

# PIUS XI COUNSELING CENTER NEWSLETTER

## HIGH SCHOOL MAY EDITION, 2009

### COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS

If you have accepted an admission offer, you should notify all other colleges that you do not plan to attend.

Transcripts will be sent automatically in late June to the university that you indicated on your senior survey as being the school you will attend in the Fall. Per school policy all fees must be paid before transcripts can be sent.

### EARN COLLEGE CREDIT FAST

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a series of examinations that allow individuals to earn college credit for what they know, regardless of where they learned it. CLEP granting policies vary from college to college. To find out whether the college of your choice grants credit for a specific exam, contact that college's admissions or testing office.

At UW-Milwaukee, there is no limit to the number of credits you may earn through CLEP. CLEP exams are 90 minutes each and are administered only on computer. The CLEP fee per exam is \$70 plus the administration fee requested by the college. UWM requests \$25 per test. More information can be found at [www.collegeboard.com/clep](http://www.collegeboard.com/clep).

### A MESSAGE FOR 18 YEAR OLD MALES

The law says that all 18 year-old males must register with Selective Service, a government agency whose job it is to provide untrained manpower for the armed forces if there is a national emergency. There hasn't been a draft since 1973, but a list of names is compiled by the government should they ever deem it necessary to identify men for possible military service. You should register within 30 days of your 18th birthday.

If you don't register you are breaking the law and could face prison time and fines. Registering takes less than two minutes via the internet at: [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). You can also register by going to your local post office. The Selective Service will accept a late registration, so if you are 18 and have not yet registered, please do so ASAP.

### FUTURE COLLEGE ATHLETES

Students interested in participating in Division I or Division II college athletic programs must file the NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse Application anytime after the beginning of their junior year. These applications can be found online at the NCAA website. There is a \$50 application fee.

### FREE SUMMER CULINARY CAMP AT MATC

High school students ages 15 1/2 and older may register for MATC's free culinary camp and earn two college credits. Classes meet once a week for eight hours. Classes begin the week of June 22 and end the week of August 10. Registration forms are available in the counseling center and are due back to MATC by June 8.

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR JUNIORS

June 13 is the last date that the ACT will be offered this school year. Juniors should register now if they have not yet done so. The deadline for registration is May 8. Late registration is available until May 22, but a late fee is required. Pius XI is one of the many testing sites; however, there are only a few seats left.

Sign up for the test online at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or pick up an application in the counseling center. Payment is made directly to the testing company. The cost of testing is \$31 or \$46 if you elect to take the writing test. Fee waivers are available in the counseling center for those who qualify.

The college entrance exams will be offered again this fall. Juniors who are unable to test this spring are advised to plan on taking the tests early in the fall.

### COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

It is a great idea to visit colleges and universities that interest you during the spring of your junior year and the summer before your senior year. Here are a few tips to consider when planning a visit.

1. Choose your date with intention. Are classes in session? Is there a campus preview day that fits with your schedule? Can you catch a game, concert, or club activity while you're there?
2. Set up appointments in advance, especially with an admissions officer and with the financial aid office.
3. After your visit it is common courtesy to send thank you notes to the people who met with you.

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Pius XI will offer two summer school courses. General Theology will be offered for any student who needs to make up a semester credit of theology. An English course is available for students who lost English credit or are interested in strengthening their skills. Contact Mike Kolz regarding the Theology course and Terry Mank regarding the English course.

Milwaukee Public Schools are offering a summer school program free to City of Milwaukee residents at 10 MPS sites. Students who live outside the city must pay tuition or have a tuition waiver. The program begins Friday, June 26 and continues through Friday, July 31. Registration forms can be found at any school location, including Pius XI, or online at [www.mpsportal.milwaukee.k12.wi.us](http://www.mpsportal.milwaukee.k12.wi.us)

Certain summer school opportunities are available on a limited basis for residents of other school districts as well. Contact your local school district for more information.

### COUNSELING CENTER OPEN THIS SUMMER

Twice weekly there will be at least one Pius XI counselor available on site. Contact Sue Linski at 290-8145 for details.

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