



APRIL 2023

COUNSELING UPDATE

NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MONTH IN REVIEW:

It is hard to believe that the 2022-2023 school year is winding down, but it is coming...quickly! After returning from Spring Break, our time was consumed by state testing - the SAT, Work Keys, M-STEP, and PSAT! In addition, we spent time in the classroom with juniors completing the O*NET Career Inventory and setting up Cappex (college matching) profiles.

PSAT & SAT SCORES

Most PSAT and SAT scores from the April 25 test date will release on May 18, 2023. Scores can be accessed by visiting [College Board](#) and logging into your child's account.

According to College Board, "SAT scores help colleges compare students from different high schools. Your scores show your strengths and readiness for college work. But remember, scores are just one part of your college application, along with grades, course rigor, and recommendations." Moreover, "PSAT" stands for "Preliminary SAT" but has no meaning on its own as there is no single test, but rather three PSAT-related assessments: the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)."

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is my child's login information?

NCC does not have access to your child's login credentials through College Board. If they do not know their login information, try these links: [Forgot Password](#), [Unlock Account](#), or [Additional Help](#).

2. What do the scores mean?

Each test is slightly different, so it is important to look at each score report individually. Here are a few quick videos explaining score reports: [PSAT 9](#), [PSAT 10](#), [SAT](#).

3. How can my child improve their score?

The simplest and most cost effective way is to link your child's College Board account to Khan Academy. This is a [free](#) tool that personalizes test preparation to your child's specific needs. Here's a quick tutorial about how to [link accounts](#). Here's more information for Parents regarding [Official SAT Practice through Khan Academy](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE



Snapchat recently tried to introduce a "safe" My AI (artificial intelligence) tool that is trained to communicate with users. However, Snapchat users are finding that this feature can be wildly inappropriate. From giving advice to tracking locations, My AI presents an additional layer of challenges with social media use. Want to learn more? A quick Google search about My AI on Snapchat will yield a wealth of information to help you protect yourself and children online!



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CAREER & COLLEGE EXPLORATION

This month, I met with juniors during their English hour to begin our transition into senior year. Juniors were introduced to the following resources:

- [Cappex](#): A free college-matching resource that uses your own data points and preferences to help match you with schools. It simplifies college discovery, exploration, application, and decision-making.
- [O*NET](#): A free career interest inventory that matches students to specific careers based on their rated interests and includes different matches depending on the amount of education each student is willing to consider!
- [My Next Move](#): Connects with the O*NET to provide students and job seekers with career information ranging from job market outlook to educational programs and skills/knowledge to salary information for over 900 different careers!

JUNIOR YEAR TESTING



Now that school day state testing has concluded, many juniors are beginning to consider taking the ACT or retaking the SAT in hopes of achieving a better score.

For many students, the school day testing is a great baseline or starting point if they have not yet begun test preparation programs. Most schools, including Ivy Leagues, have no preference regarding which test you choose to take. However, many students pursuing a STEM field feel as if the ACT captures their skills and abilities better than the SAT. Here's a great article about test differences: [ACT vs. SAT](#)



TEST REGISTRATION & TEST DATES

Upcoming SAT Dates:

- May 6 at Valley Lutheran High School
- June 3 at Valley Lutheran High School

Additional test dates will be added. Anticipated dates include: 8/26, 10/7, 11/4, and 12/2. Register here: [SAT Registration](#)

Upcoming ACT Dates:

- June 10 at Valley Lutheran High School
- July 15 at Lansing Christian School

Additional test dates will be added. Register here: [ACT Registration](#)

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

- [SCC Summer Camps](#)
 - Cost is \$10
 - Open to all students in grades 8-11.
- [Saginaw Valley State University Summer Camps](#)
 - [STEM Innovators](#) (FREE!) and [Athletics!](#)
- [Midland CTE Camps - open to students ages 12-18](#)
 - [Find Your Future - Career Exploration Camp](#) \$195
 - [Scrub Life - Medical Career Exploration Camp](#) \$255
 - [Skilled Trades Exploration Camp](#) \$255
 - [Culinary Exploration Camp](#) \$210



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