

Greater Nanticoke Area High School

Guidance Office and College Adviser — 2016-17

11th & 12th Grade Timeline

*This document was prepared by the GNA High School Guidance Office and GNA College Adviser to assist your preparation for post high school education. (Please note that College Adviser, Kathleen Jarman, will be available during summer via email jarmank@gnasd.com.)

Grade 11.....

1. Get good grades. Your junior year is the most important for proving yourself to colleges. Admission offices will look closely at what types of courses you are taking and how you will apply yourself.
2. Get involved in extra-curricular activities and community service. Colleges like students who display leadership qualities. Remember the importance of getting involved but don't spread yourself too thinly. (A blank activity record form is attached.)
3. Continue to document all activities, awards, and community service hours in a "personal profile" that is typed and organized. This profile can be duplicated and sent along with college applications or can be used by the guidance counselor or one of your teachers to generate a letter of recommendation. One hundred (100) documented hours of community service is a minimum amount for many scholarships.
4. Take the PSAT test the beginning of October 2016. Be sure to listen to the daily announcements and stop by the Guidance website for more details. This is a practice for the SAT, and you may also be considered for a National Merit Scholarship if you score high enough in your junior year.
5. Take the SAT in March and June of your junior year and, then again, in October or November of your senior year if your budget permits. You should strive to take this test at least twice. Student must register online at www.collegeboard.org. You will need: A. GNA School Code: 392-845 [School at which you are currently attending]
- B. Testing center code (attached and/or searched online—collegeboard.com) * SAT's will be administered at Greater Nanticoke Area High School on November 5, 2016 (deadline to register—Oct 7, 2016 online at collegeboard.org) and March 11, 2017 (deadline to register—Feb 10, 2017 online at collegeboard.org).
6. Decide what your major will be in college. Gather information on colleges that interest you and meet your needs. Visit their campus. Narrow your selection and get ready to apply early in your senior year - by the end of November at the latest.
7. Politely request letters of recommendation from adults and professionals with whom you have had good experiences. Make sure they are people who will have positive things to say about you. Supply these people with a copy of your profile to assist them in developing this letter. These letters can be attached to college applications.
8. When choosing classes for grade 12, don't take an obviously light load especially with new credit requirements for graduation. *Transcripts of the first quarter of your senior year* are sent to the colleges where you apply. They will be looking at what courses you are taking, how demanding they are, and how well you are doing.
9. If you had a summer job, you might want to ask your boss for a letter of recommendation.

Grade 12.....

1. Continue to do well in your academic subjects. *Do not let "Senioritis" take over!*
2. Register for the October or November SAT test. Please note: November SAT will be at GNA H.S.
3. Update your profile, gather applications for the colleges to which you are applying. *Note deadlines.*
4. Secure letters of recommendation.
5. Revisit college campuses if necessary.
6. Complete and send college applications *before their deadlines*. *Be sure to request that your transcript be sent from the guidance office. Make this request at least 3 weeks prior to the application deadline.* If the application has an early January deadline, make a transcript request early in December. Remember that school is closed for the holiday and no transcripts are sent during that time.
7. Be sure that your chance of being accepted at one of your college choices is a pretty sure thing. We suggest you apply to at least *three to five* colleges.
8. Complete any scholarship application forms in a timely manner so that the guidance counselor can attach transcripts and compose a letter of recommendation.
9. COMPLETE FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) worksheet and the online application (www.fafsa.ed.gov). The information will be shared with the colleges to which you are applying in order to develop a proper financial assistance package based on your need. The Federal and State government use the information on the FAFSA to determine their distribution of Federal and State grants and loan monies. I urge all college bound seniors to file a FAFSA in January or February. You and your parents must complete it online. The guidance counselor *cannot* complete this form for you. Remember to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after JANUARY 1 since government money is limited and given on a first come—first served basis. Be sure to print a copy of this completed form for your records.
10. When you have accepted a college's admissions offer, be sure to follow their instructions for admission. Pay attention to deposit due dates, final high school transcript requirements, financial aid forms to complete for their offices, housing, applications, etc.
11. Please let your guidance counselor know of ANY scholarships that have been made available to you.

Grade 11 & 12: *The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, and Pennsylvania Act 10 (The Armed Forces Recruiting Act) collectively require Greater Nanticoke Area School District to provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as they provide to postsecondary institutions or to prospective employers. In order for a student to be opted out on military lists, a parent/guardian must submit a written request prior to the 2016-17 school year to the GNA High School Guidance Office, 425 Kosciuszko Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634.*

All Students: Use the attached Activities Record Form when requesting letters of recommendation.

