

# Staley 'SOAR'ce

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Questions to Ask About Your Prospective College
- College Tour Information
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- ACT Prep information
- Testing Dates for ACT for 2013-2014
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## COLLEGE & CAREER INFORMATION

- The **University of Nebraska: Lincoln** will be hosting visit days for prospective students. Red Letter Day will be held January 17th or 24th, February 7th, 17th or 28th, March 14th or 17th, and April 18th. For more information or to register for either event, go to [admissions.unl.edu/visit-ne](http://admissions.unl.edu/visit-ne).
- **Benedictine College** will be hosting their annual Raven Days for prospective students. Raven Days will be held on January 20th, February 17th, March 21st or 28th, April 4th or 25th. For more information, go to [www.benedictine.edu/apply/visit/raven-day](http://www.benedictine.edu/apply/visit/raven-day).
- **Loyola University Maryland** will be hosting visit days for prospective students. The visit days will be January 25th, February 15th, March 15th or April 26th. For more information, go to [www.loyola.edu/saturday](http://www.loyola.edu/saturday).
- **Truman State University** will be hosting a preview days for prospective students. They will be held January 25th, March 22nd or April 26th. For more information or to register for the event, go to [admissions.truman.edu/visit/index](http://admissions.truman.edu/visit/index).
- **Missouri Southern State University** will be hosting visit days for prospective students. The visit days will be held February 1st, March 1st, April 5th or May 3rd. For more information or to register, go to [www.mssu.edu/offices/admissions/campus-tours/saturday-tours](http://www.mssu.edu/offices/admissions/campus-tours/saturday-tours).
- **Columbia College** will be hosting Scholarship Days for prospective students. They will be held February 1st or February 15th. For more information or to register for the event, go to [www.ccis.edu/day/scholarshipday](http://www.ccis.edu/day/scholarshipday).
- **Missouri University of Science & Technology** will be hosting visit days for prospective students. Miner Days will be held on February 7th, March 10th or 17th, or April 4th. An Open House Day will be held February 17th or April 18th. For more information or to register for the event, go to <http://futurestudents.mst.edu/visit/>.
- **Seton Hall University** will be offering an Open House event for prospective students. The Open House date is February 16th. For more information, call 1-800-843-4255 or go to <http://www7.shu.edu/admissions/open-house.cfm>.
- The **University of Central Missouri** will be hosting preview days for prospective students. Red Days will be held February 17th, March 7th or March 28th. For more information, to register for the event, or to find a visit day for a specific program, go to [www.ucmo.edu/undergrad/visit/oncampus](http://www.ucmo.edu/undergrad/visit/oncampus).
- **Pittsburgh State University** will be hosting Senior Saturdays this spring. It will be March 1st. Seniors will have a chance to meet with several academic departments and tour the campus. The cost is \$10 per student & \$5 per guest. Please register at <http://www.pittstate.edu/undergraduate/visitdays>.
- **Linn State Technical College** will host a Junior Preview Day on March 14th. Space is limited. For more information or to register, go to [www.linnstate.edu](http://www.linnstate.edu) and click on the *Junior Preview Day* link.



- *Students must be in 11th or 12th grade to attend college visits.*
- *Students must sign up with Mrs. Wiggins in Student Support to attend visit and receive pass by 2 PM the day before the visit.*

## College Rep Visits

The fall traveling season for college representatives is over. It will start up again late January or early February. If there are any colleges that you would like to see visit Staley in the spring, please contact Mrs. Wiggins in Student Support and she will attempt to arrange a representative to visit.

The Student Support Office has several books on preparing for college available for parents to check out. If you are interested, please stop by and see what we have available.

### College Informational Files

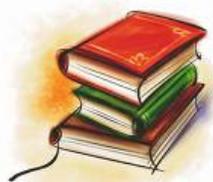
Student Support has been working to improve the college informational files for our students. There are currently over 170 files on colleges from across the country. The files are for students to look through in order to aid them in their college choice and many of them have extra materials available for students to take.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

- ◇ Describe the size, location, and culture of the college.
- ◇ Does the college offer the major that you're interested in studying?
- ◇ What are the admissions policies and standards along with requirements and deadlines?
- ◇ What financial aid and scholarship opportunities are available?
- ◇ What is the academic reputation of the college?
- ◇ Does the college have a clear plan for your ultimate graduation from that school?
- ◇ What organization accredits the college?
- ◇ Who teaches the undergraduate students?
- ◇ What living arrangements are available?
- ◇ What extracurricular activities are offered?

