

Important Dates

November:

Early Action deadline for most schools are November 1st and November 15th.

November 25th and 26th: Parent teacher conferences

December:

December 7th SATs- registration closes November 8th.

December 18th- MWCC Decision Day

Important Reminders

- + Continue to work on college essays and resumes.
- + Ask teachers for letters of recommendations- sooner the better. Request forms are in Guidance.
- + It is important to get on some some college campuses. This is a great time for tours and open houses.
- + Don't forget about community Service! Upcoming holidays are have a lot of opportunity for volunteer work.
- + Seniors males: You must register for selective service within 30 days of turning 18.
www.SSS.gov

Guidance Newsletter

November 2019

This can be a very hectic time for your students, especially for the seniors as the first round of deadlines is quickly approaching. In the first few weeks of school we held our senior parent night and our financial aid night. We know these nights have a lot of information crammed into a short amount of time. We hope to use this newsletter to help review information and important dates you and your student should be aware of. If you were unable to attend our information nights, we have embedded all the links to the presentations we have done so you will be able to review the information more in depth if you wish.

Financial Aid RECAP

The FAFSA application is now open for students and parents to start. Students and parents will both need to create a FAS ID in order to complete their application. If a parent has previously completed a FAFSA for another child, they will use the same FAS ID that they previously completed. You will need your 2018 tax returns in order to complete the application.

It is a good idea to start checking deadlines now. If your student is applying to a college early action they may have a November deadline for their FAFSA application. Be diligent when completing this application. You want to make sure all your information is entered accurately to your child gets the most financial aid available to them.

If you are ready to start your application please go to fsaid.ed.gov

MEFA link to presentation:

This link will take you to a webinar provided by MEFA. This webinar is the exact presentation we had on our financial aid night. This is a great resource for parents and student to review the financial aid process, types of aid, and what students and families need to know about paying for college. There is also a detailed explanation on how financial aid decisions are made, and what the different types of loans look like. It is incredibly important students and parents understand this information in order to make good financial decisions.

<https://www.mefa.org/videos/family-webinar-series-college-financing>

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FAFSA Assistance for Parents

During the week of parent teacher conferences, we have scheduled two help sessions for students and parents to complete their FAFSA application at GHS.

Alcira Zadroga from Fitchburg State University Financial Aid Office will be in the GHS library on the following dates:

November 25th from 11am to 2 pm

November 26th from 5-8pm

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING TO THE ABOVE FINANCIAL AID SESSIONS:

- Parent and student FSA ID- If possible please sign up for your FSA ID ahead of time.
- Social Security number- both student's and parent's
- Alien registration card (if not a U.S. Citizen)
- Driver's license number (if applicable)
- 2018 Federal tax returns for both students and parents is applicable
- 2018 W-2 or year-end pay stub for both parents and students if applicable.
- 2018 untaxed income records (if applicable)
- Current bank statements
- Current business and investment records (if applicable)

Additional FAFSA HELP:

Mount Wachusett Community College will be holding their FAFSA night on January 7th at 5pm at MWCC. If you are unable to attend one of our sessions here we strongly encourage you to attend the FAFSA night at MWCC if you need assistance with the application.

December SAT

Test: December 7, 2019

Regular Registration

Deadline: November 8th

Late Registration

Deadline: November 26th
(Late Fee)

Register at:

www.collegeboard.org

MWCC Decision Day:

Wednesday, December 18th from
8am-10:20 am

Free, non-binding application and
conversation with an admissions
rep.

Stop by guidance for an
application-return and we will
keep on file for you.