Looking for information from a previous Guidance Newsletter? Go to https://lawrencecentral.ltschools.org/content/guidance-newsletters to find copies of all of the 2013-2014 newsletters.

PSAT: The PSAT will be given to all sophomores and registered juniors on Wednesday, October 30.

- **Sophomores:** The State of Indiana is once again covering the cost of the PSAT for all 10th grade students. All sophomores will take the PSAT for FREE during the first two blocks (8:50am – 11:54am) on **Wednesday, October 30.** Counselors will be distributing a student guide/practice test and meeting with sophomores to get them registered for Naviance on **Tuesday, September 17 and Wednesday, September 18** during their study halls. All sophomores should report to room 158 at the beginning of study hall and will be released back to their study hall rooms with a pass.

- **Juniors:** Any junior interested in taking the PSAT on **Wednesday, October 30** must sign up in the Guidance Department between **Monday, September 16** and **Friday, September 27.** Students should bring a check for $14.00 and register with Ms. Ingemi at the Guidance Office desk. At that time, students will receive a student guide/practice test. **Please plan to participate as this is the qualifying exam for the National Merit Program and is excellent preparation for the SAT.**

**College Application Fee Waivers for College GO! Week:** Don’t miss an amazing opportunity to apply for college at no cost! During the week of **September 23-27,** several Indiana colleges and universities will waive their application fee in recognition of College GO! Week. Participating schools are: Hanover College, IUPU-Columbus, IPFW, Purdue College of Technology-Kokomo, Vincennes University, and Wabash College. Indiana State University and Vincennes University will be waiving the application fee for the entire month of September.

**DePaul University:** DePaul University will be hosting a regional reception for area high school students during which they can explore everything DePaul and Chicago have to offer. More specifically, students can learn about the application process, financial aid, and the variety of academic programs DePaul offers. The reception will take place on **Wednesday, October 2** from **7:00 – 8:30pm** at Indianapolis Marriott North (3645 River
Crossing Parkway, Indianapolis, IN 46240). For more information, contact Nora Loftus via email at nloftus@depaul.edu or via phone at (773) 325-2921.

**GW on the Road:** Join the George Washington University Admissions Director to learn about the GW experience. Presentations will be given in Cincinnati on September 26 and in Chicago on October 30. For more information and to register, go to http://gwapplication.gwu.edu.

**Yale University Information Session:** Join Assistant Director of Admissions Riley Ford to learn about Yale’s academic programs, residential college and campus life, and admissions and financial aid. Interested students and parents are encouraged to attend. The session will take place on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00pm at North Central High School. Registration is optional but encouraged. To register, go to http://admissions.yale.edu/events.

**Exploring Educational Excellence:** Join Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Rice University, and University of Chicago for an information session to learn more about the selective admissions process, scholarships and financial aid, academic programs and campus life. An admissions officer from each school will be available to answer university specific questions. This event will take place at the Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone at the Crossing from 7:30 to 9:00pm on Tuesday, September 24. RSVP at http://exploringeducationallexcellence.org/index.php.

**University of Indianapolis High School Day:** Interested juniors and seniors are invited to visit the University of Indianapolis for High School Day on October 26. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about UIndy from faculty, staff, and current students. Registration begins at 9:00am and no RSVP or preregistration is needed. This event is free and lunch is included.

**College Liaison Q and A with Mr. McClatchy:** Thank you for all of the wonderful questions sent in this week. Please continue to send questions to christianmcclatchy@msdl.k12.in.us or contact me at 964-8036. I also encourage you to follow Lawrence Township College Liaison on twitter @LTCollegeCareer to receive tips throughout the college search process.

