



Danvers High School Guidance Newsletter

Winter 2021-2022

Welcome back! We hope everyone's year is off to a great start. We encourage all students to take advantage of [Naviance](#), our school's web-based college and career planning site. Students have their own accounts, which they can log into with their Danvers Google account credentials.

[Grade 9 and 10](#)

The guidance department utilizes a program called My Career and Academic Plan (MyCAP) for 9th and 10th grade classes. In November, students met in groups with the guidance counselors, and participated in the first in a series of workshops. Over the course of this school year, counselors will continue to work with students to focus on topics including early career exploration, personality inventories, and thinking about post secondary plans.

[Grade 10 & 11](#)

Scores are back from the October **PSAT/NMSQT** exam. Scores are being released exclusively online this year, and students can log in to their College Board account to see their scores. If students do not already have a College Board account, they are encouraged to make one [here](#). Official SAT Practice helps students focus on exactly what they need to work on most. There are two ways to get personalized practice: Students can link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to send their scores from the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, PSAT 8/9, or SAT; or, if students don't have scores to share, they can take diagnostic quizzes. Instructions on how to link the College Board account to Kahn Academy can be found [here](#).

Counselors will be working with juniors on the college search/post secondary planning process through individual meetings, classroom visits and in Naviance, our college and career software program. There will be a junior parent night held on **Tuesday, February 1st at 6pm in the DHS Auditorium** to discuss post-secondary planning for the Class of 2023.

[SAT and ACT Upcoming Dates:](#)

SAT- March 12th, 2022, May 7th, 2022, and June 4, 2022. Students can register and pay [here](#). All other information regarding test registration, dates, deadlines and testing locations can be found [here](#).

ACT- February 12th 2022, April 2nd 2022, June 11th 2022, July 17th, 2022. Students can register and pay [here](#). All other information regarding test registration, dates, deadlines and testing locations can be found [here](#).

Class of 2022 Updates

- 55 percent of the senior class have submitted college applications, and the guidance department has processed close to 1,000 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.. Requests for transcripts and letters of recommendation must be made via Naviance at least 10 school days in advance of deadlines.**
- Transcript requests and requests for letters of recommendation **MUST** be made via Naviance 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.
- Seniors interested in **North Shore Community College** will have the opportunity to participate in **On-the-Spot Admissions on Tuesday, December 14th**. A representative from North Shore will work with prospective students on their application and give them a decision on the spot. Students can sign up through their counselor or with Ms. Saggese in the Guidance Office.

Financial Aid

A Virtual FAFSA day is being held **Wednesday, December 15th** through the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administration (MASFAA). [Click here for details and registration info.](#)

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. Some colleges also require the [CSS Profile form](#) as well.

The FAFSA is how you get access to financial aid from the government and from your college. Students who submit the FAFSA get \$15,000 per year (on average) in financial aid-- via a combination of grants, work-study, and loans. Many private/outside/merit scholarships also require the FAFSA.

The FAFSA Made Easier Tool for DHS Students

This year DHS has partnered with Going Merry, to provide you with "The FAFSA® Made Easier," a more user-friendly version of the government form. Seniors were given the opportunity to create an account during Community Block in October, so your family can start using "FAFSA Made Easier"!

This new free service will guide you through the FAFSA and then submit it on your behalf. Going Merry asks each question one at a time in an easy to read format, re-words difficult questions and provides visual aids to answer the financial/tax questions. Going Merry's FAFSA Made Easier opened **October 12, 2021**.

To complete the FAFSA Made Easier, you will need the following documents:

- 2020 tax forms for your parent(s) and you (if you filed taxes) - This includes Form 1040, and if they have them, Schedule 1, Schedule 2, Schedule 3, and/or Schedule K-1. (If your parents didn't file taxes, then you can skip this. If your parents filed foreign taxes, you'll need a copy of their taxes from 2020)
- 2020 W-2 forms for your parent(s) and you (if you worked)
- Social Security Cards for you and your parents, or other documentation of full legal names and SSNs
- If you are a Permanent Resident (green card holder), you will need their Alien Registration Number
- Bank/investment statements, or an idea of how much is in them
- Your college list (where you will be applying) of up to 10 colleges

Scholarships

All scholarship information can be found on Naviance. Criteria, application procedures, and deadlines must be closely followed. There are over 250 local scholarships available! Seniors created a goingmerry account in Community Block earlier this year. Goingmerry is a free scholarship search and application platform that Danvers uses for the scholarship process.

Thank you for reading,

The DHS Guidance Department

Contact Us!

- Visit Naviance for useful information and scholarship updates throughout the school year.
- Visit us online at <https://danverspublicschools.org/dhs/guidance-department>

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