

# THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### FOR SENIORS AND PARENTS

Welcome to the third installment of our monthly newsletter. Things have settled down (a little) after November 1<sup>st</sup>. Each month, the Counseling Department will be updating events and happenings that students and parents should be aware of what is taking place.

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This month's edition includes:

- ✓ Application process
- ✓ Naviance updates
- ✓ FAFSA
- ✓ Flex Block Offerings



## COUNSELING THOUGHTS AND IDEAS:

It's November and hopefully you have talked with your counselor about your post-secondary plans!

- ✓ If not, the time is **NOW!!!** Sign up in the counseling area; appointment tablet is on the counter.
- ✓ Does your ***final application list*** have colleges which give you a range of admissions possibilities? It is important to spend just as much time deciding on your "Target" and "Highly Likely" schools, as it is your "Reach" schools. It is also important to talk with your parents and consider finances when assembling your final application list. Every year, we have some seniors who have limited choices in the spring, for a number of reasons. There is no reason to put yourself in this position. Adding another school to your application list right now is much easier than searching for openings in April.
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Do you still have any interest in applying to the **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities?** (309 seniors have already applied!)

- ✓ If yes, the U application deadline is January 1. Keep in mind you do NOT need transcripts from EHS in order to apply. However, test scores need to be sent directly from ACT or College Board. The earlier you apply, the sooner you will learn your status.
- ✓ Remember: if you have circumstances which may have affected your academic record at EHS, you should let Admissions know by including a statement about your situation on the application. This can be extremely important.

Interested in **University of Wisconsin-Madison?**

- ✓ They have a second deadline of February 1—all applications that are totally complete by that date receive equal consideration. Once an application at Madison is complete, it takes about 8 weeks to get a decision.
- ✓ Don't forget: the personal statements is not optional. You should include a separate statement. When you apply online, you will have plenty of space for your statement. Also, it is your responsibility to have test scores from College Board/ACT, sent directly to Madison.

Interested in the **University of California system?**

Deadline for all applications is November 30! Send in your applications as early in the month as possible. No need to send transcripts and test scores. Everything is self-reported on the application. Once you have been accepted and decide to attend, you send a final transcript!

## **January 1 deadline?**

If you have a January 1 deadline for any school, we need your request into the Counseling Office via the Pink Sheet no later than December 1. With winter break, we need time to process your request so get come in and fill out your Pink Sheet prior to December 1.

## **NAVIANCE UPDATES**

Please keep visiting the Naviance website and check your e-mail or information such as:

- ✓ The latest, most up to date schedule for colleges visiting EHS
- ✓ The latest scholarship bulletin
- ✓ The latest updates on various topics related to your post-secondary planning

## **REMINDERS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS:**

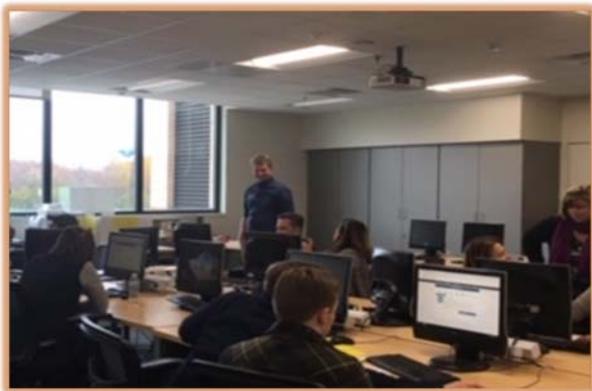
### **PINK SHEET**

Make sure you take the PINK SHEET (Transcript Request Form) out of the Black Three Ring Binder and either hand it to one of the administrative assistants (Ms. Knutson or Ms. Carlson) or place it in the metal basket.

**DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE THREE RING BINDER AFTER YOU FILL THEM OUT. THEY WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF LEFT IN THE BINDER!!!**

### **FAFSA UPDATE**

**Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** This year, like last, seniors were able to submit the FAFSA beginning October 1. This allows you to use 2017 tax information. This is the first step to be considered for Financial Aid at colleges. For more information, go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/contact>



**On Thursday, October 25, the Counseling Department along with ACCESS volunteers hosted a FAFSA Program for all parents of students of EHS. Over 40 families took advantage of this program completing their forms for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**KEEP YOUR GRADES UP!!!** Colleges DO look at your semester and year end grades. Continue to do as well as possible in each of your classes. No such thing as SENIORITIS!!!

**FLEX BLOCK 2018-19:** Over the course of the semester, the Counseling Department offers information sessions to students on different topics pertaining to post-secondary opportunities. So far this year, the following topics have been presented: Selective College Admissions, The Common Application, AmeriCorps, Gap Year, Tips for College Interviewing and AFS Travel Abroad programs. Upcoming topics will include NCAA Student-Athlete, PSEO, Summer Opportunities and Military Academies. Students are informed through their Schoology accounts each week of the particular presentation or students can stop down to the College and Career Center and check the upcoming events board.



**Emily Turner from AFS presents to a group of students on the unlimited opportunities that can happen when students travel abroad for the summer or school year.**



**Ms. Fei Wong McKhann is an alumnus who has conducted interviews for Stanford University. Students learned how to turn the interview into a way to make a lasting impression**

**In the spirit of Thanksgiving, consider thanking people in your life and be grateful for all that is good. It is known that one of the secrets of living is giving. Utilize the Thanksgiving break by giving back and working on continually living a healthy, well-balanced life.**

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