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Danvers High School Guidance Newsletter

October 2018

Welcome back! We are looking forward to an exciting year at DHS. We encourage all students and parents to take advantage of Naviance, our school's web-based college and career planning site. Students have their own accounts, which have been recently updated, and freshmen will be able to create their accounts with counselors soon. Access your Naviance account at <https://student.naviance.com/danvers>.

Upcoming Events

Grades 10 &11

All sophomores and juniors will be taking the **PSAT on October 10th**. The cost is \$20, but no student will be turned away due to financial hardship. Please register in the guidance office with Ms. Howard by Friday, October 5th. Details and practice questions can be found [here](#) for more info about the PSAT.

Grade 9

The guidance department will be holding freshman meetings in small groups during the month of October. Students will have the opportunity to meet their guidance counselor, create a Naviance account, as well as obtain information regarding DHS extracurricular activities, community service, and graduation requirements.



SENIOR 2019

CLASS of 2019 Updates-

- Guidance counselors met with all senior English classes in September regarding SAT/ACT, Naviance, the Common Application, and requesting transcripts/teacher recommendation letters. A signed records release form must be returned to the Guidance Office before any transcripts can be sent out. Parent signature is required if the student is under 18.
- **Seniors should be mindful of college application deadlines!** Early action and early decision deadlines are typically November 1st or 15th. We recommend seniors submit their applications between Thanksgiving and the December holiday break if they are **not** applying early action/early decision.
- Transcript requests **MUST** be made at least 10 school days prior to any application deadline!
- Colleges do NOT accept SAT/ACT scores from the Guidance Department. Official scores MUST be sent by the student through their College Board/ACT accounts. It is the students' responsibility to be sure scores are sent by the testing agency if required. If seniors plan to take the SAT or ACT again this fall, please check the websites for test dates and deadlines: [College Board](#) [ACT](#)
- Representatives from over 65 colleges are visiting DHS this fall! Juniors and Seniors may sign up through Naviance to attend these visits. A complete list of visiting colleges can be found here as well. Seniors who wish to visit a college campus during school time must complete a college visit form ahead of time, which can be found on our website or in the guidance office.
- Seniors interested in Salem State University or North Shore Community College will have the opportunity to participate in On-the-Spot Admissions with those colleges. Salem State will be here December 4th, stay tuned for more details. We are also organizing a trip to NSCC.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT for senior parents will be held on Wednesday October 10th at 6pm in the auditorium. Presenter Deidre Hurley will guide you through the FAFSA process and answer all your financial aid questions. The FAFSA can be filed as early as October 1st, and each college has their own priority deadline, which can be found on their website.



How to Reach Us



Visit Naviance for useful information and scholarship updates throughout the school year. Also, our website is <https://danverspublicschools.org/dhs/guidance-department>.

Counselors are available by phone or email to answer any questions. Our guidance secretary, Ms. Howard, may be reached at 978.777.8928 ext. 2208 or cherylhoward@danvers.org.

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