

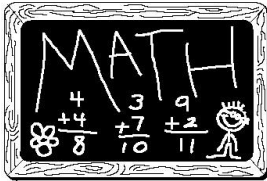
Guidance Newsletter

Armstrong Junior-Senior High School



April 2018

What exactly is an Actuary?



An actuary is a business professional who uses mathematical skills to define, analyze, and solve financial and social problems and manage risk. Actuaries are employed by insurance companies, consulting firms, large corporations, and the federal and state governments.

ACMH Junior Volunteer Program



Want to make a difference by volunteering in the community? If you answered yes, one way you can do so is by participating in the ACMH Junior Volunteer Program. This program is open to all teens - male or female- who are at least 14 years old. Depending on your age, there are a variety of junior assignment opportunities, such as snack bar, information desk and physical therapy volunteers, just to name a few. For more information and an application, see your guidance counselor or visit <http://acmh.org/auxiliary/volunteering/>.

IUP Dual Enrollment registration is now open

Any sophomore or junior who is interested in applying to IUP's Dual Enrollment program for the summer or fall semester should see Mrs. Giconi for a registration packet. You must have a minimum 3.0 gpa to take dual enrollment courses.

Summer Health Career Academy to be held at Pitt University



Any academically inclined 9th or 10th grade student who is interested in health care careers may apply to the Summer Health Career Academy, which will be held at the University of Pittsburgh on July 16th through July 20th.

An on-line application and additional information can be downloaded at <http://www.southwestahec.org/hca/>. See Mrs. Giconi for more information.

Applications must be received by the organization by the firm deadline of Friday, April 27, 2018.

BC3's College Within the High School Fall 2018

Course: General Psychology
Classes will be held on Thursdays
Start date and time TBA
An announcement will be made when registration materials are available.

Looking Ahead



AP Exams

Any junior or senior who is going to apply or has applied for **NCAA** should stop by the guidance office. More information is available at www.eligibilitycenter.org.



Graduating seniors will need to complete a transcript request form during graduation practice in order for your final transcripts to be sent to NCAA in June.

Are you a junior who is interested in majoring in Sports Medicine?

If so, information on the Freddie Fu Sports Medicine Scholarship is now available.

The program is for current juniors (class of 2019) who are interested in a career in Sports Medicine.

One \$2000 scholarship will be awarded to an individual in return for a six-week (30-40 hours/week) internship.

The on-line application and program information is available at

<http://www.upmc.com/Services/sports-medicine/Documents/2015%20Freddie%20Fu%20Scholarship.pdf>.

The application packet must be postmarked by the firm deadline of Saturday, April 21, 2018. See Mrs. Giconi for more information.

Are you a college bound senior high student with an IEP?

If you are interested in taking the PSAT, SAT, and/or AP exam(s) during your high school career, you may be eligible for accommodations through the College Board. Interested students should talk with his/her guidance counselor about applying for accommodations.

Anyone taking an AP course during the 2017-2018 school year is required to participate in the AP exam(s) for the class(es) in which he/she is enrolled. The exception is AP Statistics, which is optional.

Exam dates are as follows:

Pre-administration Session - April 30th - May 4th during seminar

Tuesday, May 8 th (am)	AP Spanish Language
(pm)	AP Physics
Wednesday, May 9 th (am)	AP English Literature
Friday, May 11 th (am)	AP American History
Monday, May 14 th (am)	AP Biology
Tuesday, May 15 th (am)	AP Calculus AB & BC
(pm)	AP Computer Science
Wednesday, May 16 th (am)	AP English Language
Thursday, May 17 th (pm)	AP Statistics
Friday, May 18 th (am)	AP Microeconomics

All morning (am) AP exams will begin at 8:00 am and will conclude approximately at 11:40 am. Afternoon (pm) sessions will begin at 11:45 am and end at approximately 3:30 pm. Please be sure to have transportation arranged if you ride the bus.

