

THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

MARCH NEWSLETTER

FOR 11TH GRADERS AND PARENTS

Welcome to the seventh installment of our monthly newsletter. Let MARCH MADNESS begin! Each month, we will be updating events and happenings that students and parents should be aware of what is taking place.

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The post-secondary planning is in full swing! Juniors should have completed Building a Smart College List and Game Plan through Advisory and have met in groups with their respective counselor during the months of November and December. On March 12th during Advisory, students will be viewing “Managing College Applications” which will generate some ideas about careers and post-secondary planning. Starting in April, Counselors will be meeting with students individually to discuss your post-secondary needs.

Although not required, we recommend getting back on Naviance and completing “Building a College Exploration List” and “About Me”. This will help generate a conversation with your counselor.

College and Career Considerations following Registration: A few things to consider following registration for 12th grade classes.

Thoughts and Ideas – As far as 4-year colleges and universities are concerned, English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Language are college preparatory courses. College admissions offices want to know that you take classes that challenge you and that you do well in those specific classes. Hopefully you enrolled in courses that meet graduation requirements as well as prepare you for your future. We want you to be mindful of having college preparatory coursework with balance.

MYAP (Multi-Year Academic Planner) which **must have been** completed with registration. This tool required you to map out all 4 years of the courses you have taken. It will help you make sure you meet graduation requirement while also putting coursework to help you look at future interests.

Summer Opportunity Fair: Students took advantage of summer and school year opportunities to explore careers and consider colleges last February. The Counseling Department along with ACCESS volunteers in the College and Career Center offered a “Summer Opportunity Fair” on Wednesday, February 19th in the High School Commons. There were over 20 booths where community education, college programs and volunteer opportunities informed students.



Students gained valuable insight into summer possibilities at the Summer Opportunity Fair. If you would like further information in regards to all of the programs available to students at EHS, see the following link: <http://bit.ly/edinasummer>

Minnesota Business Venture – This week-long, residential summer program for 9-12 grade students learn about leadership, business, financial literacy and career options. Resident business leaders, speakers, mock interviewers and other volunteers mentor and guide student through the week’s activities, including creating a business plan. Students can attend at the University of St. Thomas (July 7-12) or St. John’s University (July 21-26). Online applications are available at <https://bestprep.org/programs/minnesota-business-venture/> If you want more information, please stop by and see Mr. Hicks in the Counseling Office.

Class of 2021: The One Thing Your JUNIORS Should Do Right Now: Go On Campus Visits

The college decision process can be exciting and stressful at the same time. We want every one of you to attend a college that is the best fit for you emotionally, socially, and academically.

One way to find that fit is through campus visits.

As spring approaches, juniors should think about scheduling a few campus visits before the college application season is here.

Get back on to your Naviance account. This is the counseling department’s one-stop shop for all information for students in regards to the college planning process. For example, starting in second semester, if students place a name of a college they are interested into “Colleges I Am Thinking About” (within the “Colleges” tab), students will receive an e-mail reminder when that school visits Edina High School.

More information: <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1875>

Local College Fairs: Starting in March, local high schools will be holding College Fairs. Listed below are fairs close to Edina. This would be a great opportunity to start thinking about your post-secondary plans. Parents and students attending these local fairs can meet one-on-one with representatives from colleges and universities to discuss admission and financial aid opportunities at their respective institutions. Review the list below of the college that will be at the fair. More information can be found at <http://www.mn-acac.org/MEFstudents>

- **Shakopee HS** March 10th
- **Hopkins HS** March 10th
- **Eden Prairie HS** March 10th
- **St. Louis Park HS** March 11th

Students had the opportunity to meet with college representatives at the 1st Annual 2Year College Fair held in the Commons on February 5th. Over twelve different schools came to present their programs to Edina High School students. This program was hosted by the ACCESS volunteers in association with the Counseling Department.



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March 12th, Juniors will be watching the video “Managing the College Application Process”