- **What is the difference between Early Action and Early Decision when applying to schools?**

Some colleges will have what they refer to as Early Action (EA) or Early Decision (ED) options when applying. Typically, Early Decision means that it is a binding agreement. It is assumed that you are only going to apply to one school with this option and should only be considered after very careful consideration. If your child is admitted, they will be attending that school and will withdraw all other applications. Early Action typically means that you are applying earlier than many of the applicants, which shows a high level of interest and allows you to be eligible for scholarships and aid. There is no limit to how many schools you can apply to Early Action and the decision is non-binding. Here is a link to an article from US News and World Report discussing when a

- **When will my son/daughter find out if they have been accepted to the college of their choice?**

Waiting on an admission decision is a very stressful time in the life of a high school senior. Unfortunately, there is no set answer and colleges handle admission in a variety of ways. Some schools will have Rolling Admission and notify the students within a few weeks of having a complete application. Others will hold all applications and make a decision on a specific date. Luckily, the schools do not keep this information a secret. The dates and/or expected timeline will be posted on the Office of Admission website for the school to which you are interested in applying. If you have not received a decision from a school that has Rolling Admission, check your account to make sure your application is complete (transcript, ACT/SAT scores, application fee, letters of recommendation, essay, etc.).

- **How do I know what scores to send to colleges?**

The first step is to review the conversion chart provided by ACT and see how the scores compare: http://www.act.org/solutions/college-career-readiness/compare-act-sat/ If your SAT and ACT scores are comparable, it is recommended to send in both sets of scores as Admissions view the scores as being consistent across standardized exams. In most cases, schools will super score the SAT and pull out the highest Math, Critical Reading, and Writing scores to recalculate your score. With the ACT, schools will typically only super score the subcategories and not the overall composite. In a conversation with an admission representative from a highly selective school this week, it was mentioned that they only look at the highest score when reviewing the application and do not see the lower scores during the time of reading applications. If you have questions on specific schools you can contact their Office of Admission or contact me to assist in finding an answer.

**Upcoming College Rep Visits:**

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To sign up to attend a college rep session at LC, students need to access their Naviance accounts. After signing up, students should print the confirmation page and present it to the classroom teacher. It is up to each teacher if he/she will allow a student
to leave class to attend these sessions. A list of all of the scheduled visits (more are added each day so keep checking the updated list on Naviance) and directions on how to sign up is attached to this newsletter.

**CIA Undergraduate Scholar Program:** High school seniors planning to enroll in a 4-or 5-year college program who are looking for career experience in a dynamic environment are invited to apply to the CIA's Undergraduate Scholar Program. Scholars complete work sessions during each summer break, and are given an annual salary, a benefits package, and up to $18,000 per calendar year for tuition, mandatory fees, books and supplies. Scholars are required to work at an Agency facility during summer breaks and to maintain full-time college status during the school year with a minimum cumulative 3.0/4.0 GPA. The CIA will pay the cost of transportation between school and the Washington, DC area each summer and provide a housing allowance. Scholars must agree to continue employment with the Agency after college graduation for a period equal to 1.5 times the length of the college sponsorship. To be eligible, students must be 18 by April 1 of senior year, earn at least 1500 on the SAT (1000 M + CR, 500 W) or 21 on the ACT and have a GPA of at least 3.0. Applicants should also have demonstrated financial need. Apply online by **October 15** for Summer 2014. Visit [https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/undergraduate-scholarship-program.html](https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities/undergraduate-scholarship-program.html) for more information.

**AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps:** The AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, 10-month, national service program for young adults ages 18-24 to serve nationwide each year. Two service tracks are available. Members in the NCCC track serve on projects that address critical needs related to natural or other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Members in the FEMA Corps track focus on emergency management and long-term recovery activities through FEMA. In exchange for their service, members in both tracks receive $5,550 to help pay for college or to pay back student loans. They also receive a small living stipend, room and board, leadership development, travel, and increased self-confidence. For more information and to apply, go to [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov), or call 1-800-942-2677.

