FHS GUIDANCE NEWS



- 1) Last years Seniors completed **52,832 hours** of Community Service! Helping not only our school but also in the Bethlehem community and Lehigh Valley.
- 2) **154** out of 479 Graduates last year fulfilled 135 or more hours of Community Service and received the Silver Cord at Graduation!
- 3) 241 Students took, 517 AP tests!
- 4) **80** Students were **AP Scholars!** These students scored 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.
- 5) **86%** of our graduates last year went on to a 2 or 4 year school
- 6) We won SIX Freddy Awards and were nominated 14 times!
- 7) Over 50 Clubs & Activities students can participate in.
- 8) Project Lead the Way, a National High School Engineering Curriculum began for selected freshmen students!
- 9) We offer 19 AP classes and 15 Honors classes!
- 10) We are **Freedom Family** & we ROCK!

Freedom is what America is all about







College/Career Night Wednesday, October 8th 2014

SENIOR FAMILIES
6:30 – 7:10PM Café Left
Financial Aid Process – PHEAA Representative, Michael Burke

7:00 – 7:10pm Introduction – All Families Café Right

Parents and students may choose up to three of the ten available information sessions. Each session will be 20 minutes in length.

7:10 - 8:30pm

- 1. **Selective College Admissions** Krista Evans, Lehigh University
- 2. Hot Careers Tamara Persico, Career Force
- 3. NCAA Jacqueline Freeman, Lafayette College
- 4. <u>Programs/Certificates/Majors & Degrees</u> James McCarthy, Northampton Community College
- 5. Admissions Process Michael Damweber, Penn State
- 6. **SAT & ACT** Amy Huss, Kaplan
- 7. **PA State Schools** Jennifer Castro, East Stroudsburg University
- 8. **Private College Admissions** Alyson Remsing, Moravian College
- 9. Naviance Introduction to Family Connection FHS Counselors
- 10. Financial Aid Overview Michael Burke, PHEAA



Annual College Fairs



Northampton Community College

October 14th, 2014 6:00 – 8:00 pm Spartan Center Contact: Addy Lugo for info @ 610-861-5529

Lehigh-Carbon Community College

October 7th, 2014 6:00 – 8:00 pm





<u>Test</u>	Test Date	Location	Registration deadline
SAT & Subject tests	10/11/14	Liberty	9/12
ACT	10/25/14	Liberty	9/19
SAT & Subject tests	11/8/14	Freedom	10/7
SAT & Subject tests	12/6/14	Liberty	11/6
ACT	12/13/14	Liberty	11/7
SAT & Subject tests	1/24/15	Liberty	12/29
ACT	2/7/15	Liberty	1/9
SAT & Subject tests	3/14/15	Liberty	2/13

SAT Registration @ www.collegeboard.org Cost: \$ 52.50

ACT Registration @ www.actstudent.org Cost: \$ 54.50

Many students take SAT's and/or ACT's during their Junior and Senior year. Most students will take the tests twice, once in Spring of their Junior year and the second time in the Fall of their Senior year.

Attention Grades 10 & 11

PSAT's at Freedom

Saturday, October 18, 2014 @ 7:45 am

Sign up in the Guidance Office Registration begins Sept. 22nd through Oct. 10th

Cost: \$22.00

Checks only, made out to FHS, at the time of registration

The PSAT's are a great way to practice for the SAT's. The PSAT's include Math, Critical Reading and Writing questions similar to the SAT's but much shorter. The test is taken mostly by Sophomores and Juniors. It doesn't count toward college admissions. It is just meant for practice. However, it is a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarships for Juniors.

Kaplan will be hosting free 90-minute Cram Sessions online!

Oct. 15th – 18th, Register today @ kaptest.com/psatcram

Learn the top 10 Score-Raising Strategies

Review tips for time management during the test

Receive a day-by-day study plan for every day until test day

What Is...



And What About...

family connection

By now, many of you may have heard this word "Naviance". But what does it actually mean? What is Naviance? What is the "Family Connection" you keep hearing about? Well...we would like to introduce you to Bethlehem Area School District's newest initiative. Naviance and Family Connection opens a whole new door for students to explore and create a life plan focusing around career exploration, college searches, personal strength's assessments, goal setting, school-wide surveys, and much more!

The "portal" that our families and students will use is called Family Connection. It is a web-based resource for students and parents that encourages and supports post high school career and college planning. Family Connection is linked with Naviance, the "portal" that Counselors, Teachers, Administrators, and Staff will use to connect with students.

Here is a sneak peek of just some amazing things this program can do for your child:

- Sign up for college visits. The schedule of colleges visiting Freedom in the fall is listed on Naviance, and you can sign up on Naviance and print the confirmation as your pass to attend. Each student is limited to 5 college visit sessions to limit the amount of time out of class.
- <u>SuperMatch</u> college search: Select from a number of criteria, indicate its level of importance and quickly get a response based on those criteria, including an explanation of the results.
- Colleges I'm Thinking About list: You can add colleges directly to your Colleges I'm Thinking About list or you can use some of the college research tools like SuperMatch and College Search to identify some colleges that might be a good fit for you. By listing colleges that interest you, your counselor can give you some insight into how selective that college may be and if that college would match well to your academic and high school background. During your senior year, you will be able to convert the colleges that you have decided to apply to from your "Colleges I'm thinking about" list to your "Colleges I'm applying to" list.
- Roadtrip Nation content: The Roadtrip Nation interview archive is a digital career exploration tool that
 enables students to discover new pathways, interests, and ambitions. The archive includes more than
 3,500 full-length video interviews chronicling the diverse personal stories of leaders who have turned
 their interests into their life's work.
- Resume Builder: Includes quick tips on completing a resume and thinking about future opportunities to help build the resume
- <u>Career Interest Profiler</u> survey: The Career Interest Profiler is an online career interest assessment for students based on Holland's interest codes.



Need Help with School?

National Honors Society is a community service organization, which focuses on helping the community in any way it can. Last year they introduced the **NHS Tutoring Service** for any interested students to help aid the Freedom school community as well.

This after-school service offers personal tutoring to any student who signs up or is recommended by a teacher. NHS draws upon volunteers from within to meet that demand. By providing personal aid, each and every student will be helped to understand the course material covered in class. Ask your Guidance Counselor or Teacher to fill out a form to get you a tutor.

Websites that help: www.kahnacademy.org www.math.com

Home Access Center/ Parent Portal

****Check your students Grades/Attendance/Classes on Freedom's website (www-fhs.beth.k12.pa.us) click on the Parent Portal Login (left side of page).

User name: BASD & Student ID#, Password: Student's Study Island ID



Health Education and Advocacy Resources at Temple St. Luke's

Health and Wellness Clinic

Broughal Middle School Family Center

114 W. Morton Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015

One Saturday per month from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon 2014 - 2015 Clinic Dates:

September 13 th , 2014	Februa	ry 14 th , 2015
October 11 th , 2014	March	14^{th} , 2015
November 8 th , 2014	April	11 th , 2015
December 6th, 2014	May	9^{th} , 2015
January 17 th , 2015	June	13th, 2015

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to uninsured residents of Bethlehem and Fountain Hill

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Physicals:	Blood Pressure Screening		
Sports/School Physical	Diabetes Education		
Driver's License Physicals	Cholesterol Education		
Employment Physicals	Height and Weight Measurements		
Summer Camp Physicals	learn more about your health!		
Annual/General Physicals			

Call St. Luke's Infolink at 1-866-785-8537 for more information and to schedule an appointment











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