

# Holyoke High School

## Guidance News

**Massachusetts Boys and Girls State** will this year be held at the same location this year, Stonehill College in Easton, MA, and will share some joint activities. This year's program will begin on June 12<sup>th</sup>, for boys, and June 13<sup>th</sup> for girls. Both programs will finish on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Interested students should see their counselor. [www.maboysstate.org](http://www.maboysstate.org) [www.magirslsstate.org](http://www.magirslsstate.org)

**SAT Prep:** There is still space available in the FREE SAT Preparation Program being held here at Holyoke High School from February 23 to April 29. See your counselor.

**SAT:** It is time for **Juniors** to register for the spring administration of the test. Test dates and sites in the area are March 13, 2010 at Agawam High School and Amherst High School; May 1, 2010 at Agawam, Easthampton, Northampton High Schools, and Springfield's Central High School; June 5, 2010 at **Holyoke High School**. Registration materials are available in the Guidance Department or register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

**Juniors & Seniors:** The Hampden District Medical Society is sponsoring the **High School Doctor For A Day Program**. Spend the day with a mentor doctor at various offices/hospitals. The application deadline is March 5, 2010. Contact your guidance counselor for the application and necessary paperwork.

**Girls Inc. and ING** are recruiting 10 freshmen girls to participate in a **three year Investment Challenge** designed to empower girls to take charge of their financial future. \$50,000 in virtual money will be invested in the stock market. Money earned over that amount after the three years will be divided among the participants in real money scholarships.

**How can I arrange to talk to my counselor?** Drop in to the guidance office and make an appointment by listing your name and homeroom on the appointment signup list. Email your counselor directly. It's a great way to get a fast response.

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**What is Holyoke High School's "school code" or "CEEB code"?** 221-018

**My college application asks for the school's fax number. What is it?** 413 534-2144

**How do I get a transcript sent?** Complete a Transcript Release form and submit it to your counselor or to Mrs. Dunn in the main office.

**Financial Aid:** Help is available in Guidance. Four financial aid help nights are scheduled for students and parents on March 25, at Holyoke Community College, and April 14 at Holyoke Community College. These evenings events give parents a great way to complete this important process.

**\$2,000,000** awarded annually through the **Community Foundation of Western Mass.** Apply early and online at [www.communityfoundation.org](http://www.communityfoundation.org) Deadline is March 31, 2010. To be considered, students must complete the process by submitting the following; The completed application, a 2010-2011 Student Aid Report (SAR), and an official academic transcript.

### **March College Planning:**

Continue to work on college applications.

Pay close attention to upcoming deadlines.

Register for your FAFSA Pin if you have not done so yet. [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

Electronically submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid. <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Submit your Student Aid Report (SAR) to school you have been accepted to.

Make sure you are on track to meet graduation requirements.

The [Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](http://www.mass.gov/education)

New *MassTransfer* website launched: **Community College to State Colleges and UMass**

This website provides information about the transfer process, encourages degree completion, and promotes the new, streamlined transfer policy. <http://www.mass.edu/masstransfer/>

**GET INVOLVED** - It is never too late to get involved at Holyoke High School. Integrating yourself into the high school community will help you learn more about yourself, and connect you to other students as well as staff members. Join class fundraising efforts, attend school events, become a member of a club, or go out for one of our athletic teams. Holyoke High School provides an opportunity to explore new activities and continue ones you like. In addition, colleges and universities are looking for well-rounded students who have more to offer than a stellar academic record. Admissions officers look beyond GPA and test scores to see what other activities have been part of the student's life.

**Holyoke High School** has a unique partnership with **Holyoke Community College** that offers Admissions, Financial Aid, and Program information and assistance. Avanza To College is a parent and student informational program offered six nights during the school year at Holyoke High School, William J. Dean Technical, and Holyoke Community College. For further information contact the guidance department.

The United States Military Academy at **West Point** is offering Summer Leaders Seminars May 29 – June 4 and June 5 – June 11 at the Academy in West Point, New York. Juniors interest in

attending a military school should look into this unique opportunity. Students can find out more about the program and/or apply at [www.admissions.usma.edu](http://www.admissions.usma.edu)

**Holyoke Community College:** Acceptance to the ADN (**Registered Nursing Program**) program at HCC is selective and space limited. Students who complete the two-year ADN program are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

To learn more about this program and its requirements, we strongly recommend that you attend a Nursing information session. Each session lasts approximately one hour and is conducted by a member of the admissions office and a representative from the Nursing department.

Nursing information sessions are in Frost 309 at 1 - 2p.m.

January 12 (will have 2 sessions - 1pm and 6-7pm)

March 9, April 6, May 11, June 8

To reserve your seat, email [admissions@hcc.edu](mailto:admissions@hcc.edu).

**Smith College Summer Science and Engineering Program** is open to academically talented girls who will enter grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 in fall 2010. Enrollment in the program is limited to ensure the quality of the academic experience. The SSEP has a selective admissions process, based on academic performance in middle and/or high school, a written essay and a teacher recommendation. The program welcomes applications from students with all levels of previous science training. Students need not have taken advanced science courses but must have a strong record of academic achievement, a high level of motivation and a willingness to explore. For more information go to <http://www.smith.edu/summerprograms/ssep/apply.php>

**PSAT:** More than eighty sophomores and juniors received their results and attended a “results workshop” hosted by the counselors. This is an important first step in the college process. Students will continue their preparation by using **My College QuickStart™** which features an enhanced score report and shows answer explanations for each test question, **My SAT Study Plan**—A personalized plan based on your test performance, highlighting skills for review and a free practice test, **My College Matches**—A starter list of colleges to help you begin your search, and **My Major and Career Matches**—Detailed profiles of majors and careers to match your interests and personality.