*Pre-administration will be held in the library the week of April 30th through May 4th. You only have to participate in the pre-administration once, regardless of how many AP exams you will be taking. See your AP teacher for the pre-admin schedule.

*Exam schedule with room assignments will be distributed during the pre-admin session.



Struggling in Class and need help?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, talk to your parents about after school tutoring. Tutoring is available by appointment every Monday through Friday afternoon from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Information is available in the guidance office.



ACCL Offering CLEP Exams

The Armstrong Center for Community Learning offers CLEP (College Level Exam Programs) which provides students an opportunity to earn 3 or more Liberal Studies college credits for \$85 plus a \$20 fee per exam (total \$105). For more information, visit www.armstrongcenter.org. For a list of college/universities that accept CLEP exams, visit www.collegeboard.org.

SAT Reminder

The SAT will be administered at AHS on Saturday, May 5th. You must register before the late registration deadline. In addition to the registration fee, there will be an additional \$29 late registration fee.

Interested in a Military Service Academy?

Check out these websites for more information:

US Naval Academy: www.usna.edu

US Air Force Academy:
<http://www.academyadmissions.com>

US Merchant Marine Academy: www.usmma.edu

Virginia Military Institute: <http://www.vmi.edu/>

Lenape Practical Nursing Program

Full-Time Programs start September and January of each year. Classes meet daily, Monday - Friday.

Part-Time Program starts February of each year. Classes meet Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening, as well as every other weekend.

104 Armstrong Street, Ford City

724-763-1311 or ungetif@lenapepnp.com

Applications available at www.lenapepnp.com

Financial aid may be available.

Help Wanted

Troy Alan Buick in Kittanning is looking for a reliable and hard-working student for a part time evening and weekend lot attendant position that could lead to full time summer position. Interested juniors and seniors can apply.

The Richard G Snyder YMCA Campus is looking for students in 10th or 11th grade who would be interested in becoming Junior Camp Counselors to assist the counselors at least 3 days a week. The Day Camp will run from June 11 through August 24. Junior Counselors will participate in a training program and will attend all the field trips and lead group activities.

OPEN HOUSE

BC3 Armstrong Campus

Wednesday, May 2nd

6:00pm-7:00pm

The \$25.00 fee will be waived

California University of PA

Saturday, April 28th

Arcadia University

Sunday, April 29th

1-877-272-2342



The Alle-Kiski Best Practices Collaborative, or **ABC Create** is sponsoring a logo contest to promote STEAM education. Anyone from our school community can participate. The winner will receive a \$200 AMAZON GIFT CARD to be used in some way that benefits the school community. Information about the contest as well as the expectations can be found at

<http://www.abccreate.org/logo-contest.html>.

Seniors...

In order to have your final transcripts sent to the college you will be attending next year, seniors must complete a final transcript request form.

Mrs. Giconi will distribute these forms during graduation practice. Final transcripts will be sent after graduation.

Requests to have final transcripts sent to NCAA must also be completed at this time!

IUP Cook Honors College to Host 2018 Summer Honors Program

Who: Current sophomores and juniors

When: July 22nd -August 4th 2018

To apply, students must submit an application, a teacher recommendation and an official high school transcript. Notification of acceptance will be mailed to students on May 15th. The program is limited to 120 students.

All enrolled students will receive a \$1000 scholarship bringing total program costs to only \$400. Full payment of \$400 is due on June 1 to hold your seat.

The application deadline is May 1st, 2018.

New at Carlow University!

Major:

Behavioral Neuroscience and Health Information Management and Analytics (HIMA)

Who is it for?

Students with a blended interest in healthcare, business and information technology.

What do they do?

Health care professionals who attend to patient medical data.

What's the job outlook?

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics this is a high demand field, expecting tremendous growth over the next 5+ years with average salaries exceeding \$96,000.



SENIORS:

Reminder - Scholarship deadlines are fast approaching!

