

THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

MAY NEWSLETTER

FOR 12TH GRADERS AND PARENTS

Welcome to the seventh installment of our monthly newsletter. It's officially spring! 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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May 1 National Candidate Reply Day



Naviance Senior Survey/Final Transcript: In order to get your cap and gown on May 25 as well as for us to send your final transcript to your college (if attending), we need you to complete a short "Class of 2018 Graduation/Final Transcript Request" survey on Naviance. To access the survey, log into your Naviance account, click on the "about me tab" and the survey will be on the left-hand side. Your transcript fee is also due by this date.





-Are you on a Wait List - You should only accept a wait list if you really intend to attend that college, if they offer you admission. If you are choosing to remain on a wait list, you should do the following: Submit your college enrollment deposit elsewhere to guarantee a spot. Do NOT pay to remain on any wait list. Get your acceptance in writing before submitting a deposit!

Class of 2018: The One Thing Seniors Should Do Right Now: Figure Out the Cost for College:

When thinking about loans: The general guidance is for a student to not borrow more than they will make in their first year out of college, which some financial aid experts put at \$8000 a year, a total of \$32,000 over four years. Note that all students, regardless of need are eligible for federal loans through the FAFSA. These loans are the best first choice because they have the potential for income based repayment and other federal support.

There are a lot of aspects students need to consider when determining the actual cost of college – tuition and fees, scholarships, grants, loans, and much more. Each school will have a different way of defining cost, and that’s why some students struggle with finding out how much they’ll actually be paying.

By using the [College Cost Form](#) you will be able to calculate expenses and find the cost for each school you’re applying to. Then, through a simple side-by-side comparison, they can determine which college or university is the most affordable option.

You must complete an application for reciprocity: If you plan to attend a public college in North Dakota, South Dakota (South Dakota will automatically determine your eligibility for reciprocity benefits determined by the campus you attend) Wisconsin or Manitoba, go to this Minnesota Office of Higher Education website for online and paper application forms: <https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/ssl/reciprocity/apply1.cfm>

Senior Recognitions:

Local Scholarship Information: Local scholarship applicants received their decision letter the week of May 7th. Over 105 seniors were recipients of scholarships just to Edina seniors. Over \$450,000 will be handed out to the deserving scholars. A banquet will be held on Friday, May 25th in their honor. Congratulations seniors!

Scholar Banquet: On Monday, April 30th, 307 seniors were honored, recognized and celebrated for their academic excellence (3.5 GPA) over the past four years. Students received a certification and their honor cords that will be worn at graduation. Congratulations scholars!



Tidbits for the College Bound:

SENIORITIS: FINISH HIGH SCHOOL ON A POSITIVE NOTE - Finish your senior year strong - both academically and socially. Colleges can, will, and do rescind their offers of admissions if a student's grades significantly decline or if a student becomes involved in a serious disciplinary situation. Work hard, finish strong!

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