Obtain a pass from Mrs. Moore in advance. Listen to announcements; check the College/Career Center Bulletin Board & webpage for upcoming events.
- Take the ASVAB in November-- it's a good way to assess your strengths and weaknesses and to identify suitable career paths.
- Take a Spring SAT or ACT – March, May or June (depending on when you feel prepared). You must register online usually one month prior to each test date. Be sure to include the Blake H.S. code when registering to take the test: **210959**
- Consider a meaningful community service or summer enrichment activity to enhance your resume, as well as extracurricular activities.
- Visit college campuses, request information and interview with admissions staff, if possible.
- Attend the Montgomery County College Fair in April 2012 (field trip).
- Schedule an appointment with your Counselor & College/Career Coordinator over the summer to talk about life after high school & the college admissions process.
- Talk about college with people you respect.

PROGRAMS and EVENTS

JUNIORS

October 12, 2011, 7:25-10:45 am - PSAT testing at Blake

November 2, 2011, 7:25-10:00 am - ASVAB career exploration test (optional)

December 3, 2011 (Saturday), 7:30-noon - Mock SAT at Blake (optional)

December 14, 2011, 7:00 pm - PSAT Score Interpretation meeting (Mr. Keegan, amp)

December 19-22, 2011 - Naviance demonstration for all students in MWH (computer labs)

December 23, 2011, 12:30-1:30 pm - Alumni Panel (Class of 2011 returns - optional)

January 23, 2012 - Mock ACT, during school (7:30 am - Mr. Keegan - optional)

February 13-29, 2012 - Counselors meet with students to register for senior year courses

February 15, 2012, 6:00-8:00 pm - HBCU College Fair @ Blair HS (all H.S. parents & students welcome)

March 27, 2012, 7:00-8:30 pm - College Daze Program for all junior parents (Counseling staff, amp)

April 24, 2012, 10:00 am-1:00 pm - Montgomery County College Fair @ Gaithersburg Fairgrounds (field trip)

May 7-18, 2012 - Advanced Placement Exams

May 21-23, 2012 - HSA Exams

May 24-25, 2012 - Life After High School for all students in MWH (Counseling staff, amp)

June 4, 2012 - College Essay Writing Clinic for all English 11 classes (Director of Admissions, St. Mary's College)

Register for college testing second semester:

SAT test dates: Jan 28, March 10, May 5, June 2

ACT test dates: Feb 11, Apr 14, June 9

Community college-bound students should practice for the Accuplacer test.

Important resources:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/blakehs/> Click on "Students" and then on "Career Center."

<http://connection.naviance.com/blake> Guest password: 210959

<http://collegeboard.org>

<http://actstudent.org>