

COLLEGE OFFICE
CLASS OF 2012 NEWSLETTER #7
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- ▶ For any last minute questions related to November 1 applications, the counselors are available for drop-in visits various periods this week and all day Monday, October 31 and Tuesday, November 1.
- ▶ If you have not had a second meeting this fall, please stop by to sign up; weekly schedules are posted Thursday morning at recess.
- ▶ During this busy period, please check your email a couple of times per day. We will be scheduling on-campus interviews shortly and will need to keep you updated. Also, if you have applied early, colleges may call us if anything is missing in your file, and we will notify you.
- ▶ For November 1 early applications, the last date to submit your essay draft(s) for review has passed (it **was** October 21). Essays submitted by that deadline are being worked on and counselors will get the draft(s) back to you as soon as they can. The **last** date to submit your essay draft(s) for the November 15 deadline is Friday, **November 4 by 4:00 p.m.** Please put a printed copy (with your name on it and the name of the counselor you'd like to read your essay, if you have a preference) in the folder on Mrs. Dunnington's desk. Counselors will get the draft(s) back to you as soon as they can.
- ▶ The registration deadline for the December 3 SAT is November 8.
 - Please look at www.collegeboard.com/students to note when various SAT Subject Tests are offered. **Not all SAT Subject Tests are offered on every test date!**
 - If taking a listening test, please remember to bring a working CD player and remember to test the batteries ahead of time.
 - In the past, colleges have received scores from the November test date in time for consideration of early applications. **DO NOT RUSH YOUR SCORES unless the college specifically asks you to do so.**
- ▶ The registration deadline for the December 10 ACT is November 4.
- ▶ All ED or EA applicants should have submitted the Secondary School Report Form and the Online Recommendation Release Form to Mrs. Dunnington by now. (Forms were originally due October 7.) If you are applying early and have not submitted your forms, please speak with Mrs. Dunnington; we cannot guarantee that your materials will reach schools in time for the stated deadline(s). Besides submitting forms, the following steps are necessary for early applicants:
 - Send your test scores officially from the College Board or ACT to the college(s). The College Office will not send any scores to colleges and scores do NOT appear on your transcript. You can send scores officially through www.collegeboard.com/student or www.actstudent.org.
 - If you are applying to a non-Common App school, give Teacher Recommendation forms to teachers with stamped, addressed envelopes.

Envelopes should be standard size, preferably pull-and-stick closure, with the return address of teacher name, c/o Milton Academy, 170 Centre Street, Milton, MA 02186. (You do not need to provide teachers with forms or envelopes for schools that use the Common Application.)

- ▶ Seniors who are not applying early should be working on their lists and essays, visiting with us, and asking for teacher recommendations.
 - The **Online Recommendation Release Form**, on which you list your recommendation letter authors, for **regular decision** applicants is due to Mrs. Dunnington **October 28**. If you completed the form for an early application you do not need to complete it again.
 - When approaching a teacher about writing your letters of recommendation, please ask first in person; don't make assumptions and don't email teachers to ask! If the teacher is willing to write, offer to sit down with that teacher and have a conversation about the work you did in the course and about you as a person. Most importantly, you need to discuss whether or not that faculty member feels he/she can write a positive letter for you. For more details, please refer to the "*Etiquette of the Ask*" that was attached to previous newsletters.
- ▶ You should self-report your AP scores when filling out your applications. You should not pay to have the scores sent officially through AP Services.
- ▶ If you must answer "yes" to the question about Disciplinary Action on your applications, you need to come by and talk to one of us about your response. You are expected to answer these questions honestly.
- ▶ Two quick pieces of advice for those applying under early AND regular deadlines:
 1. Please do not hand deliver or FedEx your applications -- admissions offices do not look on either practice favorably.
 2. Please do not call the admissions offices to check on the status of your application. They are inundated with paper this time of year, and your call will only slow them down.
- ▶ If you receive postcards telling you that something is missing from your application folder, please tell us. Don't get stressed. Don't panic. Just come and see us.
- ▶ Seniors can miss two academic days of their choosing between Monday, September 12 - Friday, November 11 for college visits. After November 11, exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis. You will need to pick up a special absence form from Mrs. Dunnington and have it filled out and signed **a week** before your chosen day.
- ▶ For those of you applying for financial aid, you should file a CSS/Profile Form online at www.collegeboard.com. They began to accept forms on October 1, 2011.
- ▶ If you qualify or think you might qualify for application or test fee waivers, please check-in with Mrs. Dunnington.

- ▶ If you are applying to U. Wisconsin, U. Colorado, or any other rolling admission university, please inform us as soon as possible. In most cases, the earlier you apply to these schools, the better. ***If you apply online, there may be a Secondary School Report (SSR) form that you must download and bring to the College Office.***
- ▶ If you are an athlete who is being recruited or might be recruited by a Division I or Ivy League school, you must register with the **NCAA Clearinghouse** before you can have an official visit. Visit the website at http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#. Please be sure to download and submit the Transcript Request Form to Mrs. Dunnington.

COLLEGE INFO

Bard College: Bard will host interviews on October 29, November 19 and December 3 at the Longy School of Music of Bard College in Cambridge. Please contact Shelley Morgan at morgan@bard.edu for more information.

Bryn Mawr: Bryn Mawr will host a reception on Sunday, November 6 from 2:00-3:00pm at Bottom Line, 500 Amory Street, Suite 3 in Jamaica Plain. Please RSVP to the Admissions office.

Earlham College: Maggie Jackson, our Admissions representative, will meet with interested students on Thursday, November 3 at 3:00pm in Straus. Please stop by to meet her and ask questions.

Emory University: Emily Simmons, our Admissions representative, will meet with interested students on Thursday, October 27 at 10:00am in Straus. Please stop by to meet her and ask questions.

Georgetown University: Alumni interviews for Early Action applicants only are tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 7 in the evening. Watch your email for a specific time and location.

Harvard University: Alumni interviews for Early Action applicants only are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 3 in the evening. Watch your email for a specific time and location.

Hobart & William Smith Colleges: Caitlin Rogers, our Admissions representative, will meet with interested students on Monday, November 7 at 1:00pm in Straus. She will also offer interviews on that day immediately following. Please stop by to see Mrs. Dunnington to sign up for an interview time.

Northeastern University: Northeastern will host *Women in Engineering Day* on Friday, October 28. To reserve a place, please RSVP before October 21 by emailing r.reisberg@neu.edu.

Wellesley College: "Discover Wellesley 2011" will be on Saturday, November 12. To view a detailed schedule of Discover Wellesley 2011 events: www.wellesley.edu/Admission/visit.

Yale University: Alumni interviews for Early Action applicants only are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 10 in the evening. Watch your email for a specific time and location.

OTHER INFO

MEFA will host a Financial Aid Presentation on Thursday, November 10 at 6:00pm at the Noble & Greenough School.

Dynamy will host a Gap Year Fair on Sunday, November 13 at the Noble & Greenough School. There will be a presentation from 12:30-1:00pm followed by the fair from 1:00-4:00pm. For more information visit www.usagapyearfairs.org

Service Academy Night: A Service Academy night will be held at Danversport Yacht Club on Wednesday, November 2 from 6:30-9:30pm in Danvers, MA. There will be representatives from the US Naval Academy, US Military Academy, US Air Force Academy and others. Please see Mrs. Dunnington for more information.

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