

# Senior Scoop

Well, Seniors and parents, you have finally reached your final year at Galena High School. After twelve years of school, you only have about eight months left. But the next eight months may be the busiest you'll ever have. You'll be busy taking classes (some of them a head start for college), taking the ACT, applying for scholarships and financial aid, applying to colleges, going on the Senior trip, etc. You'll be making many decisions this year that will affect the rest of your life.

Just a reminder, you're not in this alone – teachers, parents, Mr. Krouse, etc. - are willing to help you to have a successful Senior year. Make sure you use all of your available resources so you can enjoy yourself along the way!!!

## Senior Trip Options

The Senior trip is scheduled for May 5 & 6, 2023. Seniors will be voting on their trip destination soon.

**Each trip will cost approximately \$300-\$350.**

The following trip packages have been developed for consideration and approved by the USD #499 school board.

**Branson** - breakfast at Hemingway's in Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, Silver Dollar City, Whitewater, Shepherd of the Hills evening performance, wax museum

**Dallas** – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor JFK Museum, DFW World Aquarium, Hard Rock Café, Ripley's Believe It or Not, Six Flags, Medieval Times Dinner Theatre – **NO GAME IN TOWN**

**Kansas City** – Truman Library, Crown Center shopping with ice skating, dinner theater or **Royals game vs. Oakland A's** and Worlds of Fun

**St. Louis** – St. Louis Zoo, Hard Rock Café, the Arch, Union Station shopping, **Cardinals vs.**

**Detroit Tigers** or Family Fun Center, Six Flags

**San Antonio** – Alamo, Sea World-San Antonio, Riverwalk dinner cruise, Ultimate Mirror Maze, lunch at Hard Rock Café

**Chicago** – Shedd's Aquarium, **Chicago Cubs vs. Miami Marlins game**, shopping at Navy Pier, and Six Flags Great America

The activities listed above are examples. They may be updated/changed depending on the destination of the trip.

Students are not required to go on the Senior trip. However, only those Seniors going on the trip will be allowed to vote on the destination. The Seniors were given the option of working in the concession stand during their Freshman and Sophomore years to earn money toward their trip. They were also given credit for helping to decorate at Prom during their Junior year. This year, seniors can work in Brewno's Snack Shack to earn money toward payment of their trip and/or work the Cheer Competition that is usually held at the end of January or beginning of February.

The amount each student still owes for the trip will be divided up into three payments, with the 1<sup>st</sup> payment being due on Nov. 18. The trip may be paid in full at anytime. All checks should be made out to U.S.D. #499. Those students who earned money toward the trip but have decided not to attend will give their money to another Senior who will be going on the trip.

## Graduation Announcements

Jostens will be here on Wednesday, September 28 to show students what graduation items they have for sale. Caps and gowns need to be ordered through Jostens. Last year, Jostens required a \$60 deposit when items were ordered. The deposit cost will either be the same or a little higher this year. Graduation announcements can be purchased through Jostens also, as well as many other Class of 2023 items.

## Upcoming ACT Test Dates

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| Test Date | Registration Date            |                      |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Oct. 22   | Sept. 16                     |                      |
| Dec. 10   | Nov. 4                       | <b>GHS ACT code:</b> |
| Feb. 11   | Jan. 6                       | <b>171-050</b>       |
| Apr. 15   | Mar. 10                      |                      |
| Jun 10    | May 5                        |                      |
| Jul 15    | Jun 16                       |                      |
| Cost:     | \$63.00 for ACT only         |                      |
|           | \$88.00 for ACT plus Writing |                      |

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## Senior Year Check List

### September

Research different colleges  
Register for ACT  
Write or update resume  
Meet with college admissions reps scheduled at GHS  
Visit colleges you are interested in attending – see Mr. Krouse about scheduling these appointments  
Begin application process – some colleges have early application deadlines  
See Mr. Krouse about sending a GHS transcript to the colleges where you apply

### October

Search and apply for national scholarships  
Some colleges require incoming freshman to be admitted by Nov. 1 for scholarship consideration  
Military Service: Talk to recruiters  
World of Work: Begin researching careers you are interested in  
World of Work: Ask counselor to set up job shadow

### November

Retake the ACT if needed  
Military Service: Narrow your choices and contact recruiters  
World of Work: Complete and/or refine your resume  
World of Work: Practice your interview skills

## Upcoming Senior Events

**Sept. 23 – Fall Sports Senior Night – for those athletes in Fall extracurricular activities**  
**Sept. 23 – Pittsburg State University scholarship giveaway – students must sign up & be present to win**  
**Sept. 28 – Josten’s Senior Class meeting**  
**Oct. 12 – Josten’s Senior Class ordering day**  
**Nov. 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Senior trip payment due**

## Important FAFSA Info

Seniors that are planning to attend college during the 2023-24 school year may begin filling out their FAFSA as early as October 1, 2022. When filling out the FAFSA for the 2023-24 school year, you will use your tax income information that was submitted to the IRS in 2021.

## Senior Video/Senior Baby Ads

Mrs. Daniel needs three baby pictures from ALL seniors for the Senior video. Please start bringing those ASAP. Also, if your parents are interested in purchasing a parent ad in the yearbook, please have them contact Mrs. Daniel at [ddaniel@galena499.org](mailto:ddaniel@galena499.org). The cost for a yearbook ad is \$50.

## Financial Aid Terms

**Scholarships** -- A financial aid award that does not have to be repaid. Scholarships are generally made based on an applicant meeting certain eligibility criteria.



**Grants** -- A type of financial aid award that does not have to be repaid. Grants are often given based on an applicant's financial need or Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

**Loan** – A type of financial aid that requires repayment when a student is no longer attending school.



## Start gathering this information for your FAFSA—you can fill it out starting Oct. 1

Social Security Number  
Driver’s License  
Parent’s Income Tax Return for 2021  
Bank Statements  
Investment Records  
U.S. Department of Education PIN  
Number for student & parent

Get your FAFSA pin at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Both students and parents must have a FAFSA pin before the FAFSA can be submitted online.