



DANVERS HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

December 2018 Edition

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Seventy percent of the senior class has submitted college applications, and the guidance department has processed over 1,200 sets of admission materials. Seniors should continue to work on their Common Application or the college's own application, request transcripts and teacher recommendations on *Naviance*, and send SAT/ACT scores directly to colleges. **PLEASE BE AWARE OF COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES.** Most deadlines are in December, January, or early February. ***Requests for transcripts and letters of recommendation must be made via Naviance at least 10 school days in advance of deadlines.***

PSAT INFORMATION

On October 10th, students in Grades 10 & 11 took the PSAT exam. They should be on the lookout for an email from the College Board with instructions on how to set up an individual College Board account and access their scores online. Through their account, students will have access to free personalized practice materials through the College Board's partnership with Khan Academy.

GRADES

Quarter 2 is in full swing and we want to remind all students to continue to check their grades through PowerSchool. If students need extra help with their academics, National Honor Society tutors are available after school in the library Monday - Thursday. Teachers are also available after school for help Monday-Thursday.

CLASS OF 2020

Guidance Counselors will meet with the class of 2020 on January 14th-17th to discuss post-secondary planning. Students will create a "*Game Plan*" in Naviance and meet with their counselors individually throughout the spring. **Counselors will host a Post-secondary Planning Information Night for parents/guardians of the Class of 2020 on January 15th, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium.** Mark your calendars...we hope to see you there!



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Juniors are encouraged to sign up for college admissions testing this spring. Registration dates and deadlines can be found below for the 2019 SAT and SAT Subject Tests and the ACT. Please plan accordingly and sign up via:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents.html>

SAT DATES

| 2018-19 SAT Administration Dates and Deadlines | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|---|----------------------|
| SAT Date | SAT Subject Tests Available | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline | Deadline for Changes |
| March 9, 2019 Register | SAT Subject Tests not offered on this date | February 8, 2019 | February 19, 2019 (for mailed registrations) February 27, 2019 (for registrations made online or by phone) | February 27, 2019 |
| May 4, 2019 Register | See SAT Subject Tests available on this date | April 5, 2019 | April 16, 2019 (for mailed registrations) April 24, 2019 (for registrations made online or by phone) | April 24, 2019 |
| June 1, 2019 Register | See SAT Subject Tests available on this date | May 3, 2019 | May 14, 2019 (for mailed registrations) May 22, 2019 (for registrations made online or by phone) | May 22, 2019 |

ACT DATES Below...



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ACT DATES

2018-2019 Test Dates (National)

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | (Late Fee Required) |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| February 9, 2019 | January 11, 2019 | January 12-18, 2019 |
| April 13, 2019 | March 8, 2019 | March 9-25, 2019 |
| June 8, 2019 | May 3, 2019 | May 4-20, 2019 |
| July 13, 2019* | June 14, 2019 | June 15-24, 2019 |

FINANCIAL AID

Seniors applying for financial aid are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This can be completed for the 2019-2020 academic year after October 1 via www.fafsa.ed.gov. Some colleges will also require completion of the CSS Profile or their own institutional form. Please check each school's website carefully for specific requirements. BE AWARE OF FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES.

“College Goal Sunday” is a non-profit program that provides *free* assistance to Massachusetts’ families applying for financial aid and completing the FAFSA. Dates and locations can be found by visiting www.fafsaday.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors will participate in the Guidance Department scholarship presentation and receive the Class of 2019 DHS Scholarship book on February 5, 2019 @ 8:30 in the auditorium. The book contains information regarding scholarships available to DHS students and Danvers residents. All information will also be available on Naviance. Criteria, application procedures, and deadlines must be closely followed. There are over 250 local scholarships available!



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NAVIANCE

In December, Sophomores completed the “*Career Interest Survey*” in Naviance, which allowed them to match careers that aligned with their interests, and to explore the education and training requirements of high interest careers. Juniors will create an individual “*Game Plan*” regarding their post-secondary plans in January.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

SENIOR STUDENTS- Community Service hours MUST be completed by January 1, 2019. In addition for ALL students, service hours must be recorded within 60 days of completion of service. Please see our Community Service Coordinator Mr. Black with any questions you may have. Students are required to complete 10 hours of community service per year enrolled at DHS. This amounts to 40 hours for a student enrolled at DHS for 4 years. Community service must take place in an approved setting, which includes volunteer service for a non-profit or benevolent organization/activity within the community, school, or religious affiliation of the student’s choice.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Guidance Counselors are available by phone or email to answer any questions you may have during the school year. Our guidance secretary, Mrs. Howard, may be reached at (978) 777-8928, extension 2208 or cherylhoward@danvers.org

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