Aspiring Nurse Scholarship: \$1,000 scholarship

Must be a current senior pursuing a major in nursing including LPN / LVN, ADN, and BSN programs

Have a track record of academic excellence, particularly in science and mathematics

Have a passion for the nursing profession and the overall field of healthcare

Visit <https://www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com> for more information. Application deadline is midnight August 31, 2018.

Armstrong County Health Care Consortium will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted in a health care major. The deadline is **May 4**, 2018.

- Stop by the guidance office for more information on these and many more scholarship opportunities. Also be sure to sign up for Remind to receive alerts on new scholarships and upcoming deadline reminders.

NCAA Final Amateurism Certification Reminder

Students enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I or II college or university in Fall 2018 may request their final amateurism certification starting **April 1**. This is a requirement to compete their freshman year.

To request final amateurism, students should log in to their Certification Account at eligibilitycenter.org and:

- Review their added sports and answers to Sports Questions.
- Check their graduation and enrollment dates and update if necessary.
- Review any open tasks and complete necessary information.
- [Click here](#) for assistance with the update process.

Remember, the enrollment date in your profile account should reflect the date you first plan to enroll in an NCAA Division I or II school.

Want to get around Armstrong County and beyond?

PROJECT EDUCATE invites you and your parents to a workshop on **TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES**

- **Armstrong County fixed bus routes and shared ride services:**
What they are, where they operate, and how to use them
- **Getting your driver's license when you have a disability:**
Resources, considerations, and available accommodations
- **Other ideas:** Additional local options and creating a roundtrip work transportation service for Armstrong-area persons with disabilities

Who: High school, tech/trade school, university students 14-21 with developmental, emotional, hearing, intellectual, learning, physical sensory, or visual barriers / disabilities, and their parents, families, and professional supports

Where: The CraftHouse and Gastropub—411 Butler Rd., Kittanning, PA

When: Tuesday, April 17th, 2018, from 6:00—7:30 PM

Complimentary appetizers and beverages provided
Please RSVP if possible to 724-841-9711 or via Facebook; walk-ins welcome!
Child care and mileage reimbursement is available.



[facebook.com/vpsprojecteducate](https://www.facebook.com/vpsprojecteducate)

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Post Secondary Spotlight:

Arcadia University

Located in Glenside, PA

Popular majors include:

- Biology/Biological Sciences,
- Psychology,
- International Business/Trade/Commerce;
- Criminology;
- Health Care Administration/Management

Arcadia University teams compete in NCAA Division III.

Men's sports teams include baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, and volleyball.

Women's sports teams include field hockey, softball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, and volleyball.

For more information on majors, campus life and athletics, visit <https://www.arcadia.edu/>.

Find out what's happening in Guidance

- Sign up for Remind to receive updates
- Contact Dr. Linkes at clinkes@asd.k12.pa.us to request to be added to the email list.

Accounting Career Awareness Program to be held at Point Park University

The National Association of Black Accountants and Point Park University are sponsoring a FREE, in-residence summer camp for minority high school students.
Camp dates are June 24th - June 29th, 2018 at Point Park University.

This one-week program is designed for qualified sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA who are interested in careers in accounting.

Application deadline is Sunday, April 15th. For more information and to complete the on-line application, visit <https://www.pointpark.edu/Academics/Schools/Business/UrbanAccountingInitiative/ACAP/>.

Why manufacturing jobs?

- ✓ Many of these jobs do not require a college degree
- ✓ Employers need machinists who can operate CNC lathes, mills and grinders
- ✓ Additional skills required: ability to read blueprints, technical math and precision measuring.

To learn more about manufacturing jobs, visit New Century Careers Training Program at <https://www.ncsquared.com/>.

Seniors... Are you eligible for the PELL grant? Would you like to go to BC3 or CCAC for free?

If so, then stop by to see your guidance counselor for information on the Job Corp College Sponsorship Program. If you were accepted to one of these schools for the Fall 2018 semester, you may be eligible to attend for two years for free *and* get paid for attending! An information session with BC3 is scheduled in May, so stop by guidance ASAP!



