

2011-2012 COLLEGE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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COLLEGE APPLICATIONS. LCHS seniors should submit all applications, application fees, and copies of their resume to Dr. Bernier before **October 15**, regardless of A.C.T. or S.A.T. status. For paper applications, Dr. B needs the application, fee and your resume. For on-line applications, he needs the application's "Counselor's Page" (print a copy) and your resume. He is responsible for mailing the above documents, official transcripts and test scores to the colleges, and he is the person colleges will most often contact if they have questions about you.

A.C.T. TEST. To register, see www.actstudent.org or use packet.

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Regist. Deadlines
Sept. 10, 2011	Aug. 12	Aug. 26
Oct. 22, 2011	Sept. 16	Sept. 30
Dec. 10, 2011	Nov. 4	Nov. 18
Feb. 11, 2012	Jan. 13	Jan. 20
Mar. 6, 2012 – Michigan Merit Exam for Juniors.	See below.	
Apr. 14, 2012	Mar. 9	Mar. 23
June 9, 2012	May 4	May 18

"On-site" registration possible, except for 3/06/12 test. See Dr. B for details.

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM (JUNIORS). Required and paid for by State.

Registration will occur at school. Three tests.

1. **ACT with Writing** – 3/06/12. Make-up – 3/20/12.
2. **Work-Keys** – 3/07/12. Make-up – 3/21/12.
3. **Michigan Components** – 3/08/12. Make-up – 3/22/12.

AP (Advanced Placement tests) - May 7-18, 2012

CLEP Alternative tests for college credit. See Dr. Bernier

SAT/SAT II. To register, see www.collegeboard.com or use packet.

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Regist. Deadlines
Oct. 1, 2011	Sept. 2	Sept. 16
Nov. 5, 2011	Oct. 7	Oct. 21
Dec. 3, 2011	Nov. 4	Nov. 18
Jan. 28, 2012	Dec. 29	Jan. 13
Mar. 10, 2012	Feb. 9	Feb. 23
May 5, 2012	Apr. 6	Apr. 20
June 2, 2012	May 4	May 18

"On-site" registration possible for all tests. See Dr. B for details.

PSAT TEST (Optional). Register in the Counseling Office. \$15 fee.

Grades	Test Date	Registration Deadline
11 and 10	October 12, 2011	October 7, 2011

Only your 11th grade PSAT score is used to determine whether you qualify as a National Merit finalist, semi-finalist or commended student. The PSAT is also good preparation for the SAT.

TEST PREPARATION WORKSHOPS.

LCHS Juniors -- ACT practice test. Wednesday, **January 6, 2012**; 7-11am. Bring two #2 pencils, watch, calculator. Attendance req.. **Free.**

LCHS Sophomores – ACT practice test. **March 6, 2012.** 8:00 to Noon. Bring two #2 pencils, watch, calculator. Attendance req.. **Free.**

LCHS Freshmen – PLAN (Pre-ACT) practice test. **March 6, 2012.** 8:00 to Noon. Bring two #2 pencils, watch, calculator. Attendance req.. **Free.**

General Public --ACT test-prep workshops. See schedule of dates and locations at www.lansingcatholic.org/parents/careercollegeplacement.aspx **Fee-based.**

AREA COLLEGE NIGHTS AND LCHS VISITS BY COLLEGE REPS. College reps visit LCHS during Fall lunch hours. Dates will be posted.

Local high schools' college nights: Tuesday, **October 4**, 6:30-8:00pm, Lansing Comm. College West Campus. Wednesday, **October 5**, 6:30-8:00pm, Lansing Comm. College East Campus. Nearly 80 college reps will participate. All students and parents are invited to attend.

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS. Workshops are conducted by Dr. Bernier, and will be held on Wednesday, **September 7**, 6:30-8:30pm

("College Planning 101 for Parents") and on Wednesday, **December 14**, 6:30-8:30pm ("College Financial Aid and Scholarships"). All workshops are free, and are open to the general public. Individual family consultations with Dr. Bernier can be made by appointment.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS. The FAFSA standardized application for federal and state programs is available in December, 2011. File by paper or on-line (faster), between **1/1/12 and 3/1/12**, using **estimated** figures (use your 2010 federal tax return as a base). An additional application, the CSS Profile, is required by some private colleges. This form may be filed on-line or by paper as early as September, 2011.

