



SEPTEMBER 2020

# The Ambrose School

Office of College Advising  
Nicole Ingersoll

## Brown Bag Lunches Conference Room 11:20-12:20

Brown Bag Lunches is an opportunity for students to attend an informational meet-and-greet with a college/university representative. Bring your lunch and join us. Parents are welcome to attend too!



- Colonel Ray Flaherty, local liaison for military service academies, September 22 (Tuesday)
- Boise State University Honors College, October 15 (Thursday)
- Grand Canyon University, October 19 (Monday)
- Whitworth University, October 20 (Tuesday)
- Hillsdale College, October 22 (Thursday)
- Colorado Christian University, October 26 (Monday)

### Welcome Back Students & Families!

I can't tell you how excited I am to be back at school! I love the opportunities we've already had to get to know each other. You are all such a blessing and I'm so excited to see where God takes each and every one of you. Juniors are well into College Bootcamp by now and I am nearly done meeting one-on-one with seniors to discuss their college path after Ambrose.

Regarding the **ACT** and **SAT**, I have included upcoming test dates. *ACT is offering 4 testing dates in October.* **Registration deadline is September 25 and there are NO late fees.**

**Seniors:** I would encourage you to take this test if you are needing to raise your score. **Juniors:** Time is still on your side—no need to rush. Some schools are not requiring ACT/SAT scores for admissions of the class of 2021. **However**, many scholarships are still based on scores. My advice? Take one of the tests! Our school code is: **130061**.

College entrance exams are typically taken by juniors and seniors. But if you are a sophomore (or parent of a sophomore) and have questions, please contact me.

ACT <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>	SAT <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>
October 10, 2020	October 3, 2020
October 17, 2020	November 7, 2020
October 24, 2020	December 5, 2020
October 25, 2020 (Sunday)	March 13, 2021
December 12, 2020	May 8, 2021
February 6, 2021	June 5, 2021

## Upcoming Events

### **PSAT Wednesday, October 14**

All students in grades 10 and 11 will be taking the PSAT at school 7:45 AM-noon. The PSAT is a shortened version of the SAT and a qualifier for the National Merit Scholarship competition. College Board offers several practice options [here](#). The students have already been registered and I will be sending home a study booklet in the next couple of weeks and speaking to the sophomore and junior classes.

### **Classical Learning Test (CLT)**

150 colleges/universities accept the CLT in place of the ACT and SAT. The full list of schools can be found [here](#). The CLT is designed to highlight classically educated students' abilities to perform well at the college level and is geared for students grades 11 and 12. Ambrose will offer it at school on February 27. Until then, you have the option of taking it online at home. The testing dates are:

- \* September 26
- \* October 10
- \* December 5
- \* February 27 (offered at school)
- \* April 24

More details including registration can be found [here](#).

## 9th-11th Graders

Which college is right for me? How do I find the right one? Can I afford it? Do I want public or private? The college hunt process can be overwhelming in narrowing down the best fit for *you*. It's not too early to begin the hunt!

[College Board](#) offers extensive search capabilities to find a college/university that fits your needs. You can filter by majors/learning environments, cost, diversity, campus/housing, sports/activities along with several other filters.

### **How many schools should I consider?**

- \* 2-3 'reach' schools
- \* 4-5 'target' schools
- \* 2-3 'likely' schools

**Reach Schools** — your GPA/standardized test scores fall at or below the school's published data on accepted students and/or the acceptance rate is less than 30%.

**Target Schools** — your GPA/standardized test scores fit the school's published data on accepted students and the acceptance rate is around 30% – 60%.

**Likely Schools** — your GPA/standardized test scores are at or above the school's published data on accepted students and the acceptance rate is 60% or higher.

## Scholarship Opportunities

Merit-based scholarships are awarded to students based on academic achievement and other accomplishments. Need-based scholarships are financial aid awards based on financial means.

### **American Legion Oratorical Scholarship**

*Students, I highly recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity.* Come to my office for an application, due November 6. You can also click on the link for more information.

### **Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarship**

Juniors, this one is for you! It is merit-based (which means your grades and ACT/SAT scores are important!)