**WEB:** [www.sthscounseling.weebly.com](http://www.sthscounseling.weebly.com)

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## Free Online Tutoring

\*Mid-Continent Public Library offers free online tutoring everyday from 3 to 11 PM. Subjects covered are math, science, social studies, and writing for secondary grades as well as some at the introductory college level. For more information, go to

[www.mcpl.lib.mo.us](http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us)

## College Tours

Seniors and Juniors\* are encouraged to visit colleges and universities that they are interested in attending. The Campus Visit packet is available in Student Support. The completed packet, including parent, teacher, and counselor signatures, must be returned to Student Services before the visit. Due to a change in a state policy, campus visits will count as an absence.



The American Council of Trustees and Alumni have launched a new website, [What Will They Learn.com](http://WhatWillTheyLearn.com). This website asks a simple question about today's students: What will they learn? Specifically, will they gain the knowledge and skills they need to compete in the global marketplace, lead our nation thoughtfully, and be lifelong learners? Many college guides and ranking systems measure institutions' prestige and reputation, but no guide has looked at what students are actually required to learn. This is what this website will give you. If your school is not listed you may call (202) 467-6787 to receive more information or go to [www.whatwilltheylearn.com](http://www.whatwilltheylearn.com).

## Attention senior male students

Almost all male U.S. citizens, and male aliens living in the U.S., who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. It's important to know that even though he is registered, a man will not automatically be inducted into the military. In a crisis requiring a draft, men would be called in sequence determined by random lottery number and year of birth. Then, they would be examined for mental, physical and moral fitness by the military before being deferred or exempted from military service or inducted into the Armed Forces.

Registering for Selective Service is required in filling out the FAFSA, and it is required for the Missouri A+ Program. To register online, log on to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)

### ACT and SAT Info

Students who plan to go directly to a 4 year college after high school need to take the ACT or the SAT test beginning in the second semester of their junior year. It is recommended that students take the tests a minimum of two times.

Students planning on going to college in the Midwest need only take the ACT test. Students planning to attend a highly selective university or a college on either coast should take the SAT. Please visit your students' college of choice's website to find out which exam is required.

#### 2013–2014 Test Dates for ACT

**COST:** \$36.50

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)	Photo Upload Deadline
February 8, 2014	January 10	January 11 – 24	January 31
April 12, 2014	March 7	March 8 – 21	April 4
June 14, 2014	May 9	May 10 – 23	June 6

#### 2013-2014 Test Dates for SAT

**COST:** \$51.00

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
January 25, 2014	December 27	January 10
March 8, 2014	February 7	February 21
May 3, 2014	April 4	April 18
June 7, 2014	May 9	May 23

### ACT Prep

\*\*Staley High School offers **free** ACT Prep at [www.mystudentedge.com](http://www.mystudentedge.com). All seniors registered last year as juniors & have access to the website.

\*\*Staley will be offering **free ACT prep during the school day**. Feb. 8th Exam: 1-29 & 1-30, April 12th Exam: 4-3 & 4-10. Please see Mrs. Wiggins to register for any of these prep classes.

\*\*NKC Schools Community Education ACT Prep Classes: Date varies. Cost is \$69. Register at: 816-413-5494.



The Staley Counseling Website is filled with helpful information. Be sure to take a peek!

[sthscounseling.weebly.com/](http://sthscounseling.weebly.com/)



**Staley High School  
ACT Prep  
2013-2014  
Session III  
Fee: \$50**

**January 11-February 5, 2014**

<b>ACT Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Fee Required</b>
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	January 11 – 24, 2014

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saturday, Jan. 11	8:00-11:00 AM	ACT Diagnostic Test #1	Great Hall
Tuesday, Jan. 21	6:00 - 8:00 PM	English	CR 254
Wednesday, Jan. 22	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Math	CR 252
Saturday, Jan. 25	8:00-11:00 AM	ACT Diagnostic Test #2	Great Hall
Tuesday, Jan. 28	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Reading	CR 254
Wednesday, Jan. 29	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Science	CR 222
Saturday, Feb. 1	7:30-11:30 AM	ACT Practice Test	Great Hall
Tuesday, Feb. 4	6:00-8:00 PM	Review English/Reading	CR 254
Wednesday, Feb. 5	6:00-8:00 PM	Review Math/Science	CR 252/ CR222
Saturday, Feb. 8	7:30 AM -12:00 PM	ACT Test	Staley

See Mrs. Wiggins with payment and to be placed on the list.

