

## Guidance Quick Notes March 11, 2010

*Remember...Guidance is never too busy to hear from you.*

### **TONIGHT...**

#### **Paul VI Spring College Night -Thursday, March 11**

Heet Auditorium

7:00 P.M.

**Topics:** Admissions from a College Counselor perspective; Writing the College Essay; Financial Aid; and the PVI College Application Process.

**Stress Management Seminar:** Students interested in learning strategies on how to deal with stress in their life should consider joining the Guidance Department seminar which begins Friday, March 19 during 8<sup>th</sup> period and runs for 8 weeks. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Tani, one of the moderators, at 703.352.0925, Ext. 321, or [mtani@paulvi.net](mailto:mtani@paulvi.net).

**Counselor Coffee Chat:** Care to chat about what's on your mind? The next Coffee Chat is Friday, March 19 in the front office Conference Room from 7:30 – 8:30 AM. This casual gathering with school counselors is open to all parents.

### **Mark your calendars!**

#### **National Collegiate Scouting Association – March 17**

Heet Auditorium

7:00 P.M.

Features guest speaker: Mr. Bob Chmiel, former football recruiting coach at University of Michigan and University of Notre Dame, will speak on college recruitment

#### **Service Academy Week - March 22**

Representatives from the Academies will be available to speak with interested students.

#### **AP Pre-Administration Week – April 19**

AP testers will complete the administrative portion of the AP exam with Mr. Kochis in the library.

#### **Transitioning from High School to College – April 21**

Third period (9:05 A.M.) presentation to seniors by

Mr. Barry Bradberry, Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Planning at Elon College

**Northern Virginia Regional College Fair - Wednesday, April 21**

Patriot Center, George Mason University

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

**Seniors who receive scholarship awards** should bring a copy of the award letter to Guidance for inclusion in the Graduation program.

**This just in...**

Christopher Newport University has extended its application deadline to March 15. As well, students with a GPA of at least 3.5 and combined SAT score of 1200 (or ACT composite of 27) can still apply to the President's Leadership Program and/or Honors Program.

West Virginia University has extended its scholarship deadlines to April 1, 2010.

**James Madison University Sarah Lanier Tabb Oliver Memorial**

**Scholarship:** A renewable scholarship for a female first-year student who not only exhibits extreme financial need but also demonstrates academic success. Visit: <http://www.jmu.edu/finaid/scholarships>.

**Jesuit College Night:** March 11, 2010 at Georgetown Prep from 7-9 PM in Hanley Athletic Center. Attending will be: Boston College, Canisius College, Fairfield Univ., Fordham Univ., Georgetown Univ., Gonzaga Univ., John Carroll Univ., LeMoyne College, Loyola University Chicago, Loyola University Maryland, Loyola University New Orleans, Marquette Univ., Regis Univ., Saint Joseph's Univ., Saint Louis Univ., Spring Hill College, Univ. of San Francisco, Univ. of Scranton, Wheeling Jesuit Univ., and Xavier Univ.

**SAT reminders: (Paul VI test site code for the SAT: 47-304)**

- **March 13 SAT:** Registration dates are over.
- **May 1 SAT:** *PAUL VI IS A TEST SITE!* Regular registration deadline: March 25; Late registration deadline April 8.
- **June 5 SAT:** *PAUL VI IS A TEST SITE!* Regular registration deadline: April 29; Late registration deadline: May 13

**ACT reminders:**

- **April 10 ACT:** Late registration deadline March 19.

- **June 12 ACT:** Regular registration deadline: May 7; Late registration deadline May 21.

**College Rep. visits:** College visits are listed in Naviance (click on *Colleges*, then *Visits*). Students must pick up a pass from Guidance at least one day prior to the visit in order to meet with the representative. This is a good way to personalize the application. Looking ahead, the following reps. will be in Guidance.

United States Merchant Marine Academy	Captain Robert Marshall	Mon March 22 9:05 AM
United States Naval Academy	Commander Phyllis Schwartz	Mon March 22 9:55 AM
United States Military Academy	Bill Vogt	Tue March 23 7:50 AM
United States Air Force Academy	Lt. Col. Terry Bishop	Tue March 23 9:55 AM
Ave Maria Univ., FL	John Lalo	Tue April 13 9:05 AM
University of Colorado at Denver	Deneshia Hearou	Tue April 13 9:55 AM

**Flint Hill School**, in conjunction with *Educational Connections, Inc.* and *In Step*, is hosting a series of evening seminars (7:00-8:30 PM) at the East Campus in Olson Theatre on Academic Drive in Oakton. April 7: “Bright Kids Who Struggle”. Call 703.934.8282 for more information.

