

THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

MARCH NEWSLETTER

FOR 12TH 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 winding down:

Post-Secondary Plans - still up in the air? If you haven't applied, but want to attend college in the fall, your counselor has a list of schools still accepting students. We will be glad to talk with you about all of your options, even those other than college.

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

- 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, 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 This is an unethical practice that may result in your acceptances being withdrawn by the colleges involved.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.

-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 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 during Advisory to all seniors on Thursday, February 28, 2019. **Applications are due back to the EHS Counseling Office on Thursday, March 14th at 3:30 pm, no exceptions.** All students who applied will be notified by the end of April on a final decision.

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!

Tidbits for the College Bound:

Wait, Review, and Accept (March/April)

- Wait to receive admission decisions.
- Continue to work hard in school. The college that you do select and finally attend will require your second semester senior year transcript.
- If you are “waitlisted” by a college you really wish to attend, call and/or write to the admission office to express your interest and ask what you can do to strengthen your application.
- Review acceptance letters and financial aid offers.
 - Visit college campuses of your final choices (if you have not already done so).
- Final commitments and a deposit are required by May 1.
 - Once your decision is made, inform your high school counselor and accept the admission package with the college of your choice.
 - If offered financial aid, accept the offer and follow the instructions.
 - Finally, notify schools that you will NOT attend of your decision.

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