Dates for follow-up sessions. There will be additional details forth coming.

● Session IV: Mar. 8 - Apr. 9

● Session V: TBA



## Important Information

Some universities in Missouri & Kansas (examples: University of Missouri: Columbia, Northwest Missouri State University) will **no longer consider ACT scores received from high schools as an official record**. ACT scores for these schools now **must come directly from ACT**. Please check with the admissions office of the university that you are applying to verify if an ACT record received from Staley High School would be considered official. If it must be received from ACT, you must indicate on your ACT exam registration where you want your scores sent.



## Student Contests

### Open to all Staley High School Students

2014 Drive2Life Contest

Students create a PSA to encourage safe teen driving.

Deadline: February 12, 2014

For more information, go to <http://www.scholastic.com/drive2life/>

Missouri State University will host a Public Affairs Academy this summer on their campus in Springfield.

Participating students will spend one week understanding their role as engaged citizens, participating in discussion forums with distinguished speakers, and learn leadership skills needed to become involved in their communities. The Academy will be held from July 19 to July 26, 2014 and is open to high school Sophomores & Juniors. Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2014. Students selected to attend the Academy will have to pay a \$50 registration fee.

For more information, contact Candace Fisk at (417) 836-5946 or go to [www.missouristate.edu/mpaa](http://www.missouristate.edu/mpaa) for an application.



The University of Missouri: Columbia will be hosting its annual Mini Med School for High School Students in June. This week long event is for students entering their senior year in high school and will give students a preview of what life is like for a MU medical student. The application deadline is March 1st. To download the application, go to <http://medicine.missouri.edu/admissions/minimed.html>.

For more information, contact Lindsey Gentry at (573) 882-9219.



The University of Nebraska: Lincoln will host Career Exploration Summer Workshops in June, 2014. The workshops are designed to provide high school students an opportunity to experience the fields of architecture, landscape architecture or interior design.

Applications are available in the Student Support office. The application deadline is April 7th. For more information or if you have questions,

please contact

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# Summer Opportunities!

- The Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts will be hosting a Summer Session that is an intense, 5-week, academic enrichment program for students in grades 9-12. Students will choose classes to participate in during the day; academic classes in the morning and recreational classes in the afternoon. The application process begins in January. For more information or for the application, go to [www.andover.edu/summer](http://www.andover.edu/summer).
- Missouri University of Science & Technology will be hosting several different summer academies. To learn about the different programs available, go to [summer.mst.edu](http://summer.mst.edu), email [precollege@mst.edu](mailto:precollege@mst.edu) or call 573-341-4228
- Emory University is offering a Summer Pre-College Program to high school students that have completed their Sophomore or Junior year. Students will have the opportunity to earn college credit, live on campus, and participate in activities designed to prepare them for college life. For more information or to register, go to <http://precollege.emory.edu/>.
- Summer Discovery is an organization that provides internships, college credit, and enrichment courses to high school students each summer. To learn more about the opportunities available through Summer Discovery, go to [www.summerdiscovery.com/](http://www.summerdiscovery.com/).
- Syracuse University will be hosting several different summer academies. Students can choose from both credit and non-credit programs that are 2, 4, or 6 weeks long in a variety of academic departments. To learn about the different programs available, go to [www.summercollege.syr.edu](http://www.summercollege.syr.edu).
- St. Louis University will be hosting several different summer scholar programs, athletic camps and academic academies. For more information, go to [summer.slu.edu](http://summer.slu.edu) or email [summer@slu.edu](mailto:summer@slu.edu).
- The Missouri Military Academy is hosting a leadership camp open to males age 14 to 17. The camp will provide leadership, team-building and physical training opportunities. For more information, go to [www.MissouriMilitaryAcademy.org/summerprograms](http://www.MissouriMilitaryAcademy.org/summerprograms) or call 573-581-1776, ext. 321.