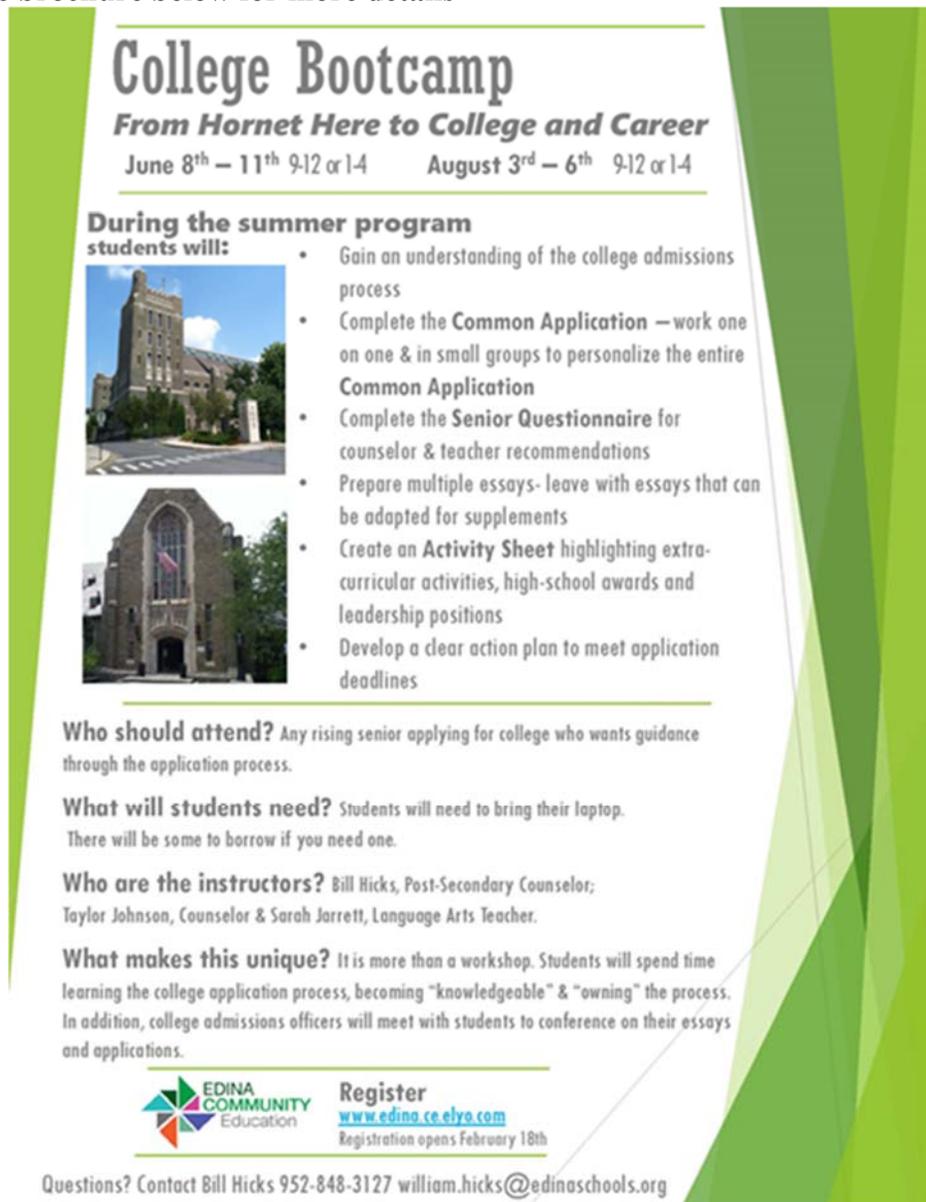
Lastly, remember that there is nothing more important than keeping up with your academic goals and the grades in each of the courses you are enrolled. You are making your future at the present time. You hold the key. The actions you take every day shape your future

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Juniors: Are you looking to get ahead on your college applications for next year? Begin your college admissions journey this summer in the company of new friends and seasoned instructors. The Counseling Office along with Community Education is providing a 4-day seminar that will assist with the application process. Students participating in the program will have a significant advantage in the admission's process by completing their applications early. This program offers you the chance to develop the major components of your college application before the school year even begins. This is your chance to take some stress out of your senior year while preparing a solid application that reflects your best self.

- Two sessions in June and two sessions in August (one morning and afternoon each)
- Registration is through Community Education
- Scholarships are available to all eligible students
- See the brochure below for more details



College Bootcamp
From Hornet Here to College and Career
June 8th – 11th 9-12 or 1-4 August 3rd – 6th 9-12 or 1-4

During the summer program students will:

- Gain an understanding of the college admissions process
- Complete the **Common Application** – work one on one & in small groups to personalize the entire **Common Application**
- Complete the **Senior Questionnaire** for counselor & teacher recommendations
- Prepare multiple essays- leave with essays that can be adapted for supplements
- Create an **Activity Sheet** highlighting extra-curricular activities, high-school awards and leadership positions
- Develop a clear action plan to meet application deadlines

Who should attend? Any rising senior applying for college who wants guidance through the application process.

What will students need? Students will need to bring their laptop. There will be some to borrow if you need one.

Who are the instructors? Bill Hicks, Post-Secondary Counselor; Taylor Johnson, Counselor & Sarah Jarrett, Language Arts Teacher.

What makes this unique? It is more than a workshop. Students will spend time learning the college application process, becoming “knowledgeable” & “owning” the process. In addition, college admissions officers will meet with students to conference on their essays and applications.

 **Register**
www.edina.ce.eyo.com
Registration opens February 18th

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