

**IMPORTANT.....SAT TEST DATES AND DEADLINES FOR 2008-2009**

Test Dates	May 2	June 6
<i>Registration Deadlines:</i>		
Regular (R)	R= Mar. 31	R= May 5
Late (L) (Late Fee Applies)	L= Apr. 9	L= May 15
<i>SAT I:</i> Reasoning Test	Shaker High	Shaker High
<i>SAT II:</i> Subject Tests	Shaker High	Shaker High

The College Board High School Code for Shaker High School is 333388.

**2008-2009 ACT TEST DATES**

Test Dates	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
April 4, 2009 June 13, 2009	February 27, 2009 May 8, 2009	February 28-March 13, 2009 May 9-22, 2009

**PLEASE NOTE: ACT'S ARE NOT GIVEN AT SHAKER**  
**\* ACT'S will NOT be held in February 2009 in New York State \***

**SAT/ACT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE COUNSELING CENTER.**

**NEWS FROM COLLEGE BOARD:**

**“ The College Board has approved an important change to the current SAT score-reporting policy. This new policy will give students the freedom to send the scores by sitting (test date) that they feel best represent their ability to colleges and universities, at no additional cost. Designed to reduce student stress and improve the test-day experience, this new score-reporting feature will launch in early February 2009, and will therefore be available to students participating in the March 2009 test administration.**

**Any student who has taken an SAT prior to the policy launch or who registers for the SAT after launch will be able to take advantage of this new policy. The students who have taken tests prior to the launch can use the score-reporting feature retroactively. Additionally, this new score-reporting feature will be optional to students. If a student chooses not to select their scores, all of their scores will be sent.”**  
(College Board)

**SENIORS...**If you are planning to enroll in college as a freshman during the 2009-2010 academic year and wish to participate in Division I or Division II sports, you must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. To register, prospective student-athletes should access the registration materials by visiting the clearinghouse Web site at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). From the home page, the prospect should click on “Prospective Student –Athletes,” which will link you to the necessary information.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION...**Young men must register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Go to any post office and ask for a Selective Service Registration card. Fill in the card and hand the card with some identification (such as your driver’s license) to the postal clerk. Remember, failure to register is a serious offense and you could be prosecuted and face a fine or be put in jail. Registration is also a requirement for federal student aid job training benefits and federal employment.

**WORKING PAPERS...**NYS Employment certificates are required for all workers who are less than 18 years old. Applications for working papers are available in the guidance office. **The application requires a parent/guardian signature and a health form to be signed by the applicant’s physician verifying he/she has had a physical examination within the past year.** It is not necessary to have a job before obtaining the working papers. Your counselor recommends that all students obtain working papers upon their 16th birthday. Working papers are available for age 14 and 15 upon request. (All students should obtain a Social Security card.)

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS...**A social security application may be obtained by telephoning the Social Security Office in Albany at 472-3590. Upon request the guidance office will furnish you with a letter verifying your date of birth, which may be sent to the Social Security Office with your application.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT...**Mr. Nick Moreno is our Student Assistance Counselor. The aim of the Student Assistance program is to promote responsible decisions concerning alcohol, drugs, or other personal issues. The program fosters an accepting, supportive atmosphere for effectively helping students who are involved with alcohol and other drug use. The program components include short-term individual counseling, group counseling, parent groups, in-service training for staff, and when necessary, referrals to appropriate community agencies. Should you or your son/daughter wish to contact Mr. Moreno, call 785-5511 ext. 3402.

**TOWN OF COLONIE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**... Office appointments are available by calling 456-3786. Students who registered in previous years are encouraged to update their registration cards.

**FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH**

Free and reduced lunch is available to students at the high school. Eligibility is based upon your family income level and the number of family members in your household. Students who qualify for this program are also eligible for a fee waiver for SAT I and II's, PSAT's (juniors only), ACT's, college applications, as well as, a reduction in the cost of "University in High School" credit. To find out if you qualify, please call our Food Service Department at 786-8856 and ask for a copy of the Income Eligibility Chart.

**FREE GUIDANCE MATERIALS:** Free materials are available in the Counseling Center. Stop in and pick-up whatever information may be useful to you.

1. Your College Search...New York's 100+ Private Colleges and Universities
2. School Guide 2008...4 & 2-year colleges, nursing schools, business & career schools, military programs

**SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL                      2008-2009 OPEN HOUSE EVENTS                      GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER ISSUE # 9**

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	CONTACT
Western New England College Springfield, MA	April 19 Saturday, Feb. 28, March 28	1-800-325-1122 ext. 1312 or 413-782-1312 or <a href="http://www.wnec.edu/admissions">www.wnec.edu/admissions</a>
Suffolk University Boston, MA	Mar. 7, Apr. 21, 22, & 23	<a href="http://www.suffolk.edu/visit">www.suffolk.edu/visit</a> or 617-573-8460

**SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL                      2008-2009 SPECIAL PROGRAMS                      GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER ISSUE # 9**

EVENT	TIME/PLACE	DEADLINE	CONTACT INFORMATION
Girls Incorporated of the Greater Capital Region presents "Road to Success" for girls in grades 9-12	College Tours offered: Skidmore: April 25 <sup>th</sup>		Contact Meaghan Nichols at 374-9800 extension 243 or e-mail <a href="mailto:megsyankees@yahoo.com">megsyankees@yahoo.com</a>
Georgetown University Summer Programs	May 31 <sup>st</sup> -August 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Various sessions offered.	Registration is rolling but admission is competitive and early applications are encouraged.	Contact (202) 687-5935 or e-mail <a href="mailto:vdd2@georgwtown.edu">vdd2@georgwtown.edu</a>  Applications can be downloaded at <a href="http://summer.georgetown.edu">summer.georgetown.edu</a>

