Senior College and Career Night

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Helpful Links

SHS School Counseling Website

Follow SHS Guidance on Twitter at @Stoughton_Guid

Thinking about the Path Less Traveled?
Want help with career research?
Visit the SHS College and Career Center

SHS College and Career Counseling Website

https://tinyurl.com/yyatx56z
Post-Graduation Planning

Where Do We Begin?

Choose Your Path

There are many opportunities to consider!

- Four Year College
- Two Year College
- Certificate Program
- Enter the Military
- Join The Workforce
- Gap Year

School Counselors can provide support for any after-graduation plan.

What Are The Options?

Gap Year
- Year Up - Work Skills and Training
- City Year, Americorps - Community Service
- Dynamy - Internships

Career and Technical Training
- Southeastern Technical Institute - stitech.edu
  - Cosmetology, Culinary, Electrical, Plumbing and more
  - Affordable tuition
- Bay State School of Technology - baystatetech.org
  - HVAC, Basic Electricity, Appliances, etc.
- The Peterson School - petersonschool.com
  - Construction Supervisor, Fire Alarm Systems, Electrical, Gas Heat, Locksmith, etc.
Two Year College

What do two year colleges offer?

- Each Massachusetts community college offers the ability to earn a Certificate (1 year), Associate’s Degree (2 years), or begin coursework leading to a Bachelor’s Degree (4 years).
  - Application to community college is FREE
  - No test scores or essays needed
- Mass Transfer Program - mass.edu/masstransfer
  - Any community college => UMASS or State University after completing Associate’s degree
  - Commonwealth Commitment - freeze tuition, 10% rebate

College Application Process: WHO DOES WHAT?????

College Application Process

What Students Should Be Doing Now!

- Emailing Counselor for an appointment
- Following up with teachers writing letters of recommendation (including thank you note)
- Remaining mindful of deadlines:
  - Early Action – (October-December and non-binding)
  - Early Decision – (October-December and binding)
  - Rolling Admission – (Start dates begin as early as October and decisions are made upon receipt of all required materials)
  - Regular Decision – (January – March)
- Finalizing:
  - Lists of schools in Naviance, their essay and resume
Application Responsibilities

Students have Four Major Tasks:

1. Submit completed application online (essay and application fee as well)
   a. Common Application: Commonapp.org
   b. College Application: School website
   c. Other possible applications (Coalition, Universal, etc.)

2. Link the Common Application with Naviance
   a. Sign Common App FERPA
   b. Match Common App to Naviance

3. Release SAT and/or ACT Scores Electronically
   (This is the student’s responsibility!)

4. For colleges that accept electronic transcripts via Naviance: Submit three counselor forms and transcript request to Counseling office at least 10 school days before the deadline.

Supporting Your Senior

- Monitor application deadlines and requirements
- Accompany your senior on college tours and visits
- Provide Financial information/Complete the FAFSA and CSS Profile for colleges that require it
- FAFSA can be completed starting October 1st, 2019

What to do if a college does not accept electronic transcripts via Naviance

Provide School Counseling Office with:
- A 9 x 12 addressed and stamped envelope
- Completed Transcript Release Form
- Sealed Letters of Recommendation from Teachers
- Resume
- Essay
- Supplementary Forms
Important Resources
❖ Your School Counselor
❖ Naviance Succeed
  ➢ http://connection.naviance.com/stoughton
❖ Check your Gmail and Naviance!
  ● Your Counselor will send important information to you via email!!!
❖ Twitter
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Financial Aid
• File proper forms:
  • CSS Profile available October 1st. List of CSS profile on College Board website.
  • FAFSA available October 1st at FAFSA.gov
• Sources for Financial Aid Info:
  o Colleges
    □ Look at deadlines and what each school requires
  o Helpful Websites:
    □ Finaid.org
    □ Scholarships.com
    □ Fastweb.com
    □ Local Scholarships – Collection day March 3, 2020

Financial Aid
Other Financial Aid Resources:
• Net Price Calculator - MEFA
• American Student Assistance offers individual support with completing the FAFSA, and offers translators. Make appointments online at http://www.asa.org/college-planning-centers/
Mark your Calendars

FAFSA Day
● November 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. as well as on a number of alternative dates at over 30 locations around Massachusetts.
● Look for locations: https://www.masfaa.org/fafsa-day/
  ○ Free one on one support
  ○ Pick your location/date

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?????????