

# **SOPHOMORE PARENT MEETING**

***BISHOP HARTLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
JANUARY 11, 2024***

# Welcome & Prayer

- Use the “Chat” function to ask questions
- Please email your child’s School Counselor for any questions more personal to your situation

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# Purpose

- Discuss issues relevant to today's teens
- Provide Academic & Course Scheduling Information
- Post Secondary Planning
- Review PreACT & PSAT
- Develop strategies for improving academics
- Provide suggestions for parental involvement

# Sophomore Hot Topics & Relevant Issues

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1. Cell phone use, social media, sexting, and the law
  - Article: 21 APPS Parents Should Know About
2. Finish Year Strong
  - Self Discipline
  - Study Habits
  - Sleep Habits
3. Signs Of Suicide (SOS)
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm – Parent Meeting
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Student Presentation

# Suggestions for Parental Involvement

- 1. Schoology:** Continue to monitor academic progress
- 2. Communicate directly with Teachers**
  - Use the teacher's school email to contact regarding questions and concerns
- 3. Time Management**
  - Help your child develop, and stick to, a study plan
  - Reinforce the need for them to stay motivated and complete assignments

# Hartley School Counseling Website

The following will be posted on our School Counseling Webpage under Parent Resources:

- Relevant Articles

Under: Information for Sophomores and Sophomore Parents

- The meeting's PowerPoint
- Extracurricular Log

<https://www.bishop-hartley.org/current-students/school-counseling/>

# Pathways to Graduation

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Meet the minimum 25 total credits to satisfy Hartley Graduation Requirements.

All students take the Iowa Assessments freshmen year and are required to meet Diocesan & State standards. Assessments can be taken multiple times.

**Parents will get State Testing update in June**



# Pathways to Graduation

**Competency:** earn a passing score on the IOWA Assessment in the subject areas of English Language Arts II and Algebra

**Readiness:** completion of the IOWA Assessment in the subject areas of History and Science

# Graduation Requirement

Beginning with the Class of 2026 students must earn  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit (0.5) in Personal Finance

# Scheduling Information

The following materials will go home during scheduling the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>:

- Unofficial Transcript
- Scheduling Template (for parent & student sign-off)
- Handout of New Course Offerings for 2024-2025
- Summer Experiences Packet  
(also available on the School Counseling Webpage)

# Junior Year Core Course Placement

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## Math:

- End of year grade and teacher recommendation

## Science:

- End of year grade and teacher recommendation

## History:

- **AP U.S. History:** grades in World History, application, and teacher recommendation

## English:

- End of year grade, teacher recommendation, and placement test

## World Languages:

- Proficient in all areas with a B- or better to progress to next level and teacher recommendation

## Theology:

- **Christian Leadership:** Application and teacher recommendation

# Course Placements

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- Students will receive final course recommendations by May 31<sup>st</sup> from their teacher
- Students will receive final course schedule at their orientation in August 2024

# Block Scheduling 2024-2025

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- As a reminder Bishop Hartley will be implementing a block schedule starting with the 2024-2025 school year.
- Administration is finalizing details and will communicate them as soon as possible

# Post-Secondary Exploration

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## **Freshmen: PreACT Test**

- Career Exploration
- Degrees and Majors

## **Sophomores: PreACT & PSAT 10 Tests**

- College/Career:
  - [roadtripnation.com](http://roadtripnation.com)
  - [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
  - Naviance Career Pathways Tool

## **Juniors: PSAT/NMSQT + ACT/SAT Tests**

- College Visits
- Spring: ACT/SAT (March – June)
- Junior College & Career Application Process (JCAP)

## **Seniors: ACT/SAT**

- September – December Test Dates available
- College Visits
- Senior College & Career Application Process (SCAP)
- 1-on-1 interviews with Counselor

# Sophomore Standardized Testing

## **PreACT**

- Scores interpreted with counselors through English.

## **PSAT – 10 (March 26<sup>th</sup> Test Date)**

- Scores interpreted with counselors through English  
Scores available through College Board account  
(use student's login)
- Will take again October 2024



# YouScience Assessment & Career Exploration

- In May, all Sophomores will be introduced to YouScience, a program that utilizes aptitude testing to allow students to
- explore careers that might not only be of interest to them but also careers that allow them to use their natural talents
- and abilities.
  
- Students will take a series of “brain games” over 2 days
  
- A week later, the School Counseling team will be back with them to go over their results and explore careers that
- would be a good fit for them based on their aptitude results.
  
- Sophomores will have access to their YouScience results via the YouScience website and can share this information at
- anytime with parents/guardians!
  
- We will use the results during Junior year to explore more with careers and majors/colleges.

# ACT/SAT Snapshot

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Take for the first time spring of junior year

- Typically take 2-3 times

## ACT

- Score Range: 1-36
- English, Reading, Math, and Science
- Writing (optional)
- Your child will take in the spring of 2025

## SAT

- Score Range: 400-1600
- Evidence Based Reading & Writing, and Math
- Writing (optional)

# Extracurricular Activities

Colleges want students to show ***depth of involvement*** in extracurricular activities.

- Commitment over time
- Stretch oneself to take on a leadership role

Service: Colleges look to see if students have developed a sense of responsibility for their community.

- Hartley requires 100 hours of community service

Start using **Extracurricular Log** (posted on webpage) to keep track of:

- Honors received
- Extracurricular activities
- Community Service

# NCAA and NAIA

If your son/daughter is interested in playing sports at the next level

Visit:

- **NCAA:** <http://www.ncaa.org/>
- **NAIA:** <https://www.naia.org/>

# Calendar: Quick View

## Sophomore Year

Jan – May:

- Focus on academics, grades, assessments, and assignments
- Visit college websites and schedule a campus visit
- Visit a college fair

Summer:

- Visit Colleges, Summer Programs, and Test Preparation
  - List of summer programs is posted on our website

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# NACAC National College Fair

## Greater Columbus

**Saturday, February 3**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Ohio Expo Center – Kasich Hall  
Columbus, Ohio

NACAC 

National  
College Fairs



**REGISTER NOW!**

[nacacattend.org/fairs](https://nacacattend.org/fairs)

# Calendar: Quick View

## Junior Year

September:

- Attend Various Post-Secondary Representative Visits to Hartley
- Junior Parent Meeting in September

October:

- PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Qualifier)

# Calendar: Quick View

## Junior Year – Continued

Spring and Summer:

- Take ACT/SAT/AP
- Visit College Fairs
- Visit Colleges
- Junior College and Career Application Process with Counselors (JCAP)
- Fine Tune College List
- Get Involved in a Summer Program



# College & Career Readiness Web Links for Parents

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**ACT Information:** <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents.html>

**SAT Information:** <https://parents.collegeboard.org/>

## Hartley School Counseling Website:

- Test Preparatory Opportunities
- Junior CAP Newsletter

## Career & College Major Exploration:

- <http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
- <https://roadtripnation.com/>
- <https://www.mymajors.com/>
- <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

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