

**Student Services News
January 27, 2012**

Regional PSAT Information Night

February 6, 2012 7pm

(*Snow date: February 13)

Glenelg High School

Want to learn about FREE SAT Tutoring? Plan to attend the PSAT Score regional evening program for parents. It will be held on **Monday, February 6th at 7 pm in the Glenelg High School auditorium.** Please plan to attend to receive valuable information on how to help your child improve his or her SAT score.

Improving SAT Scores: Use of the PSAT Score Report

In late December, Sophomores and Juniors should have received their PSAT Score Reports by mail. These PSAT Score Reports are invaluable in helping students prepare to take the SAT. Counselors at Glenelg will be working with Juniors on January 26th and 27th and Sophomores on March 28th and 29th in order to go over tips and strategies for using the PSAT Score Report to help improve performance on the SAT.

What is Included in the PSAT Score Report?

The score report includes not only scores and itemized feedback on test questions, but also a “Your Skills” section. For each section of the test — critical reading, mathematics and writing skills — students will receive personalized skills feedback based on their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. The score report also shows whether students meet entry requirements for National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions.

Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT receive free access to My College QuickStart (<https://quickstart.collegeboard.com>) which is a personalized college planning tool that complements the Score Report Plus. With the access code provided on his score report, your student can access the following:

- My Online Score Report—an enhanced score report that allows students to review each test question, their answers, and the correct answers with answer explanations
- My SAT Study Plan—a customized SAT study plan based on students' PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice
- My Personality—a detailed personality test that helps students learn about themselves and discover majors and careers that fit their strengths and interests

- My Major & Career Matches—extensive information about majors and careers, including insights about what to expect and what courses to take now
- My College Matches—a starter list of colleges based on students' home state and indicated choice of major

Please encourage your child to utilize these resources available through their score report and My College Quickstart.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor.

A representative from Delaware State University will be in Student Services on Friday, February 10 to speak students who want to find out more about the university. Sign up at least one day in advance if you are interested in attending.

Leadership Howard County, Leadership U

If you're looking for an exciting opportunity to further your leadership skills and make a real impact on your community, check out Leadership U. Leadership U is a four month hands-on learning experience. This leadership and community service program includes:

- A week-long interactive summer session: July 22-27, 2012. Get to know students from other schools and learn all about how Howard County works. This is followed by regularly scheduled meetings (usually bi-weekly) through December 2012.

All applicants must be current sophomores and live in Howard County, regardless of where they attend high school. More information and necessary forms to apply are available in Student Services. See Mr. Overton. Applications are due by Friday, March 9, 2012.

In an effort to assist Howard County high school students in becoming more college and career ready, **River Hill High School will be hosting a STEM Expo on Tuesday March 13, 2012 from 7-9 PM** in the Information Center and Student Dining Center. We will have professionals from many aspects of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields to meet with students to answer questions, display STEM related projects, and distribute information. There will also be numerous colleges in attendance with STEM related majors to answer questions and promote their programs. Some of the schools who have already agreed to attend include Howard Community College, Salisbury University, University of Baltimore, and Stevenson University. This will be an excellent opportunity to network with colleges and STEM professionals. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Business Expo on March 13th. If you have

questions about the STEM Expo contact Danny Ives or Annette Jackson at 410-313-7400.

Parent 2 Parent

Tuesday, January 31, 2012 7:00~PM - 8:00 PM

Oakland Mills High School Media Center

A panel of parents describes their experiences with substance abuse in their children and what they did to deal with the challenges this caused in their families. Audience discussion follows, including a drug and alcohol abuse counselor who can answer your questions and concerns about what parents should look for and what they can do. Ages 13 and up with adult.

Guest Speaker: Erica Martin, MSW, LCSW-C, ADS, CMFSW, Owner and Director of Martin Counseling & Associates.

Co-sponsored by the Oakland Mills High School PTSA and HC DrugFree

HAZE

The Perils of the College Drinking Culture in America

Monday, January 30, 2012 7:00 PM Howard High School
Cafeteria

On September 16, 2004, Gordie, an 18-year-old freshman at the University of Colorado, pledged a fraternity.~ The next morning, he was found dead --a victim of an irresponsible hazing ritual involving alcohol.~ HAZE will shed light on the severity of college binge drinking, destructive drinking games and hazing.~ This is a MUST SEE presentation for teens and parents. Guest Speaker: Joseph Schwartz, M.D. - Medical Director, Psychiatric Services, Howard County General Hospital
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2012 Women's Science Forum On Saturday, March 24, 2012, Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, MD will be hosting "2012 Women's Science Forum". Girls in grades 6-12 are invited to take part in hands-on activities related to science and engineering. Middle and high school-aged girls are encouraged to share their career dreams, ask questions and explore the opportunities in a number of science and engineering career disciplines. To register visit

<http://www.stsci.edu/institute/conference/youthae>

Registration forms are also available from Mrs. Miles in Student Services. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ms. Tania Anderson at 410-338-4397

Alfred University in Alfred, NY offers a residential summer **English Equestrian Camp** for riders aged 14-17, along with two day camps for campers aged 8-16. Sound interesting? Visit www.alfred.edu/summer/camps/equestrian.cfm For more information call Melody McLay, Director of Summer Programs at 607-871-2612. Or, by e-mail at mclaym@alfred.edu