**Academy Day:** Congressman Frank Wolf presents Academy Day 2010 on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm at Loudoun County School Board Office 21000 Education Court, Ashburn, VA. Reps. from U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and U.S. Guard Academy, plus Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadet, DoD Medical Examination Review Board and R.O.T.C. will participate.

**Prince George’s County National College Fair**

Friday, April 16, 9am – 2pm

Saturday, April 17, 9am – 1pm

Prince George’s Sports and Learning Complex, Field House

Visit [www.nationalcollegefairs.org](http://www.nationalcollegefairs.org) for a list of participating colleges.

**To parents of 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who have a school-generated educational plan and are receiving accommodations currently at PVI:**

Four months after a student accommodation plan is put into place at PVI, the student may apply for eligibility with the College Board. Documentation of testing done within the last 5 years must also be on file in the Guidance Office. If approved by College Board, this eligibility would assure accommodations for the PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject and AP exams. Each student applies once; the eligibility will be renewed annually so long as the accommodation plan remains active in our school.

Many of our students who have had a plan in place all of this year or longer have not yet applied for College Board accommodations. I suggest that students apply now even though they may not need those national accommodations immediately. The College Board is becoming much more selective in granting requests, and we may need extra time to file an appeal.

Student Eligibility Forms are available from Mr. Kochis in the Guidance Office. Parents and students complete a short section and return the form to Mr. Kochis who will then complete and submit the form. When approved, your student will be given an "SSD" number which you will use whenever the student registers for an exam at a national test center. It will also be used with any exam given here at PVI (e.g. PSAT, AP).

Please have your student see Mr. Kochis for the Student Eligibility Form. You may email questions to [dkochis@paulvi.net](mailto:dkochis@paulvi.net).

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## ***2010 - 2011 Paul VI College Application Process***

**A transcript request form must be completed for each college application.**

Transcripts are \$5.00 each for the first 7 requests; \$10.00 each after the initial 7. *One check can be written for multiple transcript request forms that are submitted at the same time.*

**Only 2 letters of recommendation** are needed. **Students should not delay in requesting a letter from a teacher!**

The **Secondary School Report Form** (if the college application has one) for the counselor to complete is submitted at the same time with the transcript request form. **Can't find it?** Then the counselor will use the widely-accepted NACAC form which profiles the student's academic achievements.

### **FACTS for the 2010 - 2011 school year...**

- Both the Transcript Request Form and the Letter of Recommendation Form are

located outside of the Guidance Dept. or can be downloaded from the PVI website-click on *Guidance*. (*Forms are available both in school and on the web*)

- The Paul VI transcript consists of final grades earned each year at PVI and official standardized test scores (PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP). *Students who elect NOT to send test scores can indicate that decision on the transcript request form.*
- Students should include the Paul VI School Code # 470801 when registering for either the SAT or ACT to assure Paul VI receives a copy of the test results. Some colleges do not accept the scores as reported on the high school transcript and require official scores directly from College Board or ACT.
- If a student re-takes either the SAT or ACT **after** Guidance has mailed transcripts, the student must request *the new test scores be mailed directly from the testing service to each college.*
- Since Guidance does not receive the October and November SAT or ACT test results in time for *Early Decision* applications, a student should take advantage of the College Board and ACT service to have scores mailed directly to the college for early decision consideration.
- *No transcript request forms will be accepted after Tuesday, November 16.* This allows ample time to meet college deadlines by processing and mailing all paperwork before Christmas break. *Guidance will accept transcript request forms when classes resume in January.*
- Submit a copy of all scholarship award letters to Guidance. All awards – whether the student attends the awarding institution or not - are listed in the graduation program.

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## CLASS OF 2011

### Schedule for submitting transcript request forms to Guidance...

***For a college deadline of:***

**October 15**  
**November 1 (early decision)**  
**December 1**  
**January 1, 10 and 15**

***Submit your  
paperwork to Guidance by:***

**September 17**  
**October 1**  
**October 29**  
**November 16**

***Guidance is not accepting transcript request forms after Tuesday, November 16. NO EXCEPTIONS! This allows the staff time to process paperwork and meet college deadlines before dismissing for Christmas break. Students can submit transcript request forms when classes resume in January.***

**February 1  
March 1**

**January 3  
February 1**



**Remember to check the *Guidance Grab Bag* for information on scholarships, Open Houses and other items of interest. To access the *Grab Bag*, open the Paul VI website, click on *Guidance* and then use the left-hand drop down menu to locate the *Grab Bag*.**