High School Counseling Office Newsletter 10/2/2026

Important Info

Sophomore Parent Meeting on Tuesday, October 6th at 6 pm in the theatre. Topics will include ATS programs, Dual Credit Options, A+, and much more. See the attached flyer for more information.

FAFSA Night, 10/27/26- 6pm in the Intermediate Board Room-Counselors and a representative from Scholarship Foundation STL will be there to help walk you through the application process and answer questions. Please bring your own computer. The FAFSA is required for anyone taking out grants/loans/or using A+.

There will be an Attendance Incentive Day at the Farm on October 27th. This is for students with 90% attendance, no F's, no lunch detentions, no after-school detentions, and no ISS or OSS. Food and drink trucks will be there to purchase items. There will be games and prizes.

What's Happening

The counselors have been meeting with the Sophomore Class during Advisory to go over graduation requirements, career surveys, and post-graduate plans. Mrs. Dix has started meeting with the seniors individually to discuss their college plans, career plans, or military plans.

Jostens met with the Senior Class and handed out packets to purchase graduation items. They also met with the Sophomore class to go over information on class rings. Jostens will be back on October 6th to take the order forms from seniors and on October 7th to take order forms from Sophomores. *Packets are still in the main office if your student did not attend the meeting.

Important Dates

10/6/26-Sophomore Parent Night, 6-8pm

10/14/26-No School/Teacher Work Day

10/15/26-Jefferson College Health Care Career Day

10/27/26- Attendance Incentive Day at the Farm

10/27/26-Flu Clinic (see attached flyer)

10/27/26- FAFSA Night, 6pm in the Intermediate Board Room-

11/11/26-No School-Veterans Day

11/11/26- State Tech Field Trip, Maryville/MBU/Lindendwood Field Trip

11/13/26-High School Veterans Day Assembly

11/25-11/27- No School-Thanksgiving Break

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Scholarships

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fK9ZVJfUPXTDn2Uq98N_n1JPUMrhD1vMdyuEjrOVXj8/edit?usp=sharing

Scholarships will be added to this spreadsheet as Mrs. Dix receives them. There will be paper copies for the students to pick up in the counseling office. The students are notified of scholarship opportunities in their google classroom as well as in the morning announcements. Please reach out to Mrs. Dix if there are any questions.

Upcoming ACT Dates

Test Date:	**Registration Deadline:**
*December 12, 2026	November 6, 2026

*See attached flyer for more information.

College Field Trips

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PNPp89_b_80rVNM4cbVGJzhZDZiltTet2Fb92VwhqOk/edit?usp=sharing

11/11/26-State Technical College-More information to come.

11/11/26- Missouri Baptist University/Maryville University/Lindenwood University-More information to come.

College & Career Visitors

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zk-eJ6wiQ__6ZyBBXCXR9QNIadubwEb0I2VsDOt2utM/edit?usp=sharing

10/7/26- Duke University- 10:30am

10/7/26 University of Missouri St. Louis - during all lunch shifts

10/13/26-Mizzou - 1pm

10/16/26-Electrician's Union- 11am & Missouri State University at 12:30pm

10/21/26-Washington University- 1pm

10/30/26- Missouri Baptist University- 9am

Community Information

4th Annual Second-Time Parents Event- Wednesday, October 7th from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Fox Service Center. This event is for any families in the community who are parenting the second time around (grandparents, aunts/uncles, siblings, foster parents, etc.). Community agencies will be present to share resources. Food and activities will be provided for the families/kids who attend. See attached flyer.

10/10/26-Free Helmet Clinic at Festus Library. See attached flyer.

10/17/26- Halloween Parade and Boo at the Farm. See attached flyer.

10/27/26-Flu Vaccine Clinic at the schools. See attached flyer.

10/31/26- Trunk or Treat at Hillsboro United Methodist Church. See attached flyer.

12/3/26- Parent Info Night presented by Atlas Youth Outreach. Topics include Teen Mental Health and Communication with Teens. See attached flyer.

Local Food Resources

Gracelife Chapel- For Anyone
https://www.gracelifechapel.co/
1st Tuesday of the month at the DeSoto location, 5 pm
3rd Thursday of the month at the Pevely location, 5 pm
No Sign Up/No proof of income or identity required

Living Faith Food Pantry- For Anyone
Located at 2170 Buck Creek Rd, Festus 636-937-4999
Typically the 2nd Thursday of the month from 9am-noon
MUST REGISTER at
www.livingfaithministries.net
Follow Facebook page for more info

Hillsboro Food Pantry
10399 Business 21, Hillsboro
Every Thursday
https://hillsborofoodpantry.com/
636-789-5920
Follow Facebook

If you need help with something that is not listed above please contact Shannon Zimmerly at 636-789-0000, Ext. 1026 or zimmerly_shannon@hsdr3.org

