



COLLEGE/CAREER CENTER WEEKLY NOTES

SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Go Screaming Eagles!

SVHS College & Career Center - Weekly Notes for Juniors

Date: October 10, 2025

College & Career Representative Visits in the College & Career Center

Next Week's College & Career Center Visits:

- [Wilkes University](#) - Thu October 16 @ 8:45 AM
- [The Catholic University of America](#) - Thu October 16 @ 9:40 AM
- [University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown](#) - Thu October 16 @ 12:55 PM

[Click here](#) to learn more and [see a full list of who is scheduled](#) to visit SVHS this Fall!

George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy - Saturday School SAT/ACT Prep Courses

Are you ready for high scores on your SAT/ACT testing? The Learning Academy Online has the tools for success. Any high school student in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) may attend as many classes per registration as needed to accomplish their standardized testing goals.

[Click here for the flyer with more information](#)

Upcoming Scholarships

The dates you see below are the deadlines for each scholarship.

- **October 10** - [CouponBirds "Help to Save" Scholarship](#) - one \$1,000 award and four \$500 awards; high school students: must be at least 15 years old and provide an enrollment certificate or proof of

enrollment; create a 2-3 minute video (no longer than 5 minutes) on the topic: "Money-Saving Secrets for Students" and upload it to YouTube; subscribe to CouponBirds' social media. Follow CouponBirds on X and Facebook; share your video with money-saving tips on your social media channels (X/Facebook) to help more students; complete the application form, including the links to your YouTube video and social media post, and submit your application; see link for full rules and guidelines.

- **October 17** - [The Sustainability Essay Contest](#) - ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 based on their performance; open to high school juniors and seniors; min 3.0 GPA; submit an essay on a sustainable construction - related topic.
- **November 01** - [Young Writers Awards](#) - \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 awards for each category; winners and finalists could also be eligible for up to \$60K in undergrad scholarships at Bennington College; 9-12 grade; enter an original work in one of three categories: poetry, fiction, and nonfiction; see link for full rules and guidelines.

I recommend that all students create an account on the following scholarship search sites:

- [Fastweb.com](#)
- [Goingmerry.com](#)

[Click here to see the SVHS Scholarships Page for more opportunities.](#)

Other Opportunities

Driver's License Permit Testing Coming to Seneca Valley

MVA staff will be on site after school on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025**, to administer the driver's license permit test to all eligible students who have submitted permission slips. The test will be taken on paper, and students will have up to 2 attempts to pass. To be eligible to take the test, students must first be 15 years and 9 months old by the date of the test and submit a permission slip no later than Friday, October 17 at 12 pm. Space is limited, and sign-ups will operate on a first-come, first-served basis. The test will be administered immediately after school, and students must have their own transportation home; no buses will be provided.

Please note - passing the test at school does not give the student permission to drive. Each student and a parent/guardian will need to take the paper documenting the student's passing score to the MVA to receive the actual permit to drive. If you are interested, please follow the directions below.

1. Pick-up a permission slip - hanging on the door for Room 1410
2. Have a parent/guardian sign & complete the permission slip
3. Return the permission slip to Mrs. Skufca in room 1410
4. Report to the testing location immediately after school on Tuesday, Oct 21 - bring your school photo ID
5. Arrange for your own transportation home after taking the test

Email any questions to [Kimberly K Skufca@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_K_Skufca@mcpsmd.org) or see Mrs. Skufca in Room 1410.

Upcoming Zoom presentations offered in Spanish:

Introducción al proceso de admisiones universitarias

Lunes, 13 de octubre, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom

Únase a profesionales con amplia experiencia en el proceso de admisiones universitarias para una presentación sobre el proceso de admisiones universitarias en los Estados Unidos. Esta presentación ofrecerá una visión general del proceso de admisiones, incluyendo términos clave que debe conocer y plazos de solicitud que debe seguir. Va ver oportunidad de hacer preguntas.

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Conceptos básicos sobre la ayuda financiera universitarias

Jueves, 16 de octubre, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom

Aprenda cómo la ayuda financiera puede ayudarle a pagar la universidad. Esta presentación repasa los tipos y las fuentes de ayuda financiera y proporciona información sobre cómo completar las solicitudes federales, estatales e institucionales. Va ver oportunidad de hacer preguntas.

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Have a nice weekend!

Thanks,

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