

Special Points of Interest:*October 8 and 9 Plan Prep (10th grade)**October 13-16 Senior Checks**October 12—No School**October 20—Plan Assessment—10th grade***EXPLORE/ PLAN / ACT TEST**

The Explore is given in 8th grade. The Plan is given in 10th grade. The ACT is given in 11th grade but may be taken in whichever year the student chooses to take it. These tests are sequential and build upon each other. The first two are predictors of success for the ACT. The ACT determines college readiness.

A strong ACT is very important in order to get into the college of your choice. Students may take the test as many times as they want to pay for it. The ACT is given to all Juniors in March. This year it is scheduled for March 9.

We will be offering tutoring sessions each Friday afternoon before the ACT is given on Saturday. This will include all areas of the test including test taking tips.

Websites are available for studying at home. Contact Mrs. Denise Arnold or Mr. Stephen Long for more information..

We have received grants from HanesBrand and the East Tennessee Foundation for incentives for the students that reach the benchmarks on the Plan and ACT. Our new standards are geared more toward these two exams as well so this should help our students to

raise their scores. We want our students to be competitive with the rest of the nation.

More Events

October 21—Blood Drive

October 15—Report Cards Home

October 23—ACT review (3rd and 4th period)

October 24—ACT 7:45 to 1:00

October 28—GEAR Up speaker

October 30—Senior Summit

TARDIES AND ATTENDANCE

Please remember upon a student's fifth absence to class they have lost credit for that class. They must attend after school, before school, or Saturday school time for time sessions to make up the days. Honestly, it is usually the same students each semester attempting to make up their time. Although we offer these sessions you can

never really make up for what you miss in class. Attendance is the most important element of school.

Our tardy policy to each class is 3rd tardy they go to ISS, 6th tardy there is a call home to discuss why they are tardy, and the 9th tardy the student is sent to Truancy Review Board.

Good attendance is a must for our students as they enter the work place or college. We are trying to develop this in them now.