Penn State Deadlines for Class of 2019

- August 1, 2018 - Undergraduate applications are available
- October 1, 2018 - FAFSA (financial aid) filing begins
- November 1, 2018 - PSU's NEW Early Action filing deadline
- November 1, 2018 - Schreyer Honors College priority filing date
- November 30, 2018 - Application priority filing date for students not selecting Early Action
- December 1, 2018 - FAFSA recommended filing date
- December 24, 2018 - Early Action applicants receive decision
- January 31, 2019 - Nov 30th applicants receive decision
- Mid- February 2019 - Early awarding of student aid for Early Action applicants
- May 1, 2019 - National Decision Day. All deposits are due.

Kutztown University Summer Filmmaking Institute



June 25th to 29th
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Students of all ages will learn how to design, shoot and edit films of their own creation by using state of the art digital technology and equipment.

Overnight camp includes 5 day of instruction, breakfast, lunch and dinner, and a camp T-shirt for a cost of \$850.

A \$100 deposit is required with application. Fee can be paid in installments but must be paid in full upon camp check in. See Mrs. Giconi for more information.

Take Your Credits with You

PA CollegeTransfer.com

A resource from the PA Dept. of Education for students who have earned college credits

- High School students with dual enrollment credits should use this site
- Transfer and articulation center resource
- Interactive website helps students identify which courses will transfer among participating college and universities.

Attention seniors who have taken Dual Enrollment classes:

You must contact the college where you earned college credit to request your official college transcript(s) be sent to the college you plan to attend. Most requests can be made on the college's web site. Transcript request fees may apply.

Earn BC3 College Credits but know the facts before you decide.

College Within the High School vs. College Pathways

CWHS	College Pathways
After school at High School	On campus
Reduced tuition	Full price tuition
One time \$25 application fee	One time \$25 application fee
Pre-selected course	Over 50 course options
Sophomores, juniors & seniors	Juniors & seniors only
3.0 GPA - juniors & seniors	3.0 GPA - juniors & seniors
3.25 GPA - sophomores	

California University of PA Upcoming Events

April 21st : Exploring Data Science/ Eberly Hall

May 18th-May 19th: National Robotics League Competition

Air National Guard 171st Air Refueling Wing

Attend one of these state universities **TUITION FREE!**

Bloomsburg University	California University
Cheney University	Clarion University
East Stroudsburg University	Edinboro University
Indiana University	Kutztown University
Lock Haven University	Mansfield University
Millersville University	Shippensburg University
Slippery Rock University	West Chester University

Or attend any other college or university in Pennsylvania and you receive **\$3,746** per semester in **TUITION ASSISTANCE** for up to ten semesters! College accredited, paid on the job training is offered for 60 different career fields.

Montgomery GI Bill pays you **\$369** a month for 36 months
MGIB Kicker pays an additional **\$350** a month for 36 months.
(Offered for specific career fields only. Call for more info.)

For more information, contact Technical Sergeant Chris Beck
at

412-313-7509 or christopher.a.beck2.mil@mail.mil

Have no clue about what you want to do???



Then check out the Pennsylvania Career Guide at <http://www.workstats.dli.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

- Learn about employment, wage, and job outlook information for more than 250 occupations.
- Take a brief interest assessment to help you figure out what you may like to do
- Learn about other resources such as PA CareerLink services and apprenticeship opportunities.
- Find a senior year month-by-month "to do" list
- Find information to help with post-graduation plans such as finding a job, entering the military, continuing on to postsecondary education and budgeting.

Did you know...

Pennsylvania College of Technology offers an undergraduate emergency management program for students who are interested in law enforcement, emergency medical services (EMS), firefighting, military, and other public safety careers. Professionals in this field help to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and lessen the impact of a disaster.

Cadogan Field and Stream Youth Trout Derby May 20, 2018



Admission (with pre-registration) \$5
Late registration \$6
Ages 3-15
Fishing is from 10 am to 2 pm

198 Hill Rd. Freeport
Contact 724-295-9909 for additional
information on registration process
and fees.