Ongoing Support in Jeffco

Day of Week	Time	Location	Details	Questions?
Every Day (365 days per year)	**24/7**	**Compass- Behavioral Health Crisis Ctr** 222 North Mill Street, Festus, MO 63028	**Support for individuals 18+ in a crisis; Provides connection to long-term treatment and assistance for behavioral health areas of concern.**	**833-356-2427**
Every Monday-Saturday (weekly)	**10 am - 6 pm (Mon-Fri) & 11 am - 7 pm (Sat)**	**The Collective Recovery Community Ctr** 924 Jeffco Executive Dr., Imperial, MO 63052	**Skill-building workshops, support groups, and a welcoming space to connect, grow and heal.**	**314-912-9043**
Every Monday-Friday (weekly)	**8 am - 4 pm** (hours may vary slightly per location)	**Compass Health Network** *Multiple Locations in Jefferson County*	**Open Access: Allows clients to receive walk-in care, typically for behavioral health services, without needing a prior appointment.**	**844-853-8937**
Every Monday (weekly)	**11:30 am - 12:30 pm** (doors open at 9:00 am)	**First United Methodist Church of Festus** 113 Grand Avenue, Festus, MO 63028	**FREE Meal and Connection to Resources. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**	**314-620-8365**
Every Tuesday (weekly)	**9 am** (first come, first serve basis)	**Chestnut Health Systems** 102 Fourth Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050	**Behavioral Health Walk in Clinic**	**636-638-2618**
Every Tuesday (weekly)	**11:30 am - 12:30 pm** (doors open at 9:00 am)	**The Salvation Army** 3740 Telegraph Road, Arnold, MO 63010	**FREE Meal, and Connection to Resources. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**	**314-620-8365**
Every Thursday (weekly)	**1 pm - 3 pm**	**First Baptist Church of Festus** 107 N Truman Blvd, Festus, MO 63028	**FREE Meal, Shower, Essential Supplies and Connection to Resources. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**	**636-937-3668**
Every Thursday (weekly)	**11:30 am - 12:30 pm** (doors open at 9:00 am)	**The Salvation Army** 3740 Telegraph Road, Arnold, MO 63010	**FREE Meal, and Connection to Resources. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**	**314-620-8365**

Need To Find A Support Group or Treatment Options? Visit www.jeffcohealth.org/community-resources
("Click" Jeffco Resource Guide and go to the "Substance Use and Chemical Dependency Treatment" section)



COMPLETE ACT TEST DATE DATE SCHEDULE 2026-2027



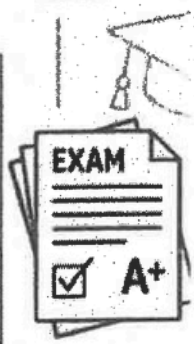
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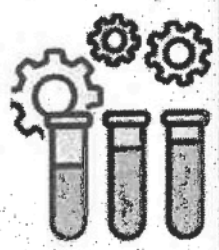
The ACT is offered 7 times per year at test centers across the United States. Scores are released approximately 2–4 weeks each test. Register through your MyACT account to secure your spot and find an approved test center near you.





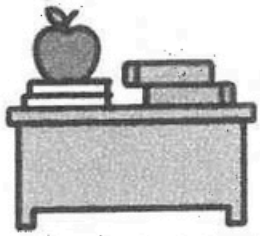
Test Date	Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date)	Late Deadline	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline	Paper Initial Score Release
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1	September 14	October 6
October 17, 2026 •	September 11	September 29	October 12	October 27
December 12, 2026 •	November 6	November 29	December 7	December 22
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9	February 22	March 16
April 10, 2027 •	March 5	March 23	April 5	April 20
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25	June 7	June 23
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22	July 5	July 20





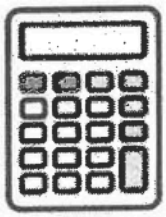


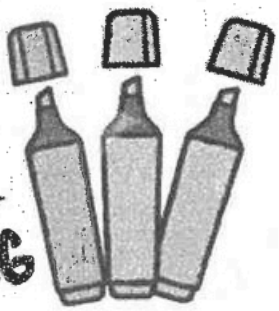












REGISTER NOW AT MYACT.ORG

• offered at Hillsboro in Oct., Dec. & April

Signing up for the ACT

- Go to actstudent.org
- Create an account and use a non-school email address. Store your account information in a safe place.
- Choose: "paper format" (most students do better with this format. Hillsboro is a paper only test center)
- Choose: " no writing" and "no science" unless you know that you need to take those for some reason.
- Choose: Hillsboro test center 240-690
- If you are on free/reduced lunch, come see Mrs. Dix for a fee waiver.
- The school district will reimburse you one time for the cost of the test. Reimbursement forms can be found with Mrs. Dix. You pay for the test first, and reimbursement is distributed after scores have been received by the school.
- If you are an athlete who needs to send scores to NCAA, use the code 9999
- If you have an IEP or a 504 plan, please come see Mrs. Dix to make sure that you register in a way to ensure you get your accommodations.

HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
Sophomore Class Parent Night

October 6th, 6pm
in the HHS Theatre

Hawks

Class of 2029

Join us!

