

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

December 2018

COLLEGE APPLICATION UPDATE

- A reminder to seniors! All college and scholarship applications requiring processing and/or mailing before the holiday break must be given to counselors by Friday, December 14. Applications received after December 15 will not be processed until after school reopens day, January 2. Remember that many colleges have deadlines the 1st week of January.
- If you haven't already, be sure to complete your student-parent brag sheet and get your two letters of recommendation.

***** DATES TO REMEMBER *****

SAT TESTING

March 9, 2019 May 4, 2019
June 1, 2019

You must register at collegeboard.org

Still undecided...

FOCUS ON YOUR FUTURE COLLEGE/CAREER FAIR

Camden County College
Papiano Gym – Blackwood Campus
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
SPONSORED BY CCSCA

OPEN HOUSES

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Atlantic Cape CC	Mays Landing, NJ	Apr. 7
Centenary University	Hackensack, NJ	Jan. 19, Mar. 2
Franklin & Marshall College	Lancaster, PA	Dec. 8
PA College of Art & Design	Lancaster, PA	Jan. 19, Mar. 30
Rowan University	Glassboro, NJ	Mar. 3, Apr. 7
Stockton University	Galloway Twp., NJ	Apr. 7
Virginia Wesleyan College	Virginia Beach, VA	Feb. 16, Apr. 7

Be sure to register online!

DOMINICAN COLLEGE
Immediate Decision Day!

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Granito Center
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Campus Drive., Blauvelt, NY 10913

To register and for additional information www.dc.edu/idd-12-3

Tour the beautiful campus, view the residence halls, meet with students for an insider's perspective, and learn about life on campus. Meet with students for an insider's perspective and get

THE UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
THE HARTT SCHOOL
Music – Dance – Theatre
2018 Audition Dates

February 15 & 16, 2019
hartford.edu/hart/audition

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE
Department of Music, Theatre and Dance
2019 Dance Auditions!

February 16 & March 2, 2019 at 11:00 AM
Melcer Dance Studio
Nazarene Center for Performing Arts

For more information, contact Angelica Cardente-Vessella, Director of Dance
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\$\$\$ SCHOLARSHIPS \$\$\$

STEVEN J BRADY STOP HUNGER SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 5

This scholarship rewards students who have made a significant impact in the fight against hunger in the United States. Winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship plus a \$5,000 grant for their charity of choice. Student must be enrolled in an accredited educational institution in the U.S. Must have demonstrated ongoing commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services impacting hunger in the U.S. within the last 12 months. All Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who reside in the contiguous U.S., Alaska and Hawaii only. Any volunteer services performed by applicant must help non-family member.

BURGER KING SCHOLARSHIP 2018

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15

Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and are intended to help students offset the cost of attending college on post-secondary vocational/technical school. Recipients are selected based on their grade point average (GPA), work experience, extracurricular activities and community service. Apply online: www.burgerkingscholarship.com

THE PRINCETON PRIZE IN RACE RELATIONS

DEADLINE: JANUARY 31

Recognizing and rewarding high school students who have had a significant positive effect on race relations in their schools or communities through their volunteer efforts. Prize recipients receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid weekend to a national symposium on race at Princeton University. Apply at: pprize-princeton.edu

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA

A BETTER SLICE OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: JANUARY 31

Two \$1,000 scholarships offered! High school seniors with a minimum 3.5 GPA and involved in community service with 50 or more hours this year may apply. Verification of college enrollment (class schedule) will be required during the summer before the check is mailed to the college. Scholarship funds must be applied toward tuition, fees, and other appropriate educational expenses. Funds will be disbursed in equal payments over two semesters. A 250-word essay is required.

Apply online: <https://thepef.academicworks.com/opportunities/4937>

SOUTH JERSEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

FEBRUARY 28

\$1,000 scholarship paid to educational institution. Applicant must be a high school senior and student or parent of a member of the SJ Federal Credit Union. 500 to 700-word essay required. Judging will be based on essays, academic performance, extracurricular/community activities, reference and personal goals. [Applications are available in the Guidance Office.](#)

NEW JERSEY SCHOOLWOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: MARCH 24

Three \$1,000 scholarships and two education awards in the amount of \$500, will be awarded to female graduates who intend to pursue a career in the field of education. Outstanding academic achievements with a minimum combined SAT score of at least 1460 and/or a minimum ACT composite score of 21, extra-curricular activities, community service, and letters of recommendation are required. [Applications are available in the Guidance Office.](#)

B. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: MAY 22

The creators of the "Student Award Search Aid" website are offering a scholarship for 2019. \$1,000 scholarship To improve students' chances for success! This is not an academic scholarship. Essay on characteristics of leadership required. Please visit website: www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NJ SURVIