

Educational Talent Search



NEWSLETTER 2021



COVID

CAN'T KEEP US DOWN!

We have had a fun and productive first semester!

EVENTS CORNER

1st Semester Events looked different from past years, but we still had great experiences!

IHCC Virtual College Day
MS Virtual IHCC College Visit
ACT Boot Camp
Iowa State Virtual Tour
Tech Career Day
Practice ACT Tests
Bulldog Virtual Learning Kick Off
STEM Leadership Conference
ACT Booster Classes
STEM Engineering Building Event

WORKSHOP TOPICS

- GPA/Rigorous Curriculum
- Leadership Skills
- Types of Colleges and Degrees
- Financial Aid
- Career Assessment/Exploration
- Learning Styles
- FAFSA Completion
- College/Scholarship Applications
- Financial Aid Award Letters
- College Courses I can Take in High School
- ACT Prep



UPCOMING TOPICS

- Time Management
- High School Transition
- How to Make A Campus Visit
- More ACT Prep
- Goal Setting/Future Planning
- Student Loan Information
- Transition to College

NOTABLE FALL BENEFITS

Freshmen Students: School Supply Bags -including a calculator

All students: Headphones and a Wireless Mouse to assist with digital learning

All Students: Stress Kits/Stress Relief Event
Students received a kit with stress relievers (coloring book, lotion, stress ball) and watched videos from a physician and mental health worker on how to deal with stress.

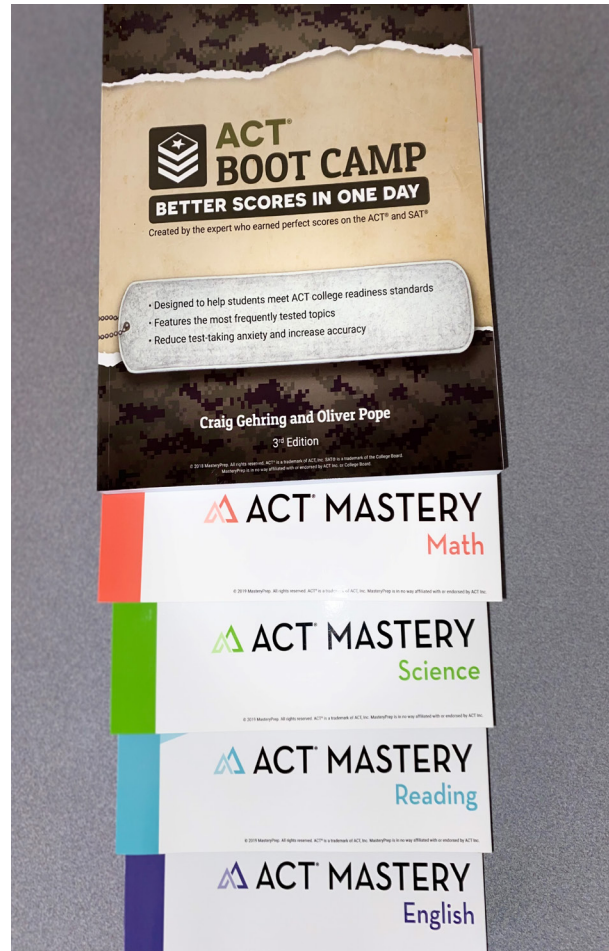
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TUTORING UPDATE

- We are currently providing a tutoring class for 8th grade students.
- We are adding a reading tutoring class for 7th grade students in the next few weeks.
- **ALL** Students have access to free, 24-hour, tutoring through the company TutorMe. Contact **Ms. Ragan**, **Ms. Bogaard** or **Ms. Cain** for more information.

ACT PREP

Talent Search has focused on ACT prep this year with Juniors. All 11th grade students have access to ACT Ready where they can take practice tests and find out exactly what skills they should study to perform better on the ACT Test. Juniors are also able to participate in ACT Booster classes twice a week where a live instructor provides ACT prep work on all subjects.



EMPLOYEE UPDATE

We have a new team member!

Shelly Ragan has joined the ETS Team as the Tutor Coordinator. Shelly works Monday–Friday in the morning, leading the tutoring classes and monitoring the TutorMe resources.

Shelly.ragan@indinahills.edu and
shelly.ragan@ottumwaschools.com

WE ARE RECRUITING!

If you have friends, family, acquaintances, ANYONE you think might benefit from ETS, please refer them! There are incentives to referring a friend! See **Jessica Cain** (MS) or **Alli Bogaard** (HS) for more information!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 5

ACT
Boot Camp

APRIL 9

Adam Carroll
Workshop
(Financial Literacy)

APRIL 20

High School
Tech Summit
(Virtual)

MAY 2021

Senior
Banquet

TBA

Summer
Programming

At this time, we continue to be unable to offer in person college visits due to COVID 19. We will do our best to bring as many virtual activities as possible to our students!