

# Welcome Parents & Students Class Of 2013





# The Junior Year...

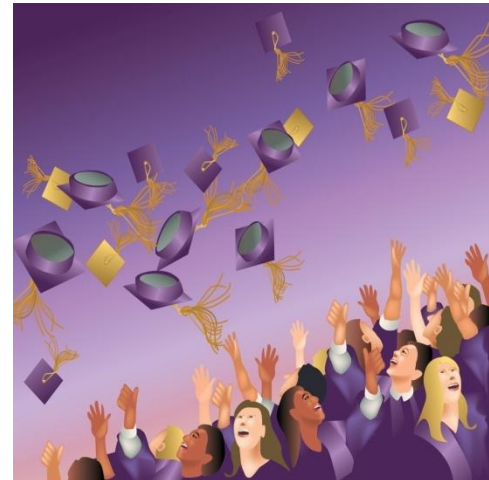
## Preparation for College & Career Readiness

# Graduation Requirements... 2013

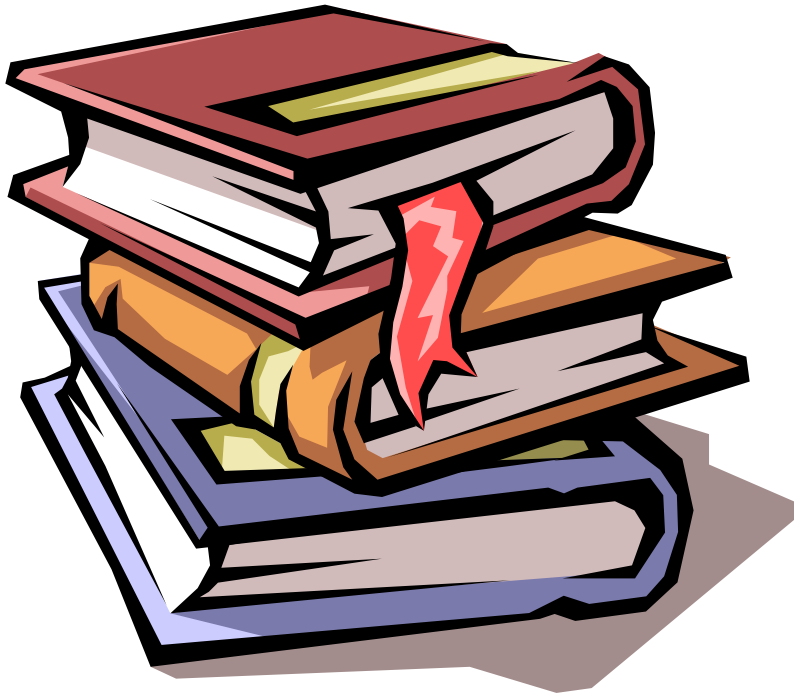


- 4 credits of Language Arts
  - **4 credits of Math**
  - **3 credits of Lab Science**
  - ½ credit of Health
  - ½ credit of PE
  - 1 credit of World History
  - 1 credit of American History
  - 1 credit of Government/Economics
  - **1 credit of Fine Art/CTE**
  - 6 credits of electives
- = 22 CREDITS MINIMUM

Must Pass AIMS: Reading, Writing & Math

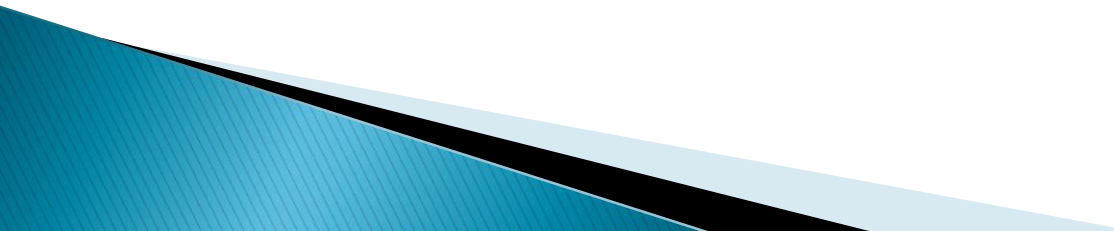


# College Admission Requirements:



- ▶ 4 credits Language Arts
- ▶ 4 credits Mathematics
- ▶ 2 credits Same World Language
- ▶ 3 credits Science
- ▶ 1 credit Fine Arts
- ▶ 1 credit PE/Health
- ▶ 3 credits Social Studies
- ▶ 4 Credits Electives
- ▶ 3.0 un-weighted GPA  
(2.5–2.9 GPA ... considered with appropriate ACT/SAT scores).
- ▶ SAT/ACT Scores ( 1040 =CR+M; ACT=at least 22)

