

Guidance News December 2010

Filling out the FAFSA

The Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) will be at SHS on February 22 from noon to 3:30 p.m. This is a date change. They were scheduled to be here on January 31. ICAN assists parents/guardians in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Through this application, students are able to apply for federal and state grant monies as well as work-study and loans. Please call Mrs. Zeutenhorst or send an email to reserve a half-hour appointment on February 22. ICAN also plans to offer free financial aid assistance to families on February 22 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Northwest Iowa Community College. You do not need an appointment. Help will be available on a walk-in basis at NCC.

Planning to play college sports?

Students who plan to accept athletic scholarship money from a Division I or II college or university must register through the NCAA Eligibility Center website at www.eligibilitycenter.org. The NCAA Clearinghouse would prefer that potential student athletes apply the junior year of high school. They will consider courses taken, grades in the core courses, and ACT or SAT scores. Please see Mrs. Zeutenhorst to do a work up of a student's grades, courses, and ACT scores to make sure that the student will meet the guidelines for either Division I or II.

Potential NAIA athletes must register at www.playnaia.org. These athletes must have at least a 2.0 cumulative gpa, an 18 composite ACT score and fall in the top half of their class to meet the NAIA requirements.

ACT Test

The next ACT testing opportunity is on February 12. Students must register by January 7 to avoid a late fee. Don't forget to check out their test prep options on their website - www.actstudent.org.