

# BCHS COUNSELORS' TALK LEAVING THE NEST EDITION



Class of 2016 Senior Newsletter

\*Education Career Cluster Edition\*

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## AN EDUCATOR

*Is a person who is instrumental in the education of our youth.*

**WHY BE AN EDUCATOR?** A person with a degree in Education has made a worthwhile investment in the future! The demand for qualified educators is on the rise and this trend is not likely to change any time soon. Whether you are a person interested in working as a College Professor or an Elementary School Teacher, a Special Ed Instructor or a Counselor, you are sure to find a career in education extremely rewarding.

**What are some of the different types of Educators?** There is a variety of fields open to someone interested in an education degree. For instance, did you know that an Intervention Specialist is an educator? Or have you heard of a Para-Professional? What about a Superintendent? The educators of today aren't just teachers anymore. Although most people in education are Elementary and High School teachers, further advancement in education can open the door to more career options.

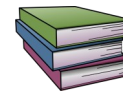
Here are a few of the many more jobs in the field of Education to consider....

Librarians      Curriculum Developers      Principals      Band Directors      Counselors  
Human Resource Directors      Special Education Teachers      Registrars      Assistant Principals  
College Professors      Media Specialists      Second Language Teachers      Speech Pathologists  
Early Childhood Educators      Athletic Directors      Dean of Students

### Fun Facts About Educators...

- Most Educators get a **LONG** Summer vacation and the major holidays off!
- A typical **Work Day** comes to an end by 3:00 or 4:00!
- Educators are everyday **HEROS**, they have the **POWER** to educate!
- **PPSB Educators** receive at least 30 hours of professional Development a year... they are students too!
- Teachers teach for the love of education, not for the **\$\$\$\$\$**

### How to become an Educator:



#### Step 1: Receive a High School Diploma

It may seem like an obvious one, but the first step toward becoming a teacher is to complete high school. A high school diploma is necessary for college admission, and in some cases, it may be enough for entry-level jobs in preschools.

#### Step 2: Enroll in College

To teach in a public school, one must complete a bachelor's degree program. Individuals who teach at the grade school level typically major in education and minor in another area, such as science or mathematics. Aspiring high school teachers, in most cases, will need to major in the subject they wish to teach and supplement their degrees with additional courses in education. Preschool teachers may opt for a 2-year degree program in early childhood development or a related area.

#### Step 3: Complete a Teacher Certification Program

Most academic programs in education include the courses necessary to apply for state teacher certification. Those who majored in a non-education area but want to teach later in their careers can pursue alternative certification programs set by their states. Alternative certification programs vary, but they generally require students to select the subject area they plan to teach and complete coursework in that area and in general pedagogy. All teacher certification programs include a student teaching experience, and after completing a certification program, individuals are eligible to apply for licensure.

#### Step 4: Advance in the Field

Teachers can often further their careers by joining professional organizations and adding voluntary certification credentials to their resumes. Individuals can gain such certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which offers certification in a variety of subjects, from math to music. Additionally, teachers often pursue graduate-level education in the form of a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) or another advanced degree.



Have you thanked an Educator today?

# College Application

## Essay Writing Tips:

- The goal of the essay is to inform the reader about you.
- It's your story... the good, the bad, and the ugly. Talk about your interests, your goals, your successes, and even your failures.
- A good essay is between 500 –600 words.
- If the reader can't walk away with a clear picture of who you are, then you didn't do your job!
- Give it to a teacher or your Counselor to proof read at least 2 weeks before it is due.

Male students 18 years or older can log into [www.sss.org](http://www.sss.org) to register for Selective Service. Students are not eligible for financial aid if they are not registered.

**Senior Interviews** began August 25, 2015. Mrs. Roussell will continue to conduct interviews throughout September.

Now is the time to Demonstrate an interest in your top College choices...

- Go visit and tour the campus
- Do an interview
- Go to fairs/open houses

**MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN!!!**

## FYI

Now is the time to build a resume. The resume should include all extra-curricular activities that you have participated in at school and within the community, community service work performed, and all work experience. If you have questions regarding creating a resume, please stop by the Counselors' Office for a template.

### **\*Don't Forget To Stay on Top\***

- **Tops TECH** 2.5 GPA in Core Courses w/ a 17 or above on ACT
- **Tops Opportunity** 2.5 GPA ACT 20 \* **Tops Performance** 3.0 GPA ACT 23
- **Tops Performance** 3.0 GPA ACT 27



#### Test Date

October 24, 2015

December 12, 2015

February 6, 2016

April 9, 2016

June 11, 2016

#### Registration Deadline

September 18, 2015

November 6, 2015

January 8, 2016

March 4, 2016

May 6, 2016

## September Dates To Remember:

\*Holy Cross College Visit 9/8/15 during FLEX. Sign up in the Counselors' Office by 9/3/15.

\*Does your child need a job? McDonalds is hiring! In fact, on 9/15/15 they will be at BCHS to discuss what part-time job opportunities are available. All interested students should sign-up in the Counselors' Office by 9/10/15 for a special McDonalds Flex presentation. A representative will assist students fill out applications and answer questions about the career opportunities at McDonalds.

\*Navy Visit during lunch on 9/16/2015 with E-6/ITS1, Navy Recruiter Jason Dunn. All students interested in finding out about a career in the Navy should stop by to see him.

\*On 9/22/15, Mrs. Monica Wertz, The PPSB Human Resources Director, will host an educational mini-seminar entitled, "Discussing Educational Careers, from a Human Resources Perspective". Please sign up in the Counselors' Office by 9/18/15.

\* "The Ins and Outs of Education", A question and answers presentation featuring a guest panel led by Mrs. Carlone will be on 9/29/15. Sign up in the Counselors' Office for this FLEX activity by 9/24/15.

\*Plaquemines Parish College and Career Day, BCHS, 9/30/15.

### **How To Get Great Letters of Recommendation**

For many students, deciding who to ask for letters of recommendation can be as nerve wracking as writing the application essay! Here are some tips on getting letters that will help your application stand above the rest.

#### **Whom should you ask?**

Start with teachers of your core academic classes. Aim for someone who knows you personally and can communicate your strengths. Note: sometimes colleges will require a letter from a particular subject teacher... for example, an engineering program may require a letter from a math or science teacher.

#### **When should you ask?**

Give your letter writers plenty of time, at least one month before the letters are due. Follow up with them after a few weeks to make sure they are aware of your deadline. Provide them with a stamped, addressed envelope.

#### **How to get a GREAT letter?**

Talk to the people who are writing the recommendation. Remind them of your accomplishments and let them in on your future plans. Providing a fact sheet about yourself and a list of your extra curriculars as a reference may help your letter writer with those specific details that make you unique!