

September Topics for 11th Grade TA

SEPTEMBER:

- PowerSchool grades online
 - Make sure students have their usernames and passwords.

- PSAT, ASVAB, ACT
 - The **PSAT** is primarily for juniors. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation uses the PSAT to determine scholarship winners. Listen to announcements for more information. Students registering for this test will have to pay a fee.

 - The **ASVAB** is offered to juniors and seniors. It is administered by the military, but not limited to only students interested in the military. Listen to announcements for more information. This test is free to juniors and seniors.

 - A question is often asked about when a junior should take the **ACT**. Though there is no time limit to the number of times a student can take the ACT test, **it is often suggested that a junior wait to take the test until spring of their junior year**. As the test is content based, being further along in classes helps improve the chances for a higher score. At that time, many junior teachers provide strategies and tips for preparing for the exam. Packets are available in the counseling center or sign up online at www.actstudent.org.

- Resources for struggling students—don't wait until the last minute to get help!
 - Discuss how to communicate with teachers
 - Work with the teacher before and after school
 - After School Academy/After Hours
 - Tutoring—see Mr. Bacus or talk to your counselor
 - Failing two classes—will probably go into guided study hall

- Progress Reports
 - Sent home approximately September, November, and April.

- Attendance and ½ credit issues due to attendance
 - “A student who exceeds eight absences or two unexcused absences during a semester will forfeit half credit for that class.”

□ Honor Roll/GPA

- Define honor roll—quarter, semester
 - To earn honor roll, must achieve 3.25 GPA
 - Academic Letter, must achieve 3.75 GPA for year
- Discuss “Weighted Grades, GPA and Class Rank”
- Discuss “How zero’s crash your grade in a class”.