

SENIOR SCOOP

September 2009

SENIOR COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

Mrs. Emrich	A – F
Mrs. Rainone	G – O
Mrs. Machanoff	P – Z
Mrs. Seaman	Outreach Counselor

SENIOR MEETINGS

During the month of September, counselors will be meeting with all seniors in small groups. Seniors will be asked to schedule an individual senior meeting with their counselor to discuss their specific plans. Seniors planning to apply **Early Decision** or **Early Action** should meet with their counselor in the coming weeks. Early deadlines approach quickly!

COLLEGE “101” NIGHT

PRESENTED BY NHHEAF

Wednesday September 16th 6:30 PM
Library

Learn all the steps of the college selection and application process.

Expanded College and Career Resources

The Guidance Office has a number of resources available for college and career research. We have a large collection of college view books and program of studies, comprehensive college directories and books on college rankings to name a few. In addition, we have computers available for student use to explore career options and research colleges. The ‘college and career center’ is available on a walk-in basis and counselors are always available to assist students with questions and support the college and career search process.



Where Should I Begin??

1. What criteria have you set for college? Think about location, size, cost, majors offered and extra-curricular activities important to you.
2. Research colleges that match your criteria. The Guidance Office has several resources, such as college guidebooks and computers with college search programs. College fairs and tours are excellent methods to gather information about what each college has to offer.
3. Apply to colleges that fall into each of the following categories: **Reach, Reasonable, Safety**. Consult with your counselor to get assistance developing your list of colleges.
4. Carefully review the information requested on each application. How many formal teacher recommendations will you need? Does this include a counselor recommendation? **If you are requesting a letter of recommendation, please provide at least three weeks notice!** To request a counselor letter of recommendation, complete a Senior Sketch & have your parent/guardian complete the Parent/Guardian Questionnaire via Naviance. For a teacher recommendation, speak directly to the teacher. Be sure to give the teacher a self-addressed, stamped envelope for each college.
5. Start writing your essay!! Give yourself plenty of time to develop a clear and concise essay that allows an admissions counselor to understand you beyond the information you provided in your application. Be creative and original!
6. Every college needs an official copy of your transcript. You **must** request an official transcript to be mailed to your colleges through Naviance. The request must be made at least **three weeks** prior to your deadline.

FALL SAT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 10, 2009	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2009	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2009	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2009	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2009	April 29, 2010

Late Registration available for additional fee

FALL ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009
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

NHHEAF

New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation is a non-profit organization that assists students and their families with the college process. You can visit the website at www.nhheaf.org or call 1-800-525-2577 x.119. They can assist you with college selection, financial aid and evaluating the financial aid packages, and much more.

WHAT IS THE COMMON APPLICATION?

The common application is a standardized undergraduate college application form that is accepted at nearly 350 accredited, independent colleges and universities nationwide, including University of New Hampshire, Southern New Hampshire University, Dartmouth College, Boston University, and Northeastern University. Find out more about the Common Application at www.commonapp.org. Many colleges that accept the common application also require you to complete additional supplemental forms. Contact the colleges to which you plan to apply via phone, Internet or email to request any supplemental forms that may be required to complete the application.

Open House Thursday October 1st 6:00 – 8:00 PM

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

Seniors who are planning to play sports at a Division I or II college must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Seniors should complete the registration, print the release page and turn this in to Ms. Ricker in the guidance office. Completing this process early ensures that you will be ready to participate in fall sports at the college of your choice. See your counselor with any questions!

Bridges Career Center

“Bridges” is an online program where students and parents have unlimited access to explore college, career & scholarship opportunities with access provided by NHHEAF. Stop by the Guidance Office for the username and password.

College Mini-Fairs

Located in the Multi-Purpose room
Wednesday, September 23rd

Assumption College
D'Youville College
Emerson College
Endicott College
Fisher College
Global College of Long Island University
Great Bay Community College
Iona College
Johnson & Wales
Maine Maritime Academy
Mitchell College
Nashua Community College
Regis College
St. Michael's College
Suffolk University
Umass Boston
UNH
University of Nevada, Reno
Wheaton College
Lyndon State College

Thursday, September 24th (in Guidance Office)
University of Connecticut

Friday, October 2nd (in Guidance Office)
Wells College