

National Merit Semifinalists

Bishop Luers High School is proud to announce our two National Merit Scholarship semifinalists Gianna Eyrich and Genevieve Cicchiello! Congratulations Gianna and Genevieve and good luck in the next steps of this elite scholarship program.

Mental Health Therapist

Bishop Luers is continuing to partner with Catholic Charities to offer mental health counseling services for students. Please let the school counseling department know if your student is in need of mental health counseling.

Suicide Prevention Month

September is Suicide Prevention Month and to honor this month, below are 5 steps you can take to help someone in suicidal crisis.

1. If you think someone might be considering suicide, take the first step and ask directly, “Are you thinking about killing yourself?”
2. If someone you know is thinking about suicide, take the next step and listen to their reasons for feeling hopeless and in pain. Listen without judgement and with compassion and empathy.
3. If you ask someone if they are thinking about suicide and they say yes, separate them from anything they are thinking of using to hurt themselves.
4. If someone you know is thinking about suicide, help them connect to resources like the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 988 or (1-800-273-TALK <8255>). Help them build a support system including family, friends, campus ministers, coaches, school counselors, and therapists.
5. If someone you know tells you they’ve been thinking about suicide, don’t forget to take the last step and follow up with them. **IT CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!**

As of July 16, 2022, **988** is now live as a new national three-digit dialing code for reaching the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The current long-form phone number of 1-800-273-TALK will also continue to be an option.

Senior Families

Senior students and their parents, please join us at Luers Café for a Financial Aid Night Event on Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 6:30-7:30. Completing the Financial Aid application can be a complex, overwhelming experience. On this night, you will hear from IFSAA (Indiana Student Financial Aid Association) Regional Coordinator, Scott Thum, and 21st Century Scholars, Dr. Verleish Jones, who will provide you with valuable information you will need to complete your financial aid application this year. We hope to see many of our seniors and their parents there!

On Wednesday, September 28, our school counselors visited senior classes to review Naviance, Common App, and college applications. Parents, please talk to your seniors about what they learned and reach out to a school counselor if you have further questions.

College Visits

College, university, and career representatives will visit Bishop Luers during KRT over the next several months. Next week, we will have visitors on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: Miami University, Fort Wayne

Metals, Kettering University, and DePauw University, respectively. Juniors and seniors are welcome; please sign up on Naviance. Space is limited, so do not wait!

Manchester University Fall Visit Events

Manchester University is hosting scheduled events for students interested in a variety of majors over the upcoming months. Visit *on campus* during the spring semester of your junior year or anytime during your senior year and earn an extra \$2000 (\$500/year x 4 years) toward your tuition! This is in addition to the aid you will receive from Manchester scholarships. See visit [On Campus Visit Landing Page \(manchester.edu\)](#) for more information.

PFW Visit Day

Purdue Fort Wayne will host a PSAT Day on Wednesday, October 12. There will be two sessions to choose from: 10 AM to noon or 1:30-3:30 PM. Each session will consist of campus tours (including housing) and an admissions presentation, covering academic programs, student life, the campus experience, admissions process, and more. The last day to Register for students is October 7th. [PSAT Day Registration Link Here](#)

Grace College Full Tuition Scholarship

Grace College in Winona Lake recently announced that all Indiana students with a household AGI less than or equal to \$65,000 will have full tuition covered. At Grace, 100% of our students receive financial aid with nearly 25% already attending Grace [tuition free!](#)

Columbia University Academic Year Immersion Program

Columbia University, NY is offering exploratory coursework in the Fall and Spring semesters for qualified applicants. Visit their website at [Academic Year Immersion | Columbia University School of Professional Studies](#) and see this [flyer](#) for more information. The early registration deadline to apply is Tuesday, October 11. Finally, use the code **HSIM220**, and the \$80 application fee will be waived.

DAR Scholarship

Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to sponsor the \$1000 DAR Good Citizens award and Scholarship in our area. There is also a \$300 award for second place and a \$200 award for third place. This program honors one outstanding young person in the senior class who demonstrates the qualities of a DAR Good Citizen. The qualities are Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism. The deadline to apply is Thursday, November 5. Please check Naviance to apply and see further details for this scholarship.

SAT and ACT

The next SAT testing date is Saturday, November 5; the deadline to sign up is Friday, October 7. Please visit [College Board - SAT, AP, College Search and Admission Tools](#) to begin the registration process.

Saturday, December 10 is the next ACT testing date with a registration deadline of Friday, November 4. Sign up and more date options can be found at [ACT | College and Career Readiness Solutions](#).

College Go Week

College Go Week takes place September 26-30. “The goal is to help high school seniors navigate the college admissions process and ensure each student submits at least one admissions application. Many Indiana universities join in the celebration by taking away their college application fees for a day so that students can apply for free.” Between now and then, consider which schools you would like to apply to and check [Applying to Schools - Learn More Indiana](#) to see if your school of choice will waive their application fee during College Go Week. More information can be found at [Learn More Indiana | College Go Resources](#).

NEINFAME

The Northeast Indiana Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education program through Ivy Tech connects area students with employer partners such as AMT, Fort Wayne Metals, LH Industries, Micropulse, Steel Dynamics, and ZimmerBiomet so they can pursue a 2-year degree. This program provides the selected student with a paid work experience working part-time while attending classes. NEINFAME is hosting several informational sessions via Zoom. To attend a session and learn more, visit the following links.

Students and Parents Informational Sessions:

Session Option Dates: 9/27, 10/6, 10/11, 10/25

Time: 7pm-8pm

RSVP Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NEINFAMEZoomRSVP>

Event Location: Zoom Invite will be sent to registered guests

NEIN FAME APPLICATION: <https://neinfame.com/application/>

Visit Website: <https://northeastindianafame.com/>