

Guidance Department



December 2019



Dates to Remember

Dec. 4 & 5

Winter Keystones
Algebra

Dec. 6

Progress Reports Issued

Dec. 10 & 11

Winter Keystones
Literature

Dec. 23 - Jan. 1

Winter Break
No School

Jan. 7 & 8

Winter Keystones
Biology

Jan. 15

High School Orientation
for 8th-grade students
6-6:45 pm
High School Library

Jan. 15

Scheduling Night
8th-11th grade students
7-8 pm
High School Library

Jan. 16

A.W. Beattie Career Center
Field Trip
9th-grade students

No permission slip is required for this field trip. If you do not want your student to attend, please contact the guidance office.

Jan. 20

No School

Jan. 21

Report Cards issued

Federal Student Aid

The FSA ID is the way for students and parents to electronically sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your federal student aid documents. Go to **fsaid.ed.gov** to apply for your Federal Student Aid identification number.

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Colleges and universities use this form to determine your eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, educational loans, and work-study programs. Therefore, even though the FAFSA is technically the application for federal aid, you have to fill it out to receive state and college-sponsored financial aid as well. If you're hoping for any government or school financial aid for college, you should file a FAFSA. Once you have your FSA ID, go to **www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa** to learn more and start your application.

College & University Open Houses

The following colleges are sponsoring Open Houses for you to visit them. Check their websites for registration information.

Carlow University

Nov. 16
Overnight Visits-
Feb. 3-4
www.carlow.edu

Community College of Allegheny County

Dec 4
www.ccac.edu

Lock Haven University

March 2 & April 6
www.lockhaven.edu

PA College of Art and Design

Jan 11 & March 28
www.pcad.edu

Point Park University

Jan. 18, Feb. 15,
March 7 & April 4

St. Vincent College

Jan. 25
www.stvincent.edu

Westminster College

Dec.7
www.westminster.edu

West Liberty University

Dec. 6
www.westliberty.edu

SAT & ACT Testing Dates

SAT test takers must provide a valid photo ID and a registration ticket (even if taking the test at Northgate.) You will need standard #2 pencils and a calculator. No Registration ticket = No admittance. No ID = No admittance. If you need an ID, please stop at the Guidance Office. For more information visit www.collegeboard.org.

Register for the SAT at www.sat.org/register with Northgate Code 393-640.

Register for the ACT at www.act.org.

ACT Dates and Deadlines

Dec. 14, 2019

Registration deadline Nov. 8

Feb. 8, 2020

Registration deadline Jan. 11

April 4, 2020

Registration deadline Feb. 28

June 13, 2020

Registration deadline May 8

July 18, 2020

Registration deadline June 19

SAT Dates and Deadlines

Dec. 7, 2019

Registration deadline Nov. 8

March 14, 2020

Registration deadline Feb. 14

May 2, 2020 (AT NORTHGATE)

Registration deadline April 3

June 6, 2020

Registration deadline May 8

Want to Play College Sports?

College-bound student-athletes preparing to enroll in Division I or Division II school needs to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. While playing sports at a Division III school does not require you to register with the Eligibility Center it is recommended that you still complete the free profile page. Go to www.ncaa.org or www.eligibilitycenter.org for more information.

Scholarship Opportunities

COMCAST LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applicants should be a high school senior who has a commitment to community service, plans to enroll full time in a 2 or 4 year college or vocational-technical college for the 2020-21 school year. They must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrate financial need.

<https://apply.scholarsapply.org/leadersandachievers/information.php>

DEADLINE: Dec 6, 2019

ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY B. KENNETH SIMON FREE ENTERPRISE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is valued at \$56,000. To qualify, high school seniors should have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher and a combined, minimum SAT score of 1170 or an ACT minimum composite score of 24. Students who apply must have a sponsoring high school teacher to serve as an advisor for the research paper component.

www.rmu.edu/bksimon

DEADLINE: Dec. 13, 2019

NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Pittsburgh chapter of the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame is offering scholarships for 2019 high school seniors. The criteria for selection are high school achievement, financial need, and athletic ability at the varsity level.

www.italiansportspgh.com/scholarships.html

DEADLINE: Jan. 13, 2020

WACE SCHOLARSHIP PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Various scholarships are available. You must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5, apply for admission for the 2019-20 academic year at the institution(s) you select on the scholarship application and meet other merit scholarship criteria as established by the institution(s) selected on the application.

www.waceinc.org/scholarship

DEADLINE: Feb. 15, 2020

BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for seniors intending to pursue a college degree and a career in music performance. The applicant must display musical talent, have an instructor's recommendation, and show financial need.

www.blackwoodarts.org/scholarships

DEADLINE: Feb 15, 2020

EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AND CENTRAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (EAWCP)

The EAWCP will award nine scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have epilepsy/seizure disorder and are planning to attend a postsecondary school. Applicants must have a diagnosis of epilepsy/seizure disorder that has a confirmed statement from their physician, proof of acceptance to a school full time after graduation, be a resident of Western or Central Pennsylvania and must attend at least one of the EAWCP's Run/Walks in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Altoona or Erie.

www.eawcp.org/programs/ProgramsScholarship.xml

Deadline is April 1, 2020

PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT IN GRADES 9-12.
www.pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/scholarships

JIM BORDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will provide financial assistance of up to \$7,500 per year and will include a guaranteed yearly internship and after graduation an offer for full-time employment. Applicants should be a primary resident of Southwestern Pennsylvania and be enrolled in a four year college or university with a major in Journalism, English Writing or Communication.