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Siena College Summer Session	Siena College June 15-July 10  This program is available to highly qualified and motivated juniors and seniors to participate in course offerings at a reduced tuition rate.	See guidance office for brochure	Mary Pinsonneault at 783-2917 or by email at pinsonneault@siena.edu
Oxford Advanced Studies Program	July 7 <sup>th</sup> -July 31 <sup>st</sup> at Brasenose College, Oxford, England. Students must be 16 years of age to participate		Visit <a href="http://www.oasp.ac.uk">www.oasp.ac.uk</a> , call (203) 966-2886. or e-mail oxedge@optonline.net
Skidmore College Pre-College Program in the Liberal and Studio Arts	July 5 <sup>th</sup> -August 8 <sup>th</sup> at Skidmore College		Visit <a href="http://www.skidmore.edu/summer">www.skidmore.edu/summer</a> or call 580-5590
California College of the Arts Pre-College Program	June 29 <sup>th</sup> -July 24 <sup>th</sup> at the CCA campus	See Website	California College of the Arts Pre-College Program <a href="http://www.cca.edu/precollege">www.cca.edu/precollege</a>
Randolph College Lynchburg, VA.	Academic record	<b>March 1, 2009</b>	Need to complete an Early Estimator Application online at <a href="http://www.randolphcollege.edu/estimator">www.randolphcollege.edu/estimator</a> or call 800-745-7692
College of Mount St. Vincent	All students applying for admission to the College of Mt. Saint Vincent are automatically considered for a variety of scholarships.	Submit application by <b>April 1, 2009</b>	<a href="http://www.mountsaintvincent.edu">www.mountsaintvincent.edu</a> or 718-405-3304
Canisius College	Several awards based on students credentials. To calculate an estimate of eligibility visit <a href="http://www.canisius.edu/schocalc">www.canisius.edu/schocalc</a>	<b>April 1, 2009</b>	<a href="http://www.canisius.edu">www.canisius.edu</a>

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MeritAid.com	Free resource to help students find merit based scholarship opportunities from colleges before they apply.		<a href="http://www.meritaid.com">www.meritaid.com</a>
State University of New York at Canton	Apply to the school with a GPA of 80 or higher and they will send you a scholarship application. Awards range from \$500 to \$5000.	None given	<a href="http://www.canton.edu">www.canton.edu</a>
Dorothea Deitz Memorial Scholarship Fund	This is a scholarship designed for woman planning to major in Physical Education Teacher Education.	<b>March 1, 2009</b>	Applications can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.nysahperd.org">www.nysahperd.org</a> or contact Janet Tully-Kuzman at 436 Helderview Drive, Altamont, NY 12009-9553 or <a href="mailto:JLTULLY9@yahoo.com">JLTULLY9@yahoo.com</a>
Cazenovia College – offers several scholarships based on merit	Any student applying to Cazenovia who meets the criteria for the various awards	<b>March 31, 2009</b>	<a href="http://www.cazenovia.edu">www.cazenovia.edu</a>
Garden Study Club of Albany Awards range from \$250 to \$500	Senior planning to pursue the study of horticulture, gardening, floral design, or the environment.	<b>June 1, 2009</b>	Pick up application in guidance office or call 428-9391 ask for Marie Bettini
Upper Hudson Association of Phi Beta Kappa - 2 \$750 stipends	High school student planning to attend college. Student Essay, one letter of recommendation and official transcript.	<b>March 2, 2009</b>	Applications available in guidance office or online at <a href="http://uhpbk.org">uhpbk.org</a>
2009 Scholarships for Students with Parents with Disabilities -Five \$1000 awards	Based on academic performance, community activities and service, letters of recommendation and essay describing the experience of growing up with a parent with a disability.	<b>Summer 2009</b>	Call 800-644-2666
First New York FCU	Graduating senior who is a First NY FCU member in good standing, plans to attend a 2 or 4 year college, and is an active volunteer in the community	<b>March 13, 2009</b>	Applications available in guidance office.

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Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York "Ned Carter" scholarship – three \$1500 scholarships available	Student must be related to a firefighter in an affiliated member organization of the Association of Fire Districts of New York State	Must be postmarked by March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Applications available online at <a href="http://www.firedistnys.com">www.firedistnys.com</a>
New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs	Students in senior year who have been active in local agricultural fairs and are intending to pursue a degree in agriculture, fair management or outdoor amusement business	Postmarked by April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Application available in guidance dept. or <a href="http://www.nyfairs.org">www.nyfairs.org</a>
Macedonia Baptist Church Gary A. Johnson Memorial Scholarship	A high school senior of African Ancestry with a GPA 3.0 or higher	All materials must be received by April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Applications available in guidance department.
Capital District School Boards Association 2009 Student Volunteer Community Service Award - \$50.00 cash prize	Making a difference through exceptional volunteer community service	March 2, 2009	Sign up in guidance office to be considered for a nomination
Capital District School Boards Association Grace R. McIver Education Award \$300 cash prize	A graduating senior planning a career in public education	March 13, 2009	Sign up in guidance office to be considered for a nomination
NYSUT Retirement Council 10 – four \$500 awards to one student in each of the counties represented by RC 10 – they are: Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer, and Washington	A graduating senior planning a career in education	Postmarked by March 13, 2009	Applications available in guidance office
2009Capital District SUSU Women's Club Scholarship	Must have a family member in the Capital District SUSU Club.	March 27, 2009	Applications available in guidance office