



# College & Career Guidance

## 9th Grade

### ASPIRE - standardized testing in October

- results are shared and discussed later in the fall

### Meet and work with Homeroom Advisor

- Homeroom is designed to include a mix of students, grades 9-12
- Older students help younger students in choice of classes for future years
- Homeroom advisor monitors academic progress and helps with selection of courses with an eye on college/career possibilities



## 10th Grade

### ASPIRE - standardized testing in October

- results are shared and discussed later in the fall

### Naviance program (internet based all-inclusive guidance tool)

- Introduction to program in one-to-one meeting with non-public school guidance person
- Personality inventory
- College majors - explored in personal meeting with counselor
- Post-secondary options - discussed in meeting
- All of this is available for student and parent access on the internet .  
Visit: [stcroixlutheran.org/academics/student-support](http://stcroixlutheran.org/academics/student-support)

## 11th Grade

### PSAT/NMSQT Test

- SCL testing director meets with juniors during a class period in September to discuss the test and hand out test preparation materials
- Test is administered in October
- Testing director meets with juniors in December to discuss results. Each student is given a copy of his/her test results and interpretation to take home.
- Parents are notified via the Parents' Newsletter that this test is being given and when the results are being sent home.

### College Fair

- All juniors attend the College Fair in Minneapolis during a morning in fall

### Naviance program (internet based all-inclusive guidance tool)

- One-to-one meeting with guidance person
- College Search
- Preparation for ACT/SAT tests - practice tests available through Naviance besides classes offered as announced at school
- Sign up for ACT/SAT tests

### International students

- Special informational evening for juniors and seniors - offered by Dr. Jeff Lemke of St. Croix's admissions team

## **12th Grade**

**ACT/SAT tests - as needed, same procedures as above for juniors**

**Naviance program (internet based all-inclusive guidance tool)**

- One-to-one meeting with guidance person
- Applications to colleges
- Sending scores to colleges
- Recommendation letters requested
- Note: SCL policies and procedures for the process are thoroughly explained

**College Admissions Counselors**

- Most college admissions counselors who request time to come to St. Croix are welcome to come.
- Seniors who wish to speak with them are excused from classes to do so.

**Financial Aid Night**

- An annual event in December at which the FAFSA form is discussed with interested seniors and parents.
- Financial Aid Information
- Scholarship information is available and is disseminated to students by SCL's career guidance coordinator and by other staff members.

**College Visits**

- Seniors may take a day to visit a college of their if they are considering enrolling

**Individual post-high school planning**

- As schedules permit, college/career guidance coordinator at SCL meets individually with seniors during the course of the year to discuss the student's post-high school plans.

**Media Center**

- SCL's media center is a good source of information on colleges (Peterson's Guide, etc.) and careers (Occupational Outlook, etc.) as well as information on the military services.