

Counseling News Update

1. **Counseling Department Needs Assessment**: We need parents to complete the Needs Assessment survey by October 3. Please go to the following website and take a few minutes to answer the questions. The survey results will help us meet the needs of your students.
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5VQ6LMD>
2. The **PSAT test** will be administered at the Freshman Center on **October 12th** during school hours of 7:30-11:30a.m. The PSAT stands for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. The test measures critical reading, math reasoning and writing skills. You can read more about this test at www.collegboard.com This is a Junior level test but we make it available to freshman and sophomores who are good test takers and want a chance to practice. The test cost \$20 dollars. Sign- ups will begin October 3 in the counseling. A limited number of tests will be available. An informational flyer is on our Freshman Center website.
3. **College Fair** will be **October 5th** at Blue Springs South High School 6:30-8:00p.m. This is a College Fair for all Blue Springs students. This would be a good opportunity to start exploring college options. The College Fair flyer will be on our Freshman Center website.
4. **Missouri Connections** is a web-based resource to help student's determine their career interests, explore occupations, establish education plans, develop job search strategies, and create resumes'. Your son or daughter was issued a login and password in 8th grade. Their log in and password is MO and their student ID number i.e. MO12345. Log in and password are the same. This is a great resource to use at home. www.missouriconnections.org for career and college searches.