# College Testing:

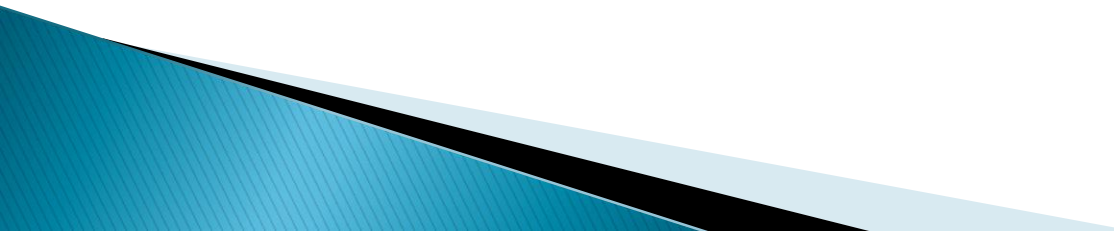
- ▶ **PSAT/NMSQT:** A practice test for SAT; also used to determine National Merit Semifinalists
  - ▶ **ACT:** College entrance examination; scores are given for English, Reading, Math, & Science, as well as a Composite Score... 36 perfect score; minimum requirement = 22
  - ▶ **SAT Reasoning Test:** 3 sections -- Critical Reading, Math, & Writing (2400).
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# AIMS SCHOLARSHIP ... Class of 2013 & Beyond..25% of Tuition

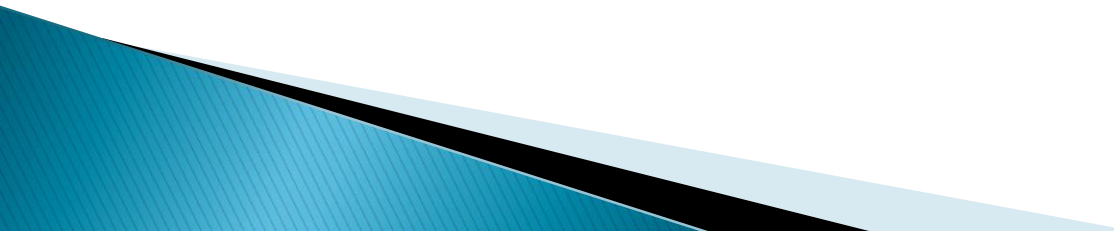
- ▶ Part 1: Complete all 16 core courses with a “B” or better
- ▶ Part 2: Unweighted GPA of 3.50 in the 16 core areas
- ▶ Part 3: Exceed all areas of AIMS
- ▶ ACT/SAT:
  - ▶ Option 1: At least 28 on ACT
  - ▶ Option 2: At least 1300 on SAT
  - ▶ (CR +M)

# SAT or ACT???

- ▶ When in doubt .... Take both
  - ▶ Differences Between the ACT & SAT
  - ▶ Research the school of your choice to determine the score necessary for admission.
  - ▶ Registration.... See handout
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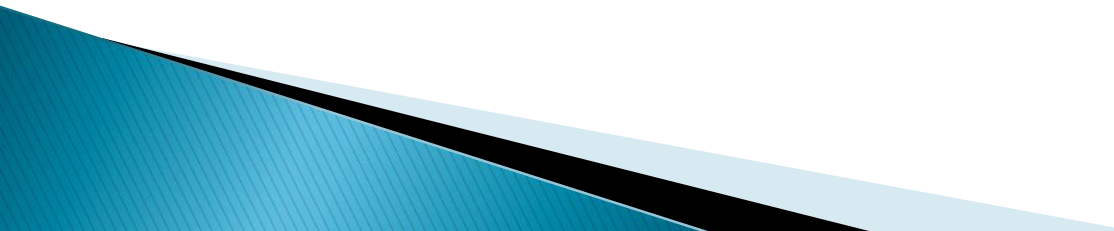
# How Students Can Prepare

Students should:

- Take rigorous courses ( AP & Honors)
  - Read and write as much as possible
  - Do practice tests
  - Take the PSAT ... best preparation for the SAT( October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ O'Connor);
  - Register @ Bookstore
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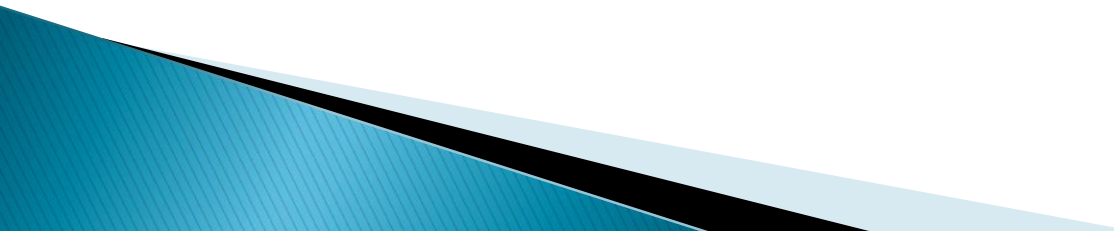
# Requirements For Athletes:

