

High School Counseling Office Newsletter

Should I take the SAT, ACT, or neither?

Deciding which test to take, or if you should take any at all is a big decision. It depends on your future plans, if you even know yet.

Changes to the SAT are coming in 2024. The test is moving to an almost exclusively online exam, as well as decreasing the time necessary for the exam. With these changes, calculators will be allowed on the entire math section, passages for the reading section will be shortened, and broader range of topics will be presented.

A growing number of colleges have eliminated the requirement that applicants submit scores from the SAT or the competing ACT, and the trend of "test-optional" admissions accelerated greatly during the coronavirus pandemic. More than 1,800 schools did not require standardized test scores for 2022 admissions, according to the nonprofit organization FairTest.

However, many schools still do require standardized testing, so make sure to check the admission processes of your favorite schools. You may want to take the test in case you change your mind on your school in the future. If you do take the test and you think your score isn't competitive, the counseling office can send your transcript without test scores. Make sure you talk with your counselor if you have any questions or concerns about it.

Important Reminders & Dates!!

- SAT School-Day Exam April 25th, sign up before the end of February in the counseling office!
- Stop in to the counseling office for your cap/gown packets anytime!
- Scholarship packets will be out the first week of March! Watch your email for details.

Junior scholarship sign up slips were sent home to anyone in the junior class with a GPA of over 85%. Please fill out and bring back to Ms. Turner ASAP.

Congratulations to these Seniors!!

- Hailey Adsit was accepted to Russell Sage College, Utica University and Alfred State
 - Leanne Behret has been accepted at TC3
 - Jackson Bush has been accepted to Finger Lakes Community College
 - Savannah Clarkson was accepted to Onondaga Community College
 - Sara Johnson was accepted at Elmira College & St Bonaventure
 - Kristen Lowe has been accepted to SUNY Morrisville & TC3
 - Draven Michaletz has been accepted at SUNY Poly
 - Rylan Sigman was accepted at SUNY Oneonta and Alfred State
- Lillian Stoddard was accepted to Binghamton University and will be throwing shot put on their Division 1 Track and Field Team
- Carter Supensky has been accepted at Utica University & St. John Fisher University
 - Trinity Thornton was accepted at Wells College and will be playing Basketball on their team
 - Grace Todd Rogers was accepted at Cazenovia College, Alfred State, SUNY ESF & SUNY Morrisville



Scholarship Spotlight!

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKETS COME OUT THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH!!

Check your email for details, and listen for announcements.

When the packet is released, mark off which applications you would like, and

Ms Turner will make you a packet of applications to fill out.

The due dates for the scholarships vary, so please pay attention to those listed in the packet information!



HARTWICK OFFERS HARTLAND PROMISE AWARD

Eligible students from the 8 surrounding counties who apply and are admitted will be charged tuition and fees comparable to most SUNY institutions. In some cases, Hartwick's tuition will be even lower!

NYSIR scholarships are available, the packets are in the counseling office, posted in the senior Google classroom, they've been sent to all the seniors' school Emails. **DUE MARCH 17!**

New Electives & Old Favorites for Next Year!

NEW ART CLASS!

Art Explorations—
Collaborative art, craft making, media arts, music, films, plays, and more!



Astronomy is back!

History Seminars!

Each quarter a new topic!
Sign up for any or all of them!



- The Holocaust
- Modern Protest
- Sports & Leisure in America
- Wars of the past present future

NEW OCC ED OFFERING— 3 credit program

Building and Construction Trades—

Instruction in the construction of residential from foundation to finish. Additional program training will include forest management, timber harvesting and sawmill operations. Taught by a local industry professional!



Computer Science Electives

- **Intro to Coding—** Principle of programming, algorithms, logic
- **Digital Information Tech—** Tech and professional skills for IT. Technological changes and ethical issues in technology
- **Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones)** - uses of drones, electronic and mechanical systems, FAA regulations



PE Electives!

- Lifeguard Training
- Athletic Training and Team Management



Go to our website for the full course catalogue!

THREE NEW SCIENCE CLASSES!

Forensic Science—

Cover each branch of forensic science in the classroom, lab, and in the field

Marine Biology—

Study of life in saltwater environments, physiology, genetics, ecosystems, etc



Natural History of the Northeast—

ecology, geology, geography, and climatology to understand what shaped the Northeast into what we see today



Other Social Studies Electives

- Psychology
- Microeconomics

English Electives

- Graphic Novels
- Young Adult Literature
- Creative Writing
- Heroes from Mythology



These Art Favorites are Back!

- Photography
- Ceramics
- Studio Art
- Drawing & Design for Production



OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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| Accounting | DDP |
| Marketing | CAD |
| Robotics | Foods |

- Engineering Graphics
- Computer Applications

Desktop Publishing (Yearbook)

Ag Classes—Intro to Ag, Horticulture, Animal Science, Ag Mechanics & Tech



Don't forget BAND and CHORUS!