

JUNIOR PHSC NEWS

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the New Trier Post-High School Counseling department.

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Coming Up Next:

Scheduling a PHSC Family Meeting: We assign specific dates—based on counselor—for a parent/guardian to begin calling in order to schedule a family meeting. Instructions on how to schedule the initial appointment can be accessed [here](#).

Mid-January through June: PHSC Meetings: Meetings include the student, parent/guardian, and counselor to discuss post-high school goals. Your PHS counselor will provide details on how we will work together through the process and services provided. Come prepared to share your ideas and expectations for the future. Please note that not all students are on the same timeline, Some might be ready to have this conversation early, others may feel more comfortable waiting until later in the spring. Students: the questionnaire you're completing in advisery helps provide context for our meetings. We encourage you to be thoughtful and thorough in your responses.

Junior Post-High School Counseling Handbook: Now available online. It can be found in the "Junior Information" or "Document Links" section of our webpage (link [here](#)). Hard copies will be distributed to students during counselor visits to advisery in December.

Parent/Guardian Reflection Form Due January 10: Share your thoughts and observations about your student. Parent/guardian insights prove invaluable to the post-high school counselor, as we employ our best efforts to get to know your student individually. Moreover, it allows us to better craft the student's individualized counselor letter of recommendation. An editable Word document was attached to the email you received. You may also download a PDF copy [here](#).

Naviance Registration: Naviance is a college and career readiness platform utilized at New Trier to track students' application history and local admissions data. If you are a parent/guardian and would like an account, please complete this [brief survey](#). If a student needs assistance accessing or establishing their account, they should reach out to their post-high school counselor.

Junior Parent Night: If you were unable to attend the Junior Parent Nights last week, a copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

January 25: Gap Year Fair: 12pm-3pm, Winnetka campus. The largest fair of its kind in the country. Come learn about the exciting gap year opportunities available. For more details click [here](#).

February: PHSC Advisery Visits: Counselors will be visiting adviseries to provide additional guidance on selecting senior year courses.

February 25: ACT District Test for Juniors** Click [here](#) to create an ACT account (if the student hasn't already done so) and receive email notifications on registration deadlines for national test dates. All ACT score results will be released online via the student's ACT account.

April 14: State SAT for Juniors** Click [here](#) to create a testing account (if the student hasn't already done so) and receive email notifications on registration deadlines for national test dates. All SAT score results will be released online via the student's College Board account.

**All students will register for the February District ACT and April State ACT via their advisery. All other ACT and/or SAT dates require students to register via their ACT or College Board accounts, respectively. ACT and SAT tests are normed to be taken between second semester of junior year and the beginning of senior year. Consider which national test dates might work best for you given other personal commitments. Students should reach out to their post-high school counselor if they need advice on appropriate timing based on their high school curriculum and other factors.

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