Junior Announcements—Class of 2017

1. **Stay Informed** – Sign up for GFHS Class of 2017 notifications on **Remind!**. To receive messages, text **To: 81010 Message: @bpence**.
2. **PSAT– Wednesday, October 14**, at 7:50 a.m. in the Old Gym. This is an opportunity to take a practice college entrance test for only $14. PSAT Registration Forms are in the counseling center and due Tuesday, September 29.
3. **PSAT Preparatory Workshop –** Monday, October 5 6:30-8:00 p.m.,the cost of the workshop is $10.00 is available to any student who is interested in improving college entrance test scores. Register in the counseling center. See Mr. Getten for any questions.
4. **ASVAB** – This is a great opportunity to take a voluntary career exploration and aptitude assessment. It will be given on **Tuesday**, **November 3,** in the Old Gym. Register in the Counseling Center by **September 18** if interested. This information is good for any student who is unsure of his/her career path and will help identify occupations in line with interests and skills. Any student interested in the military needs to take advantage of this opportunity.
5. **National Honor Society** –Juniors with a 3.4 cumulative GPA will qualify to apply. However, it will be *equally* important to document and prove high standards in four areas**: leadership, character, service, and academics**. All those with the qualifying GPA should receive a letter of invitation at the start of 2nd semester. If you think you qualify, but do not receive a letter, please see your counselor. The induction ceremony for those who meet the standards will occur in February.
6. **NCAA /NAIA athletes**—see Debbie Munson in records if there is a chance you will play college-level sports.
7. **Resumé**—will be completed in junior English classes. This will be important for you to keep updated with any activities you are involved with including volunteerism. Start giving back to your community. Most scholarships and colleges ask what type of volunteerism you have done. Consider volunteering, maybe for Special Olympics, Heisey, hospitals, nursing homes, Humane Society, Mercy Home, Receiving Home, Key Club, Food Bank, Rescue Mission, and Bison Buddies.
8. **College Entrance Exams**—As a junior, you will have the opportunity to take the ACT at GFHS on **Tuesday, April 19** for free! The ACT is one of two widely accepted college entrance exams; the other being the SAT. Some of you may be better suited for the SAT so may want to take this test additionally. However, if you are considering starting at a 2-year school a **COMPASS** test may be what you need. Talk with your counselor for advice.
9. **College Entrance Exam Prep**—
* Kelly and Luke MacDonald Workshops for Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors:
	+ How to Prepare for the ACT—call 788-5084 for more information on ACT prep opportunities.
* FREE practice tests available online through [www.smartaboutcollege.org](http://www.smartaboutcollege.org) –both ACT and SAT
* Instructor-Led Online ACT Review Course (fees vary from $17 to $129)—Get ready with ScoreUp! Test Prep [www.scoreupsuccess.com](http://www.scoreupsuccess.com)
1. **College Representatives**—Visits will be announced on the PA System, listed on the calendar in the counseling office, and sent on Remind!. The calendar in the counseling office is updated every Monday. Students can meet with representatives in the Counseling Office. It is definitely not too early to start exploring your options for life after high school.
2. **Scholarship News**—You will have the opportunity to apply for scholarships throughout your senior year. Mrs. Pence will visit your senior English classes starting next fall with information about scholarships. Be ready to start this process next October.
3. **Dual Credit and AP Classes—**Some of you are currently enrolled in a dual credit class. For the rest of you, there will be plenty of opportunities your senior year. Plan ahead for your schedule as well as **saving money** so you can take full advantage of what is offered.
4. **SBAC**—All juniors are required to take a standardized test called SBAC. This is a time consuming, computer based test that will occur in late spring. You will have an adjusted schedule the days you are testing. This is very important for our school, so we ask that you do your best!