- ▶ Meet NCAA academic requirements
  - ▶ Division 1 & 11 colleges: 2.0 GPA & 820 on the SAT/ 18 on the ACT
  - ▶ Complete NCAA Clearinghouse Release forms
  - ▶ Division 111 colleges do not offer scholarships
  - ▶ NAIA: 18 on ACT or 860 on SAT.
  - ▶ NJCAA: no academic eligibility requirements for Junior college admission(must pass AIMS).
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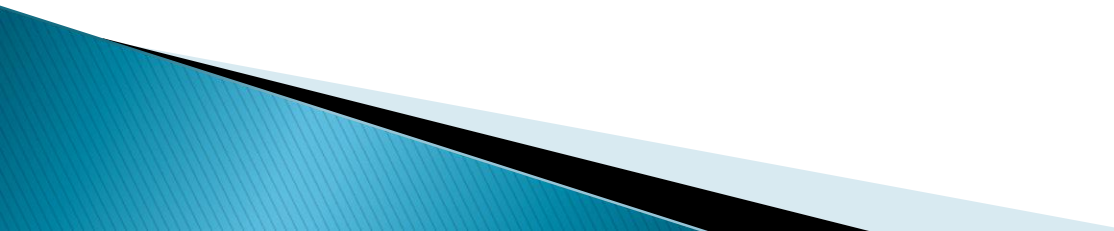
# Junior Year .....Grade 11

- ▶ Continue to monitor academic progress
- ▶ Develop leadership skills
- ▶ Register for ACT and/or SAT in the spring
- ▶ Think about college and explore options ( location, size, cost, admission etc.)
- ▶ Continue with savings for college
- ▶ Make college visits
- ▶ Look for scholarships
- ▶ Update “ Activities & Awards” file
- ▶ Narrow the list of college choices
- ▶ Make a list of important deadlines for college admission/financial aid.

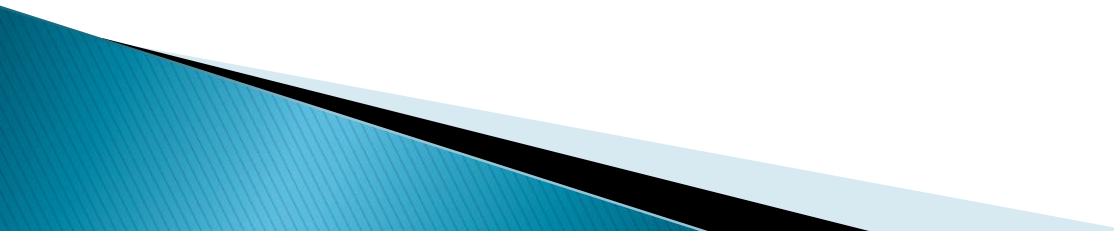
# Junior Year ... Success Strategies.....

- ▶ Be organized
  - ▶ Manage time well
  - ▶ Be successful in the classroom
  - ▶ Take good notes
  - ▶ Study smart
  - ▶ Use test-taking strategies
  - ▶ Good Attendance
  - ▶ Good Grades      GPA
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# School Involvement .....

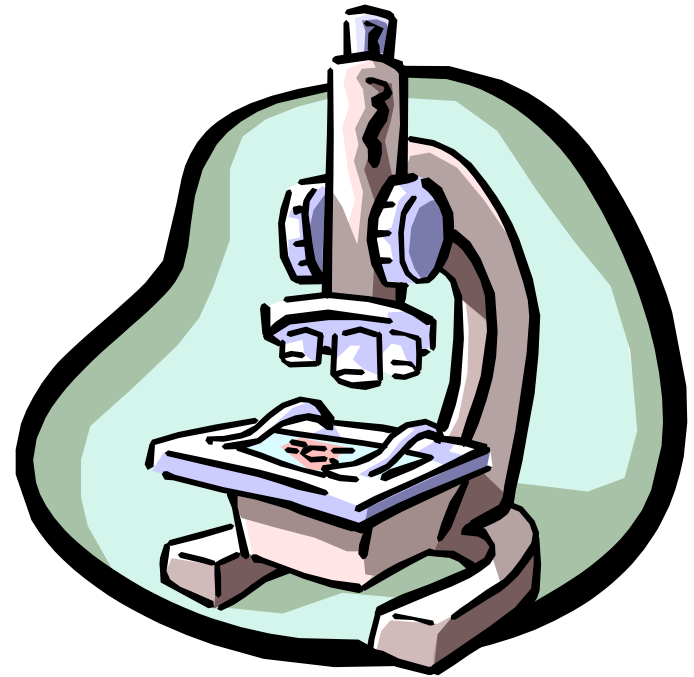
- ▶ Be connected to school to promote meaningful relationships!
  - ▶ Meet new people
  - ▶ Try something new .. Join a Club
  - ▶ Practice Stress-relief
  - ▶ Have activities to put on college applications
  - ▶ Develop a variety of skills and talents
  - ▶ Have Fun!!!!
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# Planning For The Senior Year