**National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing:** The “NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing” acknowledges the computing achievements and aspirations of young women, and generates visibility for women’s participation in computing-related pursuits. Applicants must be high-school level girls (grades 9-12), reside in the US, have a demonstrated, outstanding aptitude and interest in IT/computing, have demonstrated leadership ability, have good academic history, typically a GPA of 3.0 or better, and have post-secondary education plans. For tax purposes, each applicant must have a valid social security number or Tax ID number. Each qualified award recipient will receive $250 plus scholarship offers from several IN universities, a plaque for herself and for her school, recognition for her teacher, a t-shirt, gift bag, and will be recognized at an award ceremony at OneAmerica Headquarters in Indianapolis in January 2014. Applicants must complete the online application, electronically sign the consent release and provide a name, email address and phone number for a parent/guardian and school.
Official (teacher, counselor, etc.) to endorse the application. **Online applications open September 15 and must be submitted by 11:59PM ET on October 31.** Parent/guardian and school endorsement must be completed by 11:59PM ET on November 8. Complete application materials and details are available at [www.ncwit.org/award](http://www.ncwit.org/award).

**New Scholarships:**

**Davidson College Bryan Scholarships:** Senior athletes with outstanding academic records, strong leadership, and the ability to be impact players at the NCAA Division I level are eligible to be nominated for the Davidson College Bryan Scholarship. This scholarship is valued at $30,000 annually. Davidson College is located in Davidson, NC and offers twenty-one NCAA Division I sports as well as a rigorous and vigorous academic experience. For more information about Davidson and the Bryan Scholarship, including a list of eligible sports, go to [www.davidson.edu/bryan](http://www.davidson.edu/bryan). Students interested in being nominated by LC must see Ms. Oakes in the Guidance Office by **September 18.**

**Miss Irvington Halloween Festival Scholarship Program:** Open to females ages 16-21 who are enrolled in high school, a high school graduate or enrolled in college. Scholarship awards range from $250 - $1,000. See Ms. Oakes for an application. **Deadline to apply is September 21.** Questions? Call (317) 356-2611 or email snipsirvington@sbcglobal.net.

To have scholarship information sent directly to you, go to: [https://intra1.ltschools.org/lawrencecentral/cgibin/dada/mail.cgi](https://intra1.ltschools.org/lawrencecentral/cgibin/dada/mail.cgi) to sign up for the LC Scholarship listserve.

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming college fairs:**

**Indianapolis National Fair - Tuesday, October 1 from 6:00-8:00pm** at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

**Indianapolis North Christian College Fair – Wednesday, October 2 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm** at Heritage Christian School in the Elementary Gymnasium. Financial Aid Session included. Hosted by Anderson University.

**Hamilton County Fair – Thursday, October 3 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm** at Hamilton Southeastern High School. A list of colleges who are attending this fair is attached to the newsletter.

**HBCU College Fair - Thursday, October 10 from 6:00-9:00pm** at Crispus Attucks High School.

There is no cost for attending these events and families do not need to sign up prior to attending.
The College of Technology at Purdue University – WOWiT (Windows of Opportunities for Women in Technology): The College of Technology at Purdue University is hosting WOWiT for Project Lead The Way students. This free one day seminar will present hands-on workshops which will be of interest to female students. The program will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 8:00am – 3:30pm at Purdue’s West Lafayette campus. The purpose of WOWiT is to introduce high school students, primarily females, to the College of Technology and to increase the student’s awareness of interesting and intriguing areas of technology while exploring the different majors within the College. The students will be introduced to various programs such as Building Construction Management, Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Computer and Information Technology, and Computer Graphics Technology, all areas where females are thriving and succeeding. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Purdue’s West Lafayette campus. Interested students must fill out and mail in the attached registration form (instructions included). The form must be mailed no later than October 4. Enrollment is limited to 60 students so mail in the enrollment form as soon as possible! For more information, contact Harold Baker via email at baker253@purdue.edu or via phone at (765) 494-2331.

Seniors Exploring Engineering: The Purdue University Women in Engineering Program invites senior females who are interested in engineering to attend a free, daylong event on the Purdue campus in West Lafayette on October 14. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with current engineering students and ask questions, interact with engineering career professionals, choose two areas of engineering to further explore, talk to Purdue Admissions and Financial Aid staff, tour the engineering campus and residence halls, and enjoy a free lunch with Engineering faculty, staff and students. Registrations are limited to the first 250 students, so act fast to reserve a spot. The registration deadline is October 6. For more details and to register, go to www.purdue.edu/wiep.

IPFW Campus Visit Day: Campus Visit Day at IPFW offers prospective students the chance to take a step forward and see what IPFW is all about. This event will take place on November 3 from 1:00-3:00pm in Walb Student Union. Students will discover the more than 200 academic options, learn how to apply, find out how to pay for college, explore student housing, get familiar with campus, and meet academic experts. To register, go to http://beamazedbyipfw.com or call Admissions at 1-800-324-IPFW.

University of Richmond MOVE: Lawrence Central has the opportunity to nominate high school seniors interested in diversity and multicultural experiences for the University of Richmond Multicultural Overnight Visitation Experience on November 10. This complimentary, focused program introduces students and their families to Richmond through a variety of perspectives on student life. Students meet faculty, multicultural affairs professionals, and current Richmond students. Participants will also have the chance to spend the night on campus before attending the next day’s Preview Richmond open house. The MOVE program is open to seniors interested in any academic major, but the university is particularly interested in welcoming students with
an interest in STEM and visual/performing arts. To be nominated for this program, see Mr. Maloney in the Guidance Office.

**Parent Program Series:** The Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities is offering a parent session which provides an opportunity for parents of gifted youth to learn more about issues with which students may currently be dealing, how to help gifted students at home, and more! The next session that will be offered on **November 16 from 9:15-11:45am** is Intensity, Perfectionism, and Stress. The cost is $20 ($15 if student enrolled in any Saturday program). For more information or to sign up go to [http://www.bsu.edu.academy/youth](http://www.bsu.edu.academy/youth/).

**CHICK CHAT - The Power of Friendship - workshop for girls in grades 7-9:** Engaging activities will help girls consider what to look for in a friend, how to be the kind of friend others will seek, and what makes a healthy friendship vs. an unhealthy one. How to develop assertiveness and social confidence, as well as strategies for handling conflict and coping with relational aggression, will be shared. A handout of the ideas presented will be given. This workshop will take place on **Tuesday, October 22 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church (4780 E. 126th St., Carmel, IN)**. Girls will need to be signed in and signed out by a responsible adult; the workshop itself is for girls only. The cost is $25. Registration and payment (check) is due by **October 14**. For info and a registration form, visit [www.mathiascounseling.com](http://www.mathiascounseling.com).

**Your Future is Now – A College Prep Program will be held on October 26 from 9:00 am – 4:00pm** at the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities (on the Ball State University campus) for students currently in grades 10-12. The cost is only $25. Parents attend free with students! High school is coming to an end and it’s time to answer those big questions. What does your future hold? What are you doing now that will make your résumé stronger? How do you make your college application stand out and where do you find scholarship funding? Join the Indiana Academy and experts from Ball State University for a day focused on your future. Sessions will include opportunities for one-on-one feedback on your résumé and mock interviews, tips on writing stand-out essay question responses, advice on the college application process, useful information about your social networking footprint, and more. Students should bring an updated résumé for review. Breakfast will be provided. Interested in learning more? Go to [http://www.bsu.edu.academy/youth/](http://www.bsu.edu.academy/youth/).

**Some Assembly Required - Web Page Construction:** Become a part of the online world when you design your very own web page! Students will learn how to program a web page from scratch using Notepad and their own creativity. Learn the basics on how to design, plan out a project, and program your web page from start to finish through HTML coding. Create a page that the whole world needs – a page created just by you! This Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities workshop is offered to individuals from grade 6 – adults. More info at [http://www.bsu.edu.academy/youth/](http://www.bsu.edu.academy/youth/).

**Interested in learning more about medical research?** The IU School of Medicine recently launched the first of their #MedMinute video series on YouTube and IUSM social media. These are short videos (about one minute) that ask researchers from different backgrounds about what they do and why what they do helps others. It’s a way
to introduce complex areas of research to those who maybe have an interest in medicine but aren't quite sure what specialty they should pursue. The series will update every Thursday for at least the next eight weeks. The website is http://youtube.com/iusmcommunications, or students can follow #MedMinute on Facebook or Twitter.

Envision Careers in Medicine Forum: Students in grades 9-12 who are interested in a career in medicine may request a nomination to participate in the Careers in Medicine National Youth Leadership Forum hosted by Envision. This program introduces students to careers in health and medicine and the many career opportunities that exist in these areas. Nine-day programs will be offered this summer in thirteen different cities across the country, and nominated students will be able to select whichever they prefer. Any student interested in being nominated should see Mr. Maloney in the Guidance Office by September 25.

Looking for a future professional internship experience that will set you apart or know a current college student who might be? Intern with the Indiana Senate Democratic Caucus. Each year, the Indiana State Senate offers Hoosier students a chance to participate in their state government. Spring-semester internships are available to college sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate students and recent college graduates who are Indiana residents or are enrolled at an in-state university. The 2014 Senate Internship will begin in January and end in March. The Senate Democrats hire legislative interns who work directly with one or two lawmakers, as well as interns specializing in the fields of communications, law, policy and public finance. The deadline to submit an application for the 2014 program is October 31.

SAT/ACT Registration: The ACT/SAT websites are open for test registration. SAT information is available at www.collegeboard.org and ACT information is available at www.actstudent.org. **Students who qualify for and are utilizing a test fee waiver may register through September 20 with no late fee.** For all other students, today, September 6, is the regular registration deadline for the October 5 test.

Looking to help students get ready for the SAT? The Official SAT Question of the Day™ is a great way for them to practice a little every day. There are three exciting ways to get Question of the Day:

1. Bookmark the SAT Question of the Day page (now with 30 days of questions!)
2. Follow @SATQuestion on Twitter
3. Download the official app from iTunes

Encourage your students to bookmark, follow or download Question of the Day. Remember: a little practice goes a long way.

SAT & ACT Strategy Webinars: Want to find out how to maximize your SAT or ACT test score? Join The Princeton Review’s expert instructors to jumpstart your test score. Learn how you can effectively study to improve your score and mentally prepare on these crucial exams. You will be surprised to find out how the test writers put “traps” that make it difficult for you – it’s a real eye-opener! Go to Zinch.com/webinar to sign
up! The SAT webinar will take place on **Tuesday, September 17 from 7:00 – 8:00PM ET** and the ACT webinar will take place on **Tuesday, September 24 from 7:00 – 8:00PM ET**. Topics include:

- Common SAT or ACT misconceptions
- The format, scoring and structure of the SAT or ACT
- The Princeton Review test-taking strategies for Math, Reading and English/Writing portions of each exam
- Your SAT or ACT testing timeline including crafting an effective test-prep plan
- Q&A

**Need help with your schoolwork?** The MAC (My Achievement Center) is open throughout the day and is manned by adult tutors and National Honor Society students. Students can come down during their study halls to receive tutoring. Students must request a MAC pass from the teacher of the class in which they need help.

**WIN in the MAC after school.** The WIN after school tutoring program is up and running in the MAC Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:30pm. Teachers are available to help interested students. Help is available in Math, English, Science, and World Language. Please utilize this great resource!!

**Jobs:** If you have information about available jobs for students, please email Jolie Girton at joliannegirton@msdlt.k12.in.us. We would love to include information about them in this newsletter. Take advantage of our free advertising!