



Danvers High School Guidance Newsletter

Spring Edition

Guidance Department

We have moved into the second semester and it has been an extremely busy and exciting time in the guidance department. Seniors have been accepted to many outstanding colleges and universities across the country. Following February vacation we began to individually review student course selection for the 2023-24 school year, and will continue to meet and discuss course selection with students through March. As a department, we continue to encourage all students to challenge themselves within each area of the curriculum in preparation for their enrollment in the post secondary option of their choice. We will also be meeting individually with juniors throughout the spring to begin the post secondary search and planning process. The spring is the best time to visit college campuses now that the snow is starting to melt!

Financial Aid

As acceptance letters arrive, students and parents face the decision of accepting an offer and its financial terms. MEFA is hosting in person and virtual seminars across Massachusetts to provide expert advice and assistance. The seminars provide advice on financing a college education, and MEFA representatives will discuss payment options, loans, financial aid award letters, calculating the balance due at each school, the billing process, and working with the financial aid office. These FREE seminars are open to the public. Two upcoming seminars of note would be:

[Understanding Financial Aid Offers & Paying the College Bill: March 30, 2023](#)

[What to Know about Financial Aid Appeals: Spring 2023: March 29, 2023](#)

Please click on the seminar above or visit www.mefa.org/events for other dates, details, and to register.

Scholarships

The Annual Scholarship Assembly was held on Monday, February 13th, 2023. The Class of 2023 was shown how to access both [DHS scholarships on Going Merry](#) and local scholarships on Naviance. Application procedures and the importance of meeting deadlines were also reviewed. ***The application deadline for Going Merry DHS Scholarships is Monday, April 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted.*** LATE applications will not be accepted! We will then anxiously await the selection of our scholarship recipients, which will be presented at Senior Awards Night.

[Congratulations to the Class of 2023 on Their College Acceptances to Date!](#)

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 for their hard work, dedication and many talents! College acceptances have been pouring in! Our seniors have been accepted to an outstanding and diverse list of colleges and universities across the United States. All students should have decisions of admission by April 1, 2023. A reminder that the deadline for depositing for the Fall of 2023 is May 1, 2023. THIS IS A STRICT DEADLINE set by the colleges and universities. If you fail to deposit on time, they will not hold your place!

[Class of 2024](#)

The Guidance Department met with the juniors in early February to kick off the post-secondary planning process. Students participated in a discussion that focused on the variety of post-secondary options available, planning, search and the application process. Counselors will be meeting with students individually throughout the spring to further develop their individual plans.

[Class of 2024 ~ Post-Secondary Planning Night](#)

On Thursday, February 16th, the Guidance Department hosted our Annual Post-Secondary Planning Night for parents. Topics included the variety of post secondary options available (Apprenticeships/trades, Military Service, Short term career training/certificate programs, Gap Year, Two and four year colleges and universities), tools available in Naviance, SAT and ACT, college visits, financial aid & scholarships, Massachusetts State College requirements, NCAA, & the application process.

[SAT/ACT Standardized Test Dates](#)

Students and parents are reminded to watch for the registration deadlines for both the SAT and the ACT exams. Registration for the May 6th SAT testing date is April 7th. Registration for the June 10th ACT testing date is May 5th. To register for either test, or view future test dates, please go to www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org.

[17Th Annual Woburn SEPAC ~ 2023 College and Transition Fair](#)

The Woburn Special Education Parent Advisory Council will host their Annual College Fair virtually again this year. This is the only annual college fair of its kind in the region. This free event includes a number of colleges and universities that have been recognized for their programs of support for students with learning differences. The 2023 Fair will take place over three days. Tuesday, March 28 will focus on transition programs and services. Wednesday, March 29 will feature a panel of local colleges and universities. Thursday, March 30 will host a Q&A with Woburn Public Schools administrators. If you have any questions, you can email wps.sepac@gmail.com. A full list of programs and colleges in attendance, as well as further information around the event can be found at <https://woburnsepac.org/collegefair>.

[Other College Fair Opportunities](#)

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) will be hosting their college fair in person this year at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. There are three opportunities for students and

families to attend the fair held on May 2nd and 3rd. Further information for the Boston NACAC college fair can be found at <https://www.nacacattend.org/23Boston>

The New England Association for College Admissions Counseling (NEACAC) will be holding one of their annual college fairs on Tuesday May 16th at Assumption University in Worcester from 5 to 7pm. Further information regarding this event, and other NEACAC college fairs around New England, can be found at <https://www.neacac.org/spring-college-fairs-2023>.

[We Look Forward to Welcoming the Class of 2027!](#)

On Monday, January 30, 2023, the Guidance Department participated in the Annual Grade Eight Parent Night in the Danvers High School Auditorium. Course recommendations for the 2023-24 school year were distributed, in addition to an overview of the high school curriculum, extra-curricular activities and services that remain a priority for all of our students. We are excited about welcoming the Class of 2027 to the high school, with its state of the art facilities and dedicated faculty.

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>

Guidance Caseload 2023-2026

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