Test Dates and Deadlines for 2016-17

SAT Date	TEST	Registration (Regular) Deadline	Late Registration Deadline There is an <u>additional fee</u> if you register after the regular deadline but before the late registration deadline. <i>(Expires at 11:59 PM Eastern Time, USA)</i>		Deadline for Changes <u>With additional fee</u>
			Late - Mail	Late - Online and Phone	
Oct 1, 2016	SAT & Subject Tests	Sep 1, 2016	<i>Late - Mail Sep 13, 2016</i>	<i>Late - Online and Phone Sep 20, 2016</i>	<i>Sept 20, 2016</i>
Nov 5, 2016	SAT & Subject Tests	Oct 7, 2016	<i>Late - Mail Oct 18, 2016</i>	<i>Late - Online and Phone Oct 25, 2016</i>	<i>Oct 25, 2016</i>
Dec 3, 2016	SAT & Subject Tests	Nov 3, 2016	<i>Late - Mail Nov 15, 2016</i>	<i>Late - Online and Phone Nov 22, 2016</i>	<i>Nov 22, 2016</i>
Jan 21, 2017	SAT & Subject Tests	Dec 21, 2016	<i>Late - Mail Jan 3, 2017</i>	<i>Late - Online and Phone Jan 10, 2017</i>	<i>Jan 10, 2016</i>
Mar 11, 2017	SAT - Subject Tests NOT offered on this date	Feb 10, 2017	<i>Late - Mail Feb 21, 2017</i>	<i>Late - Online and Phone Feb 28, 2017</i>	<i>Feb 28, 2017</i>
May 6, 2017	SAT & Subject Tests	Apr 7, 2017	<i>Late - Mail Apr 18, 2017</i>	<i>Late - Online and Phone Apr 25, 2017</i>	<i>Apr 25, 2017</i>
Jun 3, 2017	SAT & Subject Tests	May 9, 2017	<i>Late - Mail May 16, 2017</i>	<i>Late - Online and Phone May 24, 2017</i>	<i>May 24, 2017</i>

For more information on the redesigned SAT, which started March of 2016, go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/inside-the-test/compare-old-new-specifications>.

GNA Guidance Office

2016-17

Local SAT Testing Center CODES/DATES for SAT Registering

For **Item #2** on the SAT registration form

Be sure to enter our high school code (CEEB#) which is
392-845. (If you do not enter code,
your school will not receive your grades/scores.)

For **Item #16** on the SAT registration form

**** To ensure no changes have been made by the College Board, you must also verify
online or the index in the back of the registration bulletin
for the *exact testing dates for the individual high schools*.

Berwick.....	39144.....	Oct 1, Jan 21, June 3
Coughlin (Report to Solomon Pains HS, Wilkes-Barre).....	39728.....	Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 21, Mar 11, May 6, June 3
Dallas.....	39220.....	Nov 5, Jan 21, Mar 11, June 3
Greater Nanticoke Area.....	39452.....	Nov 5, Mar 11
Hazleton.....	39318.....	Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 21, Mar 11, May 6, June 3
Holy Redeemer (Wilkes-Barre).....	39353.....	Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Mar 11, May 6
Pittston.....	39590.....	Oct 1, Dec 3, May 6
Wyoming Area (Exeter).....	39262.....	Oct 1, Nov 5, Jan 21, Mar 11, May 6
Wyoming Valley West (Plymouth).....	39356.....	Oct 1, Nov 5, Mar 11, May 6, June 3
Wyoming Seminary (Kingston).....	39354.....	Oct 1, Dec 3, Jan 21, May 6, June 3

*Regular SAT Fee *Without Essay \$45 *With Essay \$57 - Test and registration fee are not refundable. Some additional options available with an extra fee include: Register by phone – Available only if you’ve registered previously (extra \$15); Change fee – Test type, center or date change (extra \$28); Late registration fee – For registering after the regular deadline but before the late registration deadline (extra \$28), Waitlist fee –Charged only if you are admitted to the test center on test day (extra \$46). Additional score services are also available. The above information was obtained from collegeboard.org. Please ensure no changes have been made by going to www.collegeboard.org.

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**GREATER NANTICOKE AREA
HIGH SCHOOL**

Student Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State / Zip Phone

ACTIVITIES RECORD

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| P--President | M--Member | R--Representative |
| VP--Vice President | Mgr--Manager | V--Varsity |
| T--Treasurer | C--Captain | JV--Junior Varsity |
| S--Secretary | E--Editor | |

ACTIVITY	12	11	10	9	8
Class Officer					
Student Council					
Yearbook					
Band					
Chorus					
Trojan Tribune					
Library Aide					
Honor Society:					
Volunteer Activities					
1. _____					
2. _____					
3. _____					
4. _____					
5. _____					
6. _____					
Clubs:					
1. S.A.D.D.					
2. Chess.....					
3. French.....					
4. Spanish.....					
5. _____					
Athletics:					
1. Football.....					
2. Basketball.....					
3. Baseball.....					
4. Soccer.....					
4. Wrestling.....					
5. Track.....					
6. Golf.....					
7. Cross Country.....					
8. Girls' Hockey.....					
9. _____					
Intramural Athletics:					
1. _____					
2. _____					
3. _____					
4. _____					
OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS:					