



Trinity Catholic High School Guidance News

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We are off to a tremendous start in 2010 – 2011 at TCHS! We are continuing to work on our goal of building a quality guidance program that is based on our school's mission and designed to meet the needs of students and parents. Guidance is an integral of the total education of all students, and we are eager to communicate guidance events and topics through this monthly newsletter. So, let's begin!

We have a new counselor at Trinity! Michelle Johnson will be working with students whose last name begins with the letters J – Z. She is no stranger to Catholic education having attended Holy Child Catholic School for elementary grades, and Cor Jesu Academy for high school. Michelle also attended Mizzou for her undergraduate studies and Missouri Baptist University for her graduate work. She is excited about working with students and meeting all the parents. Let's give her a warm Trinity welcome!

Testing Program for 2010 –2011

Standardized testing days will be held on October 12th and 13th for students in grades 9, 10, and 11. On one of those days each student will participate in testing and on the other day they will have Prayer Days for grades 9, 10, and 11. Seniors will be on retreat for both days.

Grade 9: EXPLORE: An achievement test measuring reading, math, English, and science reasoning skills. It also contains a career interest inventory.

Grade 10: PLAN: An achievement test which continues the skills measured by the EXPLORE. These two tests are introductions to the testing format used on the ACT.

Grade 11: PSAT or ASVAB or a practice ACT.: Students will have the option of taking one of these options: the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery), or a practice ACT. The PSAT simulates the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) with is one of the two major college admissions tests. The ASVAB is a vocational aptitude test which helps students identify strengths for assistance with future planning, and the practice ACT is an actual retired ACT test used previously on a national test date. All of these tests will be explained to the students before sign-up.

In addition, it is advisable that college bound juniors take the ACT at least once during the second semester of the junior year, preferably the April ACT date.

National College Fair—St. Louis

A College Fair will be held on **Sunday, October 17**, from **12:00 to 3:00**, at **St. Louis University**. This is a great opportunity to meet face-to-face with college representatives from across the country. Over 200 colleges and universities will be at the College Fair including all Missouri and most Illinois schools.

ACT Test Dates for 2010-2011

Registration information and sample tests are available in the Guidance Office for both the ACT and the SAT. Students register on-line at: www.act.org, and the **cost is \$33**.

THE ACT HIGH SCHOOL CODE FOR TCHS IS 263-108.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>*Late Registration</u>
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	Sept. 18- Oct. 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6-19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8-21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5-18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 5, 2011	May 7-20, 2011

* A \$21 late fee is charged after the regular registration deadline.

Note: The optional ACT Writing Test is offered on all test dates. Very few colleges and universities require a student to take the Writing Test. Application forms from colleges will generally tell you if it is required. An extra fee of \$15 is required for the ACT Writing Test.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Financial Aid Presentation \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Wednesday, October 27----7:00 PM (cafeteria)

There will be a presentation given by one of our own Trinity parents on financial aid and paying for college. **Angelo Whitlow**, program director of The Scholarship Foundation and the mother of freshman Samiyah Blake, will speak to Trinity parents on financial aid and the ways of paying for post-high school education. Mark your calendar for this informative presentation!

TRINITY PARENTS

As a guidance department, we look forward to making the 2010-2011 school year at Trinity Catholic High School a huge success. Our goal is to do whatever it takes to make this year the best possible academic, spiritual, and social year of our students at every grade level. Please call or email us at anytime with your questions, or to let us know if we can be of service to you and your student!