- ▶ Registration is coming up soon
  - ▶ Select classes that are necessary for career pathway, scholarship or graduation
  - ▶ Get guidance for the appropriate level of class ... honors, AP, Dual enrollment, West– MEC
  - ▶ December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 6:30 PM... Parent Evening for AP, Dual, & West – MEC classes
  - ▶ Do not sign-up for a full day if you plan on working during your senior year!!
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# Choosing Classes for Senior Year:

- ▶ *Consider Career Choices*
  - ▶ *Choose electives that support chosen career pathway.*
  - ▶ *Do not sign-up for a full day if you want a half-day.*
- Half-day dismissal is not guaranteed.*





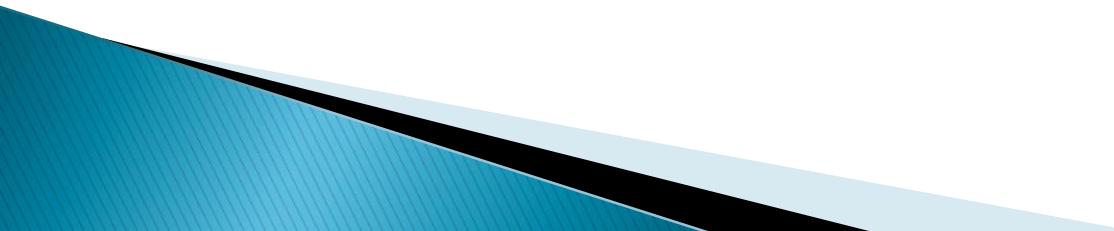
# Senior Year ( Grade 12)

- ▶ Exciting time ... all pieces come together
- ▶ AIMS & Math credits.... important requirements.
- ▶ Continue to work hard to keep good grades
- ▶ Set up a calendar for the year.
- ▶ Sign up for ACT or SAT if necessary to improve scores
- ▶ Obtain and complete college applications in the Fall
- ▶ Apply to one “Safe” College.
- ▶ Complete financial aid and scholarship application forms( FAFSA)

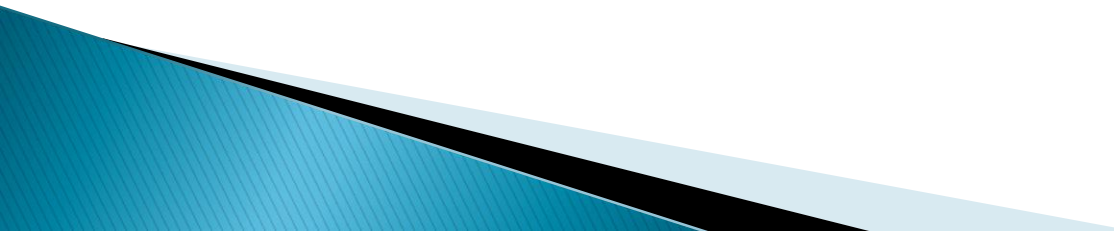
# Dual Enrollment Credits

- ▶ Check on credits that are transferrable to AZ State Universities:–
- ▶ [www.AZTransfer.com](http://www.AZTransfer.com)

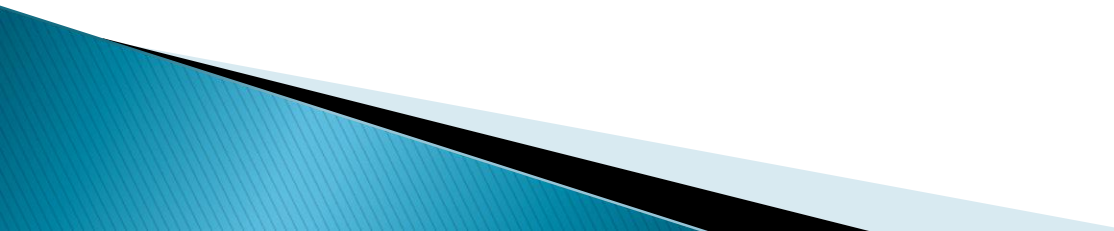
# Scholarships:

