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What's Next? Test Dates & Deadlines

1. October 1 SAT: Register by September 9
2. October 22 ACT: Register by September 16
3. PSAT/PLAN: Oct. 12 @ SCA

THE FALL SEASON: A BUSY TIME IN THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



The fall months are full of guidance department events. Don't miss out!

The changing weather reminds us that each season has its own rhythm and rituals. The fall is a particularly busy time in the guidance department here at Shalom, so we dedicate this edition of the Next Step Newsletter to catching you up on all that is happening in the coming fall.

Our first college visit for the fall season will be next week—even though fall doesn't officially start until the next week! Numerous colleges set up a display at lunch time in order to share about their school with our students. Students are encouraged to interact with the admissions counselors. It is a great way to learn about the college admissions process, compare different colleges, and sharpen your interview skills. See the box in the lower right corner of this newsletter for more upcoming college lunch time visits.

The next guidance department event is our annual College Night. Come learn about the college selection, admissions, and financial aid process from an experienced admissions counselor. Bring your high school student and bring your questions! This year college night is being held Thursday, September 29.

Some of the first steps in the college selection and admissions process are taking the PLAN test in the sophomore year and the PSAT test in the junior year. Both tests are offered at Shalom on Wednesday, October 12. Classes are not held in the morning for sophomores and juniors so they can take advantage of this opportunity. The PLAN test provides students with a career assessment and an opportunity to practice for the ACT, a college entrance exam similar to the SAT. The PSAT is a practice SAT (at a significant savings compared to the real test!) that also enters students into a scholarship competition. Sign-ups for these tests will start soon.

October is also the month for local college fairs so be watching this space for more information.

College Visits....At a Glance

- **Thursday, September 15: Messiah College**
- **Tuesday, September 20: HACC - Gettysburg Campus**
- **Thursday, September 22: Bluffton University**
- **Monday, October 3: Eastern Mennonite University**