



Dear Parents/Guardians,

July 2017

Nicolet will be conducting its second annual College and Career Readiness day on Wednesday, October 18th. Students in grades 9-11 will be testing as indicated below. The senior class will attend a mandatory meeting outlining the steps to graduation followed by a class picture and several college breakout workshops that will provide recommendations on writing college letters, completing college applications, applying for scholarships, transitioning to college and career, and much more.

In addition to being an important assessment tool for Wisconsin high schools, the ACT is required by most colleges and universities as part of the admissions process. Therefore, Nicolet has created a process to expose all students to the ACT suite of assessments and to provide structured ACT prep for all juniors.

October 18: College and Career Readiness Assessment	Grade Tested
ACT Aspire <i>(to measure fall to spring growth)</i>	9
PreACT Assessment	10
ACT Practice Test	11
College Workshop Day	12

The ACT practice test is an actual retired ACT assessment geared at preparing juniors for the February 27th state mandated ACT. Results will be shared to inform students and parents about areas of strength, as well as the areas that need additional focus, prior to taking the state required ACT on February 27th.

We are excited to announce that Nicolet will again be offering an ACT prep course for interested students. This year, the prep course will be personalized based on student need, with several prep options from which to choose. There will be a minimal cost to families that take advantage of this rare opportunity. Additional information will be made available at registration and on the Nicolet website.

This year, the PSAT will be on October 11. It will not be administered during College and Career Readiness day so that all students in grades 9-11 can participate in the ACT suite of assessments. For questions regarding the PSAT, contact Mr. Jeff Artero at [jeff.artero@nicolet.us](mailto:jeff.artero@nicolet.us).

For planning purposes, a complete list of 2017-18 standardized tests and dates are located on the back side of this letter. Please avoid vacations and appointments that will cause your student to be absent on standardized testing dates. College and Career Readiness day is a required school day for all students. If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor.

Yours in education,

Brenda Turner, Ph.D.  
Director of Teaching and Learning



## 2017-18 Assessment Dates

Assessment	Grade Tested	Testing Date
PSAT ( <i>identified students</i> )	10-11	October 11
ACT Aspire 9 ( <i>to measure fall to spring growth</i> )	9	October 18
ACT Practice Test	11	October 18
PreACT Assessment	10	October 18
College/Career Workshop Day	12	October 18
ACT Plus Writing*	11	February 27
ACT WorkKeys*	11	February 28
ACT Aspire 9*	9	April 10
WI Forward Social Studies and ACT Aspire 10*	10	April 17 & 18
Advanced Placement (AP)	10-12	May 7-May 18

*\*State Mandated*

*Per Wis. Stats. 118.30 (2)(b), a parent or guardian can request that a student be excused from participating in state mandated assessments. Please contact the Director of Teaching and Learning in regards to opt-out requests.*

## Wednesday, October 18th Senior Session Schedule 2017-2018

### 7:23-8:15: Session 1 (50 min)

- Auditorium
- All seniors
- Wellness: Anna Hemming
  - All providing supervision

### 8:20-9:10: Session 2 (50 min)

- Auditorium
- All seniors
- College Life: What to expect Marquette University, Andy Schneider

### 9:15-10:05: Session 3: 3 options (50 min)

- College Visit, Elon Florida, F105
- Washington University St Louis, F108
- UWM Scholarships & Financial Aid, Cindy Reindl, Community Room
- Starting College Application & Getting Feedback, Cafe (students are required to bring own Chromebooks)

### 10:10-11:00: Session 4: 3 options (50 min)

- College Visit, UW Milwaukee, Community Room
- Starting College Application & Getting Feedback, Cafe (students are required to bring own Chromebooks)
- Writing College Essays- Community Room (Students are required to bring own Chromebooks\_
- UWM Scholarships & Financial Aid, Cindy Reindl, Community Room

### 11:05-11:55: Session 5: 3 options (50min)

- College Visit, Yale, F110
- Completing the FAFSA, Cardinal Stritch Linda Jo Stamper, Community Room (Parent's strongly encouraged to attend and bring 2016 tax returns, driver's license, social security number, Alien Registration card or Permanent Resident Card if not US citizen, Date of birth for parents and date of marriage, divorce, separation. Students are required to bring their own Chromebooks)

- Writing College Essays-ASC (students bring own Chromebooks)

**12:00-12:30: Lunch (30 minutes)**

**12:35-1:30: Session 6 (55 min)**

- AP Study Tips, F108
- Junior College Options, Amanda Brooks, MATC, UW Waukesha, Kathleen Folbrecht, Cafe
- Education and Career Options in Military US Army National Guard, SFC Chavez, Marines, SSGT Covarrubias, US Army Active and Reserves,SSG Johnny Washburn, Petty Officer Troy Howard, Navy and Petty Officer Nicholas Beard, Navy, Petty Officer Mariko Armstrong, Navy Auditorium
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**1:35-2:30: Session 7 (55 min)**

- AP Study Tips, F108
- Education and Career Options in Military, Auditorium
- Junior College Options, Amanda Brooks, MATC UW Waukesha, Kathleen Folbrecht, Cafe
- Completing Job Applications, Resumes, F109
- Completing Scholarship Applications, F110