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Dear Class of 2017 and Parents:

Welcome to your junior year! You may not realize that in many ways, this is the year that can really help you shape your future. Below is a list of opportunities that will help you plan your career. Parents, please keep this list in a safe place, so that you can refer to it later.

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery): This test is open to all interested juniors and seniors. The test will be administered at school on **November 9th, 2016 at 8:05am**. There is no charge. The Armed Services uses this test as a recruiting tool. It also provides an excellent career exploration service, which will enable you to match your interests, abilities and personal preferences to over 200 civilian and military occupations. You can also use your ASVAB results with *Military Careers*, a career information resource, to determine your chances of qualifying for different military occupations. **Even if you are not considering the military, this can be a valuable assessment.** The ASVAB Test will be given in November.

ACT (American College Test): The ACT is required for admission to practically any university or college in the Midwest. It is the preferred test of the UW System. **This year all juniors will be taking the ACT as part of our new state testing program at no cost to you.** In addition, there are other opportunities to retake the ACT. A summer test is available on June 10th 2017 (registration deadline is May 5th 2017) and fall 2017 tests will be available. There is a \$22.00 late registration fee. All tests are given in the morning. I will have registration packets in my office all year or students can register online at <http://www.act.org>. The cost is \$39.50 (No Writing); \$56.50 (Writing Plus). If you want to see which Universities require the Writing Plus, please visit the act website. This is a very important test as colleges use it as their entrance exam, therefore students should not take it lightly!! Study, Study, Study!! There are practice tests available online and in the guidance office.

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test): The SAT is very similar to the ACT, in that it is required for admission to colleges and universities on the East and West coast. If you want more information on the SAT, please stop in for more information. I will also have these registration packets available beginning in the fall.

Campus Visits: Students are strongly encouraged to visit campuses of schools they are interested in attending. You can set up your own campus visit (faster/preferred) OR ask me to set up a campus visit for you.

Recruiters: Throughout the school year, recruiters from Universities, Colleges, Trade Schools, Technical Colleges, and the Military will come to Niagara High School to meet with interested students. Please sign up in the Guidance office.

Selective Service: All males are reminded to register at age 18 with the Selective Service at www.sss.gov

Scams: Watch out for scams! Some will offer "special awards or deals" for students, others will offer services that you can obtain for free (like applying to college, financial aid applications, college searches, etc.). If you ever question something you receive in the mail, be sure to bring it in so that I can investigate whether or not it is legit.

There's a lot going on for Juniors! Please listen to the school announcements throughout the school year for sign-ups for these important events. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 251-4541 ext. 232!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Petschar, PK-12 Counselor