

SENIOR SCOOP

November 2009

What are the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE?

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was designed for students to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans. This form can be completed in paper form or online (the preferred method). In order to complete the FAFSA online, you will need to request a PIN number prior to filing the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The PIN request can take 2 -4 weeks, so be sure to complete the request well in advance of January 1st. Once completed, the form will be sent to the colleges/universities you select. A financial aid letter will then be sent to you identifying all the financial aid available to you for that particular school year from each school to which you are accepted. Be sure to meet each and every deadline. **If you miss the deadline, you may not receive a financial aid package for that school year.**

CSS PROFILE

In addition to the FAFSA, some colleges/universities may request that you fill out the College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE. The Profile helps the schools to award non-federal student aid funds. The Profile application is available online at www.collegeboard.com. The Profile application is customized for you based on the information you give when you register for the service. By completing the Profile, you are able to give a complete picture of your family's financial circumstances, including explanations of your special circumstances. Complete the Profile at least a week before the earliest priority filing date specified by your schools and programs. Priority filing dates are provided to you online when you register.

Financial Aid Night

Tuesday, November 17th

At 6:30 PM

in the ORHS Library

Presented by NHHEAF

Learn how to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile financial aid form.



DEADLINES

Seniors with a college application **deadline of December 1st** must submit a transcript request, complete the senior sketch and resume and the parent/guardian questionnaire via Naviance, and bring \$1.00 per transcript to the guidance office **no later than November 10th**. Have you requested your formal letters of recommendation? Provide teachers with plenty of time to write your letter and provide envelopes that are stamped and addressed for teachers to mail out your letter if submitting via regular mail.

Can't get to all the colleges you hope to apply to this fall?

www.campustours.com is a free web site offering virtual tours of many colleges, along with interviews with students and student blogs.

www.Unigo.com takes you on "unofficial" student-led video and photo tours.

www.collegeconfidential.com is a forum that lets users get the inside scoop from students. www.collegiatechoice.com has \$15 one-hour DVDs with "reality footage" of chosen schools taken by college advisors. There are over 350 colleges to choose from.

www.yollege.com posts reviews of everything from academics to dorms and local nitelife.



3rd Annual Gap Year & Volunteer Fair

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

6:45pm—Gap Year Presentation (Multi-Purpose Room)

7:00-8:30 pm—Fair (Cafeteria)

Not sure what to do after high school?

Would you like to participate in a summer program?

Are you interested in volunteering locally during the school year or summer?

Then come to the Gap Year & Volunteer Fair!

Virtual College Fair - November 4-7, 2009

www.collegeweeklive.com

CollegeWeekLive (CWL) is a virtual college fair to help prospective students in their college planning by connecting them with colleges in a live, interactive environment. The next CollegeWeekLive college fair is scheduled to take place on November 4th through November 7th 2009 and will focus on the college search and application process. This promises to be the largest event yet, with hundreds of schools from across the country and around the world as well as the top speakers in the field. Attendance is free. There are currently about 140 schools registered to participate in November. The organizers expect 80 more schools will register between now and the live fair.

CollegeWeekLive fairs feature:

- Live streaming video presentations from college admission experts addressing college planning topics such as:

Financial Aid

Standardized Test (SAT, ACT)

College Admissions Trends

Sports Scholarships

- Real-time, interactive Q&A sessions with admissions officials
- Live interactive video chats with current college students providing an insiders perspective on their school and the admissions process
- Virtual booths for colleges, featuring electronic brochures, videos, webinars, podcasts and real-time IM and video chat between admissions counselors and students/parents
- Scheduled school specific presentations by admissions officials

For more information or to register visit:

http://www.collegeweeklive.com/en_CA/guest/app-agenda

College Mini-Fairs

Located In the Multi-Purpose Room

Wednesday, November 4th

Castleton State College
Colby-Sawyer
Hofstra University
New England College
Nichols College
St. Anselm College
The School of Fashion Design
University of New Haven
University of Tampa
Vanderbilt University
Western New England College

Wednesday, November 14th

Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology
Conn. Culinary Institute
Empire Beauty Schools
George Washington University
Husson University
Lake Region Community College
Roger Williams University

FALL SAT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline
December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009*
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010

Late Registration available for additional fee

FALL ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010

Late Registration available for additional fee