### **Boise State University**

click the link for scholarship information

### **University of Idaho**

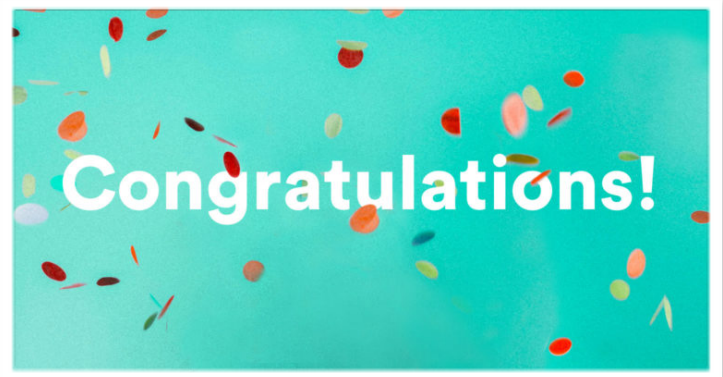
click the link for scholarship information

### **FastWeb**

a comprehensive online resource to available scholarships and financial aid questions

## Calling All Engineers!

Are you interested in the field of **engineering**? Micron has been an incredible partner with The Ambrose School over the last few years. Their programs, *Micron Job Shadow* and *Women in Technical Careers* lunch panels (WITC), give students the opportunity to learn more about engineering as whole, different career fields within engineering, along with much more. Interested? Come sign up in my office or email me!



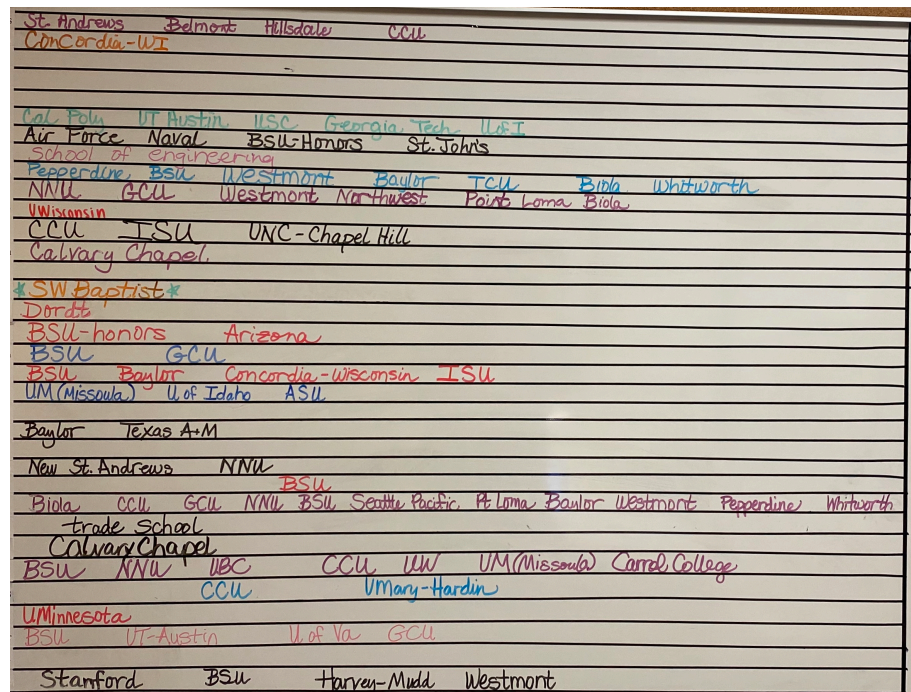
Hunter Gammon has been accepted to **Southwest Baptist University** in Missouri. He intends to get a **Bachelors of Science in Biology** and then pursue the **Doctoral Physical Therapy** program. Way to go, Hunter!

## Seniors Requesting Transcripts

You will need to send your transcripts to colleges you are applying. Access the transcript request form on The Ambrose School website at the bottom of the homepage. Please use this format even when requesting a transcript for The Common Application. **Every transcript request must be sent through this format.**

## Seniors asking for letters of

**recommendation** should give their recommenders several weeks notice. Please follow up with a *hand-written thank you note*. Your teacher/pastor/boss likely took quite a bit of time to delve into your outstanding character, stellar work ethic, glowing academic ability, and passion for becoming more like Christ. Don't drop the ball and go for a quick thank you in the hallway! For students using The Common App, you can provide your recommender's email address and they will receive an email with a link to directly upload your letter of recommendation.



In closing, look at our seniors! As a class, they are interested in applying to 85+ colleges and universities. I have my work cut out for me... and I couldn't be happier about that. I am already so proud of who they aspire to be and what they aspire to do in the world.

Best,

*Nicole Ingersoll*