<https://tribtotalmedica.com/jim-borden-memorial-scholarship/>

DEADLINE: December 31, 2019

KADES-MARGOLIS/BERT CAMERON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This scholarship is for an eligible son/daughter of a PSEA Western Region member who plans a career in PA Public Education. Applicants must be 2020 high school graduates who plan to attend college in the Fall of 2020 and at least one parent must be a PSEA WESTERN REGION member.

Applications are available in the guidance office.

DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

CHARLES R. FRANK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was created to provide a \$1,300 scholarship to Northgate seniors. Applicants should demonstrate financial need, plan to attend a college, university, vocational or technical trade school and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

<https://pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarship/2362>

RMU MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Robert Morris University is offering various scholarships to graduating seniors.

<https://www.rmu.edu/alumni-giving/gift-options/scholarships>

Volunteer Opportunities

BELLEVUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAIN DISPLAY

The Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department is looking for volunteers to help with their holiday train display in December. The hours are Fridays from 6pm to 9pm, Saturdays from noon to 9pm and Sundays from noon to 6pm.. Please contact Jenn Slavicek at 412-716-4165 for more information and to sign up.

Additional Opportunities

FirstEnergy's Power System Institute (PSI) program: West Penn Power is continuing its partnership with Westmoreland Community College and Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. They are offering an Associates of Applied Science degree in Electric Utility Technology that combines academics and hands-on training to prepare potential students for a career in either a line worker or a substation electrician. FirstEnergy is paying the tuition, required books and lab fees for qualified candidates. Information and registration is available at www.firstenergycorp.com/psi

Scholastic Art & Writing Award: All students in grades 7-12 in public, private, or home scholars may submit original works of art and writing to the Awards. More than \$300,000 in scholarships will be distributed to select Award recipients. www.artandwriting.org

Accounting Honors Institute:

Duquesne University is hosting classes for any business student who is interested in Accounting or related topics. The classes are held twice a month on Saturdays for three months and begin January 11, 2020. There is a \$25 fee for materials for each module. (\$65 if you participate in all 3 modules). Registration is on a first come first served basis. Registration closes January 3, 2020. www.duq.edu/business/AHI

Manufacturing 2000-Machinist Training:

The New Century Careers MANUFACTURING 2000 Machining Training Program offers training and placement assistance. This program provides 3 levels of training up to 600 hours. The Machinist Training Program provides the necessary skills to become a machine operator or entry level machinist. Sessions include hands-on experience, professional development and resume writing. Students also learn the basic operation of lathes, vertical milling machines, CNC machines, pedestal grinders, saw, drill presses, surface grinders and other various shop tools. Training is made possible through different governmental or charitable funding sources and manufacturing employer contributions. There is no cost to qualified students who are accepted into the program. www.ncsquared.com

Western Pennsylvania Operating Engineers joint Apprenticeship & Training Program

Selection is based on the needs within the western Pa and eastern Ohio regions. Candidates will be selected by an independent organization or appointed panel using job-related selection testing and interview. This is a training opportunity that does not guarantee full employment. Applicants must be 18 at the time of acceptance, have a high school diploma or GED, have a valid PA or Ohio license and dependable transportation, submit a non-refundable \$25 fee with their application and pass a DOT physical exam and drug test. Applications and informational packets can be downloaded at www.wpaoperators.org DEADLINE: December 20, 2019

Online Resources

SAT Information

www.collegeboard.org

ACT Information

www.act.org

Financial Aid

www.aessuccess.org

www.ed.gov

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.finaid.org

www.myfedloan.org

www.pheaa.org

www.studentaid.ed.gov

Scholarships

www.collegexpress.com

www.fastweb.com

www.goodcall.com/scholarships

www.pittsburghfoundation.org

www.studentscholarships.org

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

Athletic Eligibility

www.ncaa.org

www.eligibilitycenter.org

Life After High School

www.educationplanner.org

Selective Service Registration

www.sss.gov

Military Information

United States Military Academy

Attn: Public Affairs Office

Taylor Hall, Bldg 600

West Point NY 10996-1788

845-938-2006

www.usma.edu

United States Naval Academy

Attn: Public Affairs Officer

121 Blake Road, Annapolis

MD 21402-5000

410-267-2291

www.usna.edu

United States Air Force Academy

Attn: Public Affairs Office

2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2300

U.S. Air Force Academy, CO 80840-5016

1-800-443-9266

www.academyadmissions.com

United States Coast Guard

Attn: Public Affairs Academy

15 Mohegan Avenue

New London, CT 06220-4195

203-444-8270

www.cga.edu

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Northgate System is to provide each student with the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills to the maximum of his or her potential through a challenging comprehensive program administered in a safe, caring environment so that each person will succeed and contribute as an ethical, responsible citizen in a rapidly changing global society.

Compliance Statement

The Northgate School District will not discriminate in its education programs, activities, or employment practices, based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ancestry or any other legally protected classification. The announcement of this policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, SEctions 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For information regarding grievance procedures, services, activities, programs, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by handicapped persons or, for inquiries regarding compliance with the above nondiscriminatory policies, please contact the Coordinator of Special Services, 591 Union Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202 or via phone at 412-732-3300 – ext. 2000. The Northgate School District will make reasonable accommodations to its programs and services to assure access to all persons. If because of a disability, you require an accommodation, please contact the Coordinator of Special Services/Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator via phone at 412-732-3300 – ext. 2000.