

Guidance Department



January 2020

Dates to Remember

Jan. 15

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

Jan. 15

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

Jan. 16

A.W. Beattie Career Center
Field Trip for
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. 16

First day of 2nd semester

Jan. 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School

Jan. 21

Report Cards Issued

February 7

National College Fair
David Lawrence Convention
Center Field Trip for
11th-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.*

February 17

Presidents' Day
No School

February 21

Progress Reports Mailed

March 6

Arts Odyssey
4:30-8 pm

March 13

No School

March 25

End of 3rd grading period

March 27

Report Cards Issued

Scheduling for the 2020-21 School Year

The scheduling process for the 2020-21 school year has been put in place and has already begun. This month course description books will be made available to students and parents. Starting this month and continuing through February students in grades 7, 9, 10 and 11 will be meeting with their counselors to go over their course choices for the upcoming school year. In February, 8th grade students and their parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet with their counselor during appointed day and evening times to discuss their student's schedule. Information on how to schedule an appointment time will be released later this month.

Colleges & Universities Visiting Northgate

There are no visits scheduled for the month of January.

College & University Open Houses

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

Carlow University

Overnight Visits-

Feb. 3-4

www.carlow.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

Lock Haven University

March 2 & April 6

www.lockhaven.edu

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.

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

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

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

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

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

RMU MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Robert Morris University is offering various scholarships to graduating seniors.

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

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>

PENNSYLVANIA JCI SENATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This scholarship program is available for high school seniors who are PA residents and plan to continue their education at a college, university or vocational school. Two \$750 scholarships will be awarded and those applicants will be eligible for the United States JCI Senate Foundation for consideration for an additional national grant of \$1000.

www.usjcisenate.org

DEADLINE: January 24, 2020

IMAGINE AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for high school seniors planning to attend a career school that participates in the Imagine America High School Scholarship Program(www.imagine-america.org/our-schools/). To qualify applicants must graduate in the 2020 calendar year with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and enrolling a participating career college. Applicants may be asked to demonstrate financial need and/or show community service.

www.imagine-america.org/cehe-scholarships/

JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP SERVICE OF GREATER PITTSBURGH

All awards are based on demonstration of financial need. Other factors such as academic achievement, field of study, school attending, and Jewish and general community involvement will also be considered depending on the scholarship.

www.jfcspgh.org/scholarships

DEADLINE: February 12, 2020

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

Luminari's 2019 I Want to be and Ambassador! Camp

A \$1,200 scholarship to attend the camp is available through a merit based scholarship competition for students in grades 7-11. The *Luminari Award* is a merit-based scholarship competition for students who are in grades 7 to 11 during the 2019-2020 academic year. Two winners will be selected from the essay submissions. Each winner will receive a merit-based scholarship for an all-expense-paid admission to *Luminari's 2019 I Want to be an Ambassador!* camp. The second winner will be a student enrolled in his or her school's ESL (English as a Second Language – ESL Application) program. **Deadline is January 30, 2020**

www.luminari.org/about-luminari-award/

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

Selective Service Registration

www.sss.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

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 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 Naval Academy

Attn: Public Affairs Officer

121 Blake Road, Annapolis

MD 21402-5000

410-267-2291

www.usna.edu

United States Coast Guard

Attn: Public Affairs Academy

15 Mohegan Avenue

New London, CT 06220-4195

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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.