

Here it is - the first newsletter of the year! And I guarantee it to be cooler than the weather outside!

Here are a few highlights and tidbits:

JUNIOR PARENTS: The PSAT-NMSQT test will be given at Fatima on the morning of Oct. 10th. This is a junior version of the SAT test and must be taken if your child wants to qualify for the National Merits Scholarship. Students must score in the top ½ of 1% to earn this scholarship. It is much like the bright flight award for the ACT. Students may want to take the test to get practice in general test taking skills. The cost is only \$16 and must be paid to Mueller before Wednesday, September 5 with a check made out to Fatima or cash.

Junior and senior parents: you and your child should be setting up college visits. See the attached forms. Juniors want to narrow their college choices to their top 3 by the beginning of their senior year. It is also helpful to know what college you will be attending when deciding which dual credit classes to take. Seniors should be going on visits to finalize their choices and make sure they are all ready to be admitted!

Seniors should be completing college applications. I have begged for transcript requests from all of them. Do this NOW! Also start on scholarship searches. I gave all students a list of websites to go to!

Senior mothers: Some studies say the year a mother has a senior can be one of the most stressful of their lives. Take care of yourselves and watch for signs of excess stress. You can't take care of others if you haven't taken care of yourself!

Parents of Gifted Sophomores: if your child is interested in attending the Missouri Scholar's Academy in the summer, your child will need to take the PSAT. Give Ms. Mueller a check for \$16 by this Wednesday, September 5.

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