

COUNSELORS' REPORT

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Industrial Trades Open House: Students and parents are invited to the Crisp Technology Center in Centralia for an Open House on Wednesday, April 10th, from 4-7pm. All of the Industrial Trades programs (Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning, Carpentry, Industrial Technology, and Welding) will be present. Students will be able to meet the instructors, tour the classrooms/labs, and learn about what class would look like as an Industrial Trades student. RSVPs are due by April 5th. RSVP to Taryn Chesnek at tchesnek@kaskaskia.edu

Scholarships: A full list of scholarships is posted on the Counseling Office webpage at: <https://sites.google.com/nashville-k12.org/scholarships>

- THE SAVE ABANDONED BABIES FOUNDATION - The Board of the Save Abandoned Babies Foundation was formed the year after Illinois passed our Baby Safe Haven Law in 2001. This year they are asking students to write an essay or create artwork that demonstrates a creative, factual, educational message about the Illinois Baby Safe Haven Law. They are offering five \$1000 scholarships to students in Illinois who will be attending college or a trade school in the fall of 2024. The application is available at <https://saveabandonedbabies.org/scholarship/> The deadline to apply is April 1.
- BRADFORD NATIONAL BANK SCHOLARSHIP - Bradford National Bank has announced that it will award two \$1,000 academic scholarships to students of NCHS. The Bradford National Bank scholarship application is online at <https://www.bradfordbank.com/students/> The deadline to apply is April 19.
- KIDS' CHANCE OF ILLINOIS - To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must have a parent who has been killed or seriously injured as a result of a work related accident that meets the criteria of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act and that has resulted in demonstrated financial need. For more information and the application visit: <https://www.kidschanceofillinois.com/apply-for-scholarship.html> The deadline to apply is May 31.

College Visit Questions: To-be high school seniors are encouraged to visit colleges this summer in preparation for college applications in the fall. A list of

questions to ask on your college visit has been created by the University of Illinois relating to the topics of campus culture, academics, lifestyle, locations, and fit. These questions include:

- What's the overall feel, or campus culture, like?
- What are the students like?
- What are the faculty and staff like?
- What majors interest you, and what sets them apart?
- What's the typical classroom experience like?
- What's student life like?
- What are the residence halls like?
- What kinds of things are there to do in your free time?
- What kind of food is there?
- How was the trip to and from campus?
- What's the overall weather like?
- What's the surrounding town or city like?
- What do you like about this college?
- What don't you like about this college?
- Can you see yourself as part of this college?

FAFSA: One of the first steps of the college financial aid process is completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. The FAFSA enables students who qualify to receive federal/state grants, scholarships, as well as to participate in work-studies programs. Items needed to complete the FAFSA are: student's driver's license, student's social security card, records of untaxed income, and information regarding net worth of family and student assets. Parents and students MUST have their FAFSA id number created before having the ability to complete the FAFSA. Go to: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> to create the accounts. State law in Illinois requires all graduating seniors to submit the FAFSA or complete a FAFSA Nonparticipation Form.

ACT Testing Dates: The next ACT test date open for registration is June 8. Registration is due by May 3. An additional ACT testing date for the year is July 13. Registration is typically due 5 weeks before the testing date. Students may register at www.ACTStudent.org. Our high school code is 143-110.

SAT Testing Dates: The next SAT test date open for registration is May 4. Registration is due by April 19. Additional SAT testing date for the year is June 1. Starting with the March date, the SAT will be given digitally. Registration is typically due 5 weeks before the testing date. Students may register at www.collegeboard.org. Our high school code is 143-110.