

THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

APRIL NEWSLETTER

FOR 12TH GRADERS AND PARENTS

Welcome to the eighth installment of our monthly newsletter. Let Spring 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 winding down:

FINAL DECISIONS: Many of you have a big decision to make in the upcoming month. Listed below are some suggestions as we head into May:

- Do Not Rush Your Decision - Reply date is May 1. You have until that day to submit your deposit and reserve your place in the class of 2019. No college requires a deposit before that day.
- Review Your Options Carefully - Gather information, compare financial aid and scholarship offers, and attend prospective student events at the colleges to which you were accepted. Talk to your parents, counselors, etc. You want to be happy, healthy and able to grow!
- Accept Only One Offer - If the decision is difficult, you cannot buy more time by sending deposits to multiple schools. This is an unethical practice that may result in your acceptances being withdrawn by the colleges involved. If you need more time, contact the admissions offices to request an extension.

- Be respectful of one another as you choose which college to attend and do not judge the choices of others; remember to keep your comments positive and supportive.
- If you have been admitted to a college you will not attend, promptly notify the college that you wish to close your application. Follow the instructions in the admissions materials you received and thank the college admission office for its time and interest. If the admissions packet does not include instructions for declining the offer of admissions, email the admission office directly.
- Remember to write thank you notes to the teachers who wrote your college recommendations.

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!

By May 1, the National Candidates Reply Date, it is important to make a college choice from the acceptances you have received and send an enrollment deposit to that school. This enrollment deposit is non-refundable, but the student can withdraw if offered admission *from the waitlist* of another college.

Class of 2019: The One Thing Seniors Should Do Right Now: Figure Out the Cost for College

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.

Local Scholarship Information: Local scholarship applications were handed out the first week of March to all seniors through their senior Language Arts class. All students who applied will be notified by the end of April on a final decision.

SENIORITIS: FINISH HIGH SCHOOL ON A POSITIVE NOTE – Last semester grades count and your behavior is still subject to review. All college admission decisions are conditional and become final upon satisfactory completion of senior year. Colleges have the right to change the conditions or withdraw a student’s acceptance if a dramatic slip in academic performance takes place.

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