

IKE Counseling Updates

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2017-2018 BREAKDOWN AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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COUNSELING REMIND ACCOUNTS

If you would like to receive messages from the counseling office related to your graduation year, please sign up by texting:

Class of 2018	text @2018ike to 81010
Class of 2019	text @ike2019 to 81010
Class of 2020	text @ike2020 to 81010

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JUNIORS: UPCOMING MME TESTING:

*** FULL MME PARTICIPATION IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL UCS STUDENTS. ***

Part 1 April 10: As part of the state assessment, all juniors will take the SAT on April 10th. Posters with room assignments have been posted throughout the building. Students should be prepping for this exam by on Khan Academy after linking their College board account. Instructions on how to do this can be found on Eisenhower's website under Counseling. See SAT/PSAT test taking tips on the last page of this newsletter!

Part 2 April 11: As part of the state assessment, all juniors will take the Work Keys test on April 11th. Posters with room assignments have been posted throughout the building. Work Keys consists of sections in Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. Depending on scores, students who successfully complete the exam may receive a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

Part 3 April 17th/18th: MSTEP is the final part of the MME assessment. Students will take 2 computer based assessments in Science and Social Studies subjects. This will be completed in one sitting on either April 17th or April 18th. MSTEP schedules have been distributed through English classes. Questions? Contact Mrs. Dunn or Mrs. Stice

SOPHOMORES: UPCOMING PSAT TESTING

April 11: All sophomores are required to take the PSAT10 during the school day on Wednesday April 11th. This test serves as the state assessment of 10th grade students. The PSAT10 also prepares sophomores for the SAT and for the PSAT/NMSQT. Students who choose to take the PSAT/NMSQT (in 11th grade) may become eligible for scholarships if they score within the top 1% nationally. Posters with room assignments have been posted throughout the building. See SAT/PSAT test taking tips on the last page of this newsletter! Questions? Contact Ms. Kretschmer

AP TESTING

May 7 – May 18th: Registration for AP exams is complete, and exams have been ordered for those students who registered. Information specific to test dates will come out closer to the exam date(s) Are you wondering how to earn college credit with your AP exams? See Link: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies> Questions? Contact Dr. Jones-Lau

ACT TESTING

The ACT is an optional college admissions test that is as valuable as the SAT. If you (your student) is planning on taking the ACT, you should sign up at www.actstudent.org. The ACT is readily accepted at all colleges and universities as a required college admissions test. See your counselor with questions regarding this test and/or test prep options available.

SCHEDULING FOR THE 2018-2019 IS COMPLETE!

Counselors met with all students individually to discuss their schedule for the 2018 -2019 school year. All course requests have been put into the computer. There are some students who did not turn a scheduling request sheet in. Students are expected to get this to their counselor or their courses will be chosen for them based on where there is room in classes.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

New this year! We have hosted several 'Coffee with the Counselor' sessions throughout this school year. Feedback, so far, has been good! The final Coffee with the Counselor event for the 2017-2018 school year is scheduled for April 26th at 9:00 a.m. and will provide information on the Advanced Placement program, what to expect, earning college credit and an overview of the navigation through the exam/college credit process. A link to a sign up genius to sign up for this event will be emailed by Mr. McEvoy. Stay tuned!

TUTORING

UCS students have free online tutoring available to them through a partnership with the public library. Students can login to <https://lhh.tutor.com/default.aspx?ProgramGUID=2043cb95-45cf-4ab3-b003-2ad3a7f9959e> to connect to a professional tutor to receive help with difficult homework problems between the hours of 4pm – 11pm. Students login with their UCS student number (found on PowerSchool) and the last four digits of their primary phone number that is listed in PowerSchool. 'UCS' is in front of the student number. I.E.: UCS10001234, Password 5678 More information can be found on the UCS home page in Success Tool Kit.

College Campus & Trade Program News

One of the first steps in the college application process is visiting the campus to see which school fits you the best! All high school students are encouraged to do this prior to your senior year. Schedule your visit in advance.

AQUINAS COLLEGE:

GENERAL AQ DAY: April 20

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY:

UNIVERSITY PREVIEW DAYS: Saturday, April 28th, 2018

HOPE COLLEGE:

Junior Days 2018: Friday, April 6 & 13 & 20

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY:

LTU Preview Day: July 20, 2018 and August 3rd, 2018

On the Spot Admissions: July 24th & July 31st

Go to www.ltu.edu for more information on their upcoming events.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY:

MSU looks forward to welcoming you to campus and answering your questions about life as a Spartan. The Office of Admissions offers visit options for prospective, admitted and transfer students. All visits include a 90-minute, student-led walking tour featuring campus landmarks, a residence hall, a typical classroom, the main library, a dining facility and a workout facility. To schedule your tour, go to <https://admissions.msu.edu/>