Topics:

- ATS Program Requirements
- Early College Academy Program
- ACT Dates & Sign Up Deadlines
- College Campus Visits
- EOC Testing
- Dual Credit Options
- A+
- Summer Volunteer Hours
- Summer School
- Early Graduation
- NCAA



October 27th
6pm

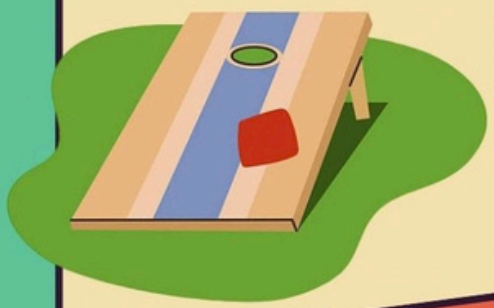
- Required for A+
- Please bring a copy of your parent/guardian 2025 tax return
- Need Social Security Number

At Hillsboro Intermediate - Board Room
10478 MO-21

The FAFSA for the school year 2026-2027 is open! Join us in the Intermediate Board Room and bring your own computer. We will have experts on hand to help you complete the form. All students taking the A+ scholarship or taking out grants or loans will need to do a FAFSA.

CREATE YOUR FAFSA ID AHEAD OF TIME TO ENSURE A SMOOTH PROCESS.

See Mrs. Dix for more information



HHS Presents

WIN PRIZES

Fall Festival October 27th

11:30am-1pm

EVENT QUALIFIERS:

- 90% ATTENDANCE
- No F's
- No Lunch Detentions
- No after School Detentions
- No ISS
- No Oss

- **Based on data from September 28th-October 23rd**

- Giant Yard Games
- Volleyball
- Cornhole
- Face Painting
- Petting Zoo
- Prize Giveaways

FOOD & DRINK TRUCKS

COMMUNITY EVENT

EVERYONE welcome!

Journey Community Church and JCCU

12312 MO-21
DeSoto, MO 63020

10/6/26
11a-4p







WHAT WILL BE THERE:

- CONNECTION TO SERVICES
- FREE HAIR CUTS
- FREE HOT MEAL
- FREE IMMUNIZATIONS
- FREE PREGNANCY RELATED SERVICES
- FREE LAUNDRY UNIT ON SITE

No ride? Let us know!

636-208-8575 or 314-737-1209
moneal@compasshn.org
edunman@compasshn.org

CALLING ALL SECOND TIME PARENTS

This is a free event that is held to connect grandfamilies and other family members that are raising their grandkids, nieces, nephews, siblings, etc. to different resources throughout the community

- Food and Drinks
- Supervised Activities for Students
- Halloween Costumes
- Access to Community Resources

Wednesday
October 7, 2026

5:30 PM
7:30 PM

Fox Service Center
849 Jeffco Blvd.,
Arnold

FOX C-6 School District



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FREE BIKE RODEO & HELMET CLINIC with THE BOTTLENECK BRIDGE RIDE

Saturday October 10, 2026
12:30 to 2 pm

Location: Festus Library
400 W Main Street, Festus, MO

Children **Ages 3-12** receive a **FREE** bike helmet/fitting (while supply last) courtesy of the Twin City Area Optimist Club

Learn to bike safely!

Bring your own bike for rodeo.



3rd Annual Hillsboro

HALLOWEEN PARADE & COMMUNITY BOO AT THE BARN

Saturday | 17 | October

6:00 PM

~ BOO AT THE BARN ~

FOLLOWING THE HALLOWEEN PARADE JOIN US AT BRIDLE RIDGE ACRES FOR A SPOOKY GOOD TIME! TRUNK OR TREAT, SPOOKY BARN WALK, HAUNTED TRAIL, BONFIRE, MUSIC, FOOD, COSTUME CONTEST, PUMPKIN DECORATING, LIVE ANIMALS & MORE!



All activities Kid Friendly!

BOO AT THE BARN IS A FREE EVENT HOWEVER, DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE HILLSBORO AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT!

To enter the Parade visit our website or scan the QR Code.

Hillsboro R-III Bridle Ridge Acres is a part of Hillsboro R-III School District located at 200 Bridle Ridge Ln.

636-481-6718 | Hillsborochamberoffice@gmail.com

HillsboroChamberofCommerce.com

Flu Vaccine Clinic

Oct. 27th

Hillsboro School District

Hillsboro Students and Employees

Registration Required

Registration closes on Oct. 19th at 11:45PM

Hawks

Jefferson County Health Department


TRUNK OR TREAT
HILLSBORO UMC • 4810 HWY B
SATURDAY, OCT. 31ST · 5:00-8:00PM
FEATURING:
The BRUNCH BOX
ALLERGEN-FREE OPTIONS
ALL ARE WELCOME!

ATLAS YOUTH OUTREACH PRESENTS:

Parent Info Night

Thurs, Dec 3rd

Atlas Youth Outreach Office
1515 Astra Way Arnold, MO 63010
5:00-6:30pm

Calling All Parents!

We invite all parents, guardians, and caregivers to attend our upcoming Parent Info night to discuss:

- Teen Mental Health
- Communication with Teens
- Q & A

Register Here:

ATLAS YOUTH OUTREACH
info@atlasyouthoutreach.org
www.atlasyouthoutreach.org
1515 Astra Way Arnold, MO 63010