- ▶ Start early
  - ▶ Very time– consuming
  - ▶ Apply for local scholarships ( Rotary, PTA, Businesses, etc.)
  - ▶ Watch deadlines
  - ▶ Network
  - ▶ The internet. See list provided
  - ▶ Provide enough time for letters of recommendations.
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# PLUS Loans: An Affordable Solution

- ▶ Qualify regardless of income or assets
  - ▶ No collateral required
  - ▶ Interest is tax-deductible
  - ▶ Take up to ten years to repay
  - ▶ No pre-payment penalty
  - ▶ Borrow up to the full cost of education
  - ▶ [www.wiredscholar.com/plusloans](http://www.wiredscholar.com/plusloans)
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# Money For College....

- ▶ **Grant:** money that is given to a student because of need
  - ▶ **Scholarships:** money that is awarded because of exceptional academics/talent/skill/financial need
  - ▶ **Work–Study:** student earns money by working on campus
  - ▶ **Loan:** borrowed money that must be repaid
  - ▶ [Findtuition.com](http://Findtuition.com)
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# Career Choices:

- ▶ Career interest test ...

[www.azcis.intocareers.org](http://www.azcis.intocareers.org)

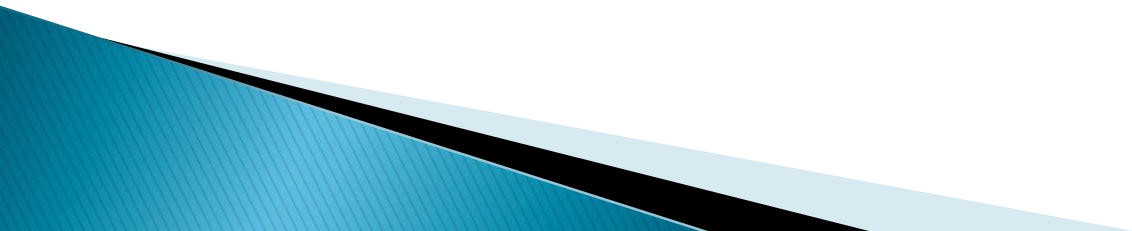
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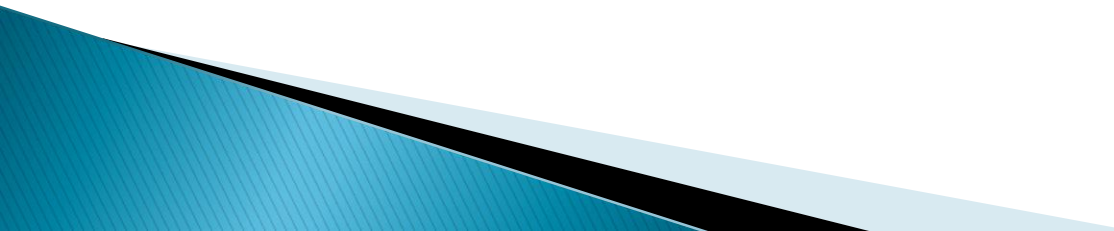
- ❖ No career is permanent
- ❖ Three fast-growing career fields
  - Health Care
  - Education
  - Computers/Technology



# Educational Options For Careers:

- ▶ Career and Technology Programs
  - ▶ Four-Year Colleges/ Universities
  - ▶ Community Colleges
  - ▶ Career & Technical Schools
  - ▶ Military
  - ▶ Work-Study Programs
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# Careers .....

- ▶ College graduates, on the average, earn \$1,000,000.00 more in a lifetime than high school graduates.
  - ▶ Good Luck!!!!
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# Scholarship Database:

- ▶ O'Connor's Counseling Department Website ..
- ▶ Extensive list of resources & information:
- ▶ <http://oconnorguidancecounseling.weebly.com/index.html>

# Meet With Your Awesome Counselors For Help!!!

*Mrs. Giacini– A, B, C*

*Mr. Harmonson– E, F, G, H, I, J*

*Mrs. Miller– D, K, L, O, T, U, Z*

*Mrs. Jagernauth (Dept. Chair)– M, N, R, V*

*Mrs. Harmonson– P, Q, S, W, Y*

*Mrs. Cramer– College/Scholarship/Career  
Coordinator*