Michigan Tech

Saturday tours are offered once a month during the academic year and include a group presentation with admissions and financial aid, a walking tour of campus, VIP passes, and lunch in one of our residence halls. April 7th is the next tour. To schedule your visit, go to <http://www.mtu.edu/admissions/visit/plan/>

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY:

Career Expo Open House: April 24

SERVICE ACADEMY:

Information can be obtained through the contact information below:

- U.S. Air Force Academy <http://www.usfa.edu> or 719-333-2520
- U.S. Merchant Marine <http://www.usmma.edu> or 516-773-5391
- U.S. Military Academy <http://www.usma.edu> or 845-938-4041
- U.S. Naval Academy <http://www.usna.edu> or 410-293-4361

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY:

Friday, August 3, 2018 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Come to this event to find out! We'll discuss the college selection process, transitioning from high school to college, and how to finance your education. Our admissions and financial aid experts will be ready, so bring your questions! Reservations are required.

Employment Opportunities

Are you interested in a career in the medical field? Business? Engineering? Manufacturing? Health Care? Human Services? Arts & Communication? The School-to-Work Coordinator may have a career-oriented job opportunity available for you. The School to Work program gives a student an insight into a career of their interest. All students must meet the following criteria and apply for the program: G.P.A is above a 2.0

- Good attendance/No discipline
- Junior or Senior
- Reliable transportation from school to work
- Concurrently take a CTE class (Accounting I II, Auto, Construction/Trade, Med/Health Science & Careers, Med/Dental, Nursing Asst., Marketing I II, Machining, Welding, Small Engines, CAD, Design Engineering, MS Office, Small Business, School Store, Web Page I II)

Mrs. Lelito helps facilitate students obtaining a position with a company that they wouldn't have known about. All students in the School to Work program leave school an hour early to go to work. Transportation is not provided, and co-op does not guarantee a parking permit. Students in the program earn a grade and a credit upon meeting the responsibility of the course. If interested, please contact Mrs. Lelito in the Counseling Office or email her at Catherine.Lelito@uticak12.org

**The Counseling Center does not have resources to provide job placement, internships or job-shadowing to students. Co-op job opportunities are screened through the co-op coordinator and are the only placements/referrals made through the school. **

Scholarships

- **SENIORS! A list of updated scholarship opportunities, with links, is located on Eisenhower's home page.** Click on Students, then Seniors. This list is also sent out through the Senior REMIND account with updates! This site is updated almost weekly and you have to check it often to ensure you don't miss out on these opportunities!
<http://eisenhower.uticak12.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=586283&pageId=5298441>
- **Don't forget to Check out the updated Scholarship list in Family Connection!!** Go to <https://connection.naviance.com/eisenhowerhs>, click sign in and Student and Family Sign In.

Extra Resource ~ This is an **EXCELLENT** link that shares the top scholarship platforms and other basic information regarding paying for college <http://www.reviews.com/best-scholarship-search-platforms/>.

Do your best and get your rest before test day!



Test Tips for the PSAT / SAT

Many questions will ask for the “best” answer, so don’t respond as soon as you identify a correct answer. More than one might seem correct. **Consider ALL the answer choices** and choose the **best** one.

- **Eliminate wrong answers.** None of the answers will be glaringly wrong. In fact, they’re worded in such a way that they’ll often all seem feasible. Generally, wrong answers are too specific, too broad, describe a relationship in reverse order, or just present a totally unrelated concept.


Hints to help recognize an answer choice that is usually wrong:

- **Extreme Words:** Choices with descriptive words (adjectives and adverbs) that sound too extreme, such as despicable, spotless, brilliant, or thrilling.
- **Absolute (Never Ever) Words:** Choices with words like always, never, everyone and all.
- **Bait and Switch:** Choices that use the exact same wording as the passage –correct answers will paraphrase the words used in the passage.
- **Never Mentioned:** These are “distractors” –they are statements that are true about life, but are never mentioned in the passage.
- Trick answers contain words that remind you of the passage, or they make true statements, but they don’t answer the question. Avoid these by **thinking of your own answer first, then read the choices second.** Find the choice that best matches your own answer.
- **When in doubt, guess** – there’s no penalty for guessing. Questions on the reading and writing sections don’t get progressively harder (math does). So if you’re on a difficult reading question, make a guess and move on; the next one might be easier.



Test Tips for the PSAT / SAT

Write in your test book:

1. Cross out wrong answers.
2. Circle hard questions you guessed on to come back to later.
3. Work out math problems.
4. Take notes while reading...
 - Underline main ideas draw an arrow to it.
 - ☆ Star and underline important terms. ☆
 - Write a short note next to important points. 
 - Circle clues that hint to the author’s point of view, argument or attitude.
 - Number statements with supporting points or the order of occurring events. 