



Junior Winter Newsletter January 2025

- **To-do:**
 - Finish Principles You if you haven't already in Scoir
 - Save 3-5 careers to your Scoir profile
 - Make a SAT and/or ACT testing plan
 - Save some of the dates on your calendar and decide if you want to take a test in addition to the school day March 6th SAT!
 - [Schedule a meeting](#) with Mrs. Saurine if you want to be sure we meet before my maternity leave
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **January 9th:** Parent's Coffee with the Counselors
 - This event is for junior *parents*, though parents of students grades 9-11 are welcome if they want to look ahead for some college preparation
 - **January 16th:** Military Service Academy Webinar
 - This event is for any student who wants more information about the process to apply and about attending a military service academy such as West Point or the Naval Academy.
 - See flier below for more information
 - **January 22nd:** 21st Century Scholar Information Night
 - This event is for any currently enrolled 21st Century Scholar who hasn't set up their Scholar Track account or who wants more information about the 21st Century Scholar program.
 - See more information below!

SAT

As a reminder, the school day SAT is on Thursday, March 6th for all juniors. This is a mandatory test and it is digital, so students will need their fully-charged iPads. More information will be sent closer to the test date.

BCHS SAT Course: If you want to take this course, [sign-up using this link](#). The class is Wednesday nights from 6-8pm for 6 weeks starting January 29th. It fills up fast! The cost is \$150. This is the only in-person SAT course we offer here at BCHS so I encourage you to sign-up if you are able! Khan Academy is also a great (free) online resource for students to prepare for the SAT!.



I encourage students to make a testing plan. If you are applying for highly selective schools or programs, you might want to give yourself multiple chances to take the SAT. It is only offered a [few times a semester](#) so it might be good to plan which tests you'll take before the big November 1st college application deadline next fall. We only sign students up for the school-day SAT in March, so it will be the student's responsibility to sign-up for additional Saturday SATs or ACTs. Colleges do not care which test you take (SAT or ACT), so take whatever one you prefer.

Decide if you want to use your “free score sends”: Before you take the SAT, you will complete a “digital readiness check” here at school. During this, you can choose to use your “4 free score sends.” This means, you would choose 4 schools to receive your scores and you won't have to pay to send your scores to that school later. You will not see your score before it is sent. You could wait to send the scores until after the test, but you will have to pay \$15 per school.

<u>Pros of Using Free Score Sends</u>	<u>Cons of Using Free Score Sends</u>
Don't have to pay the \$15/school after the test to send score reports	You don't get to see your score before you submit it
Don't have to go through the extra hassle of sending your scores to colleges because it's sent automatically	Once a school has your score, you can't “unsend” it and you don't know how they will use that score.
Most schools superscore, so they will take your best scores anyway. Though, you'd be assuming you'll do better next time for them to be able to superscore.	Every school has different test score policies. If you don't know their policy, it might not help you to send the score if you get below the school's average

Example 2024 Test Score Policies: [Purdue](#); [IU](#) & [Kelley Business School](#); [Ball State](#); [Miami](#); [UK](#) (no harm policy); [Dayton](#); [Cincinnati](#)

For more questions on the SAT, reach out to Mrs. Wilson mwilson@bishopchatard.org.

Goals of this Spring Semester

I have been telling juniors that the main goals of the Spring are to create a testing plan (do you need to take the SAT more than once? Sign up via College Board if needed!), build your college list on Scoir, research your colleges (have you looked at the



admission requirements?), start visiting colleges, and write your college essay (you'll do this in English class!).

Check the main page of Scoir for "assignments" to help keep you on track! It should look something like this:

SCOIR Search all across Scoir

Home Discover My Colleges Inbox Me Apply with Scoir

My Assignments Show archived assignments

- Due in 145 days • College
✓ **Build Your College List**
The Goal: have a list of 7-10 schools you are interested in learning more about. Be sure you are "following" in your "my colleges" tab of Scoir. ...
- Due in 145 days • College
✓ **Complete "Activities and Achievements" section in Scoir**
In Scoir, please be sure to fill out the "activities and achievements" section of your Scoir profile to help your recommenders know all of the wonderful things...
- Due in 145 days • College
✓ **Create a NCAA Eligibility Account for DI & DII Athletics**
If you plan on playing college athletics at the Division I or II level, you need to have a [NCAA Eligibility Account](#) to make sure you are eligible. Please do this...

[View all assignments](#)

College Athletics

If you are interested in playing college athletics, they will need either a [NCAA Eligibility Account](#) (for Division I or II) or a [NAIA Account](#), before the end of junior year and ideally sooner than that. They should let their counselor know of their interest in athletics when they schedule their courses this year. They also need to complete the [records release form](#) so that the counseling office has permission to send transcripts to coaches who reach out. The [BCHS athletics website](#) has some great information as well!



To make sure you are on track for college planning, visit the [College and Career Roadmap](#) that lists some important tasks for each year of high school!

ADVANCED
REGISTRATION FOR
VIRTUAL EVENT
REQUIRED.

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**SERVICE
ACADEMY
DAY**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

HOSTED BY:
BISHOP CHATARD ★ BREBEUF JESUIT
CATHEDRAL ★ GUERIN CATHOLIC
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF INDIANA
PARK TUDOR ★ UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

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21st Century Scholar Information Night

January 22, 2025

6-7:30pm

Room 102

This event is for students grades 9-12
enrolled in the 21st Century Scholar
Program. Parents are encouraged to attend!
Please bring a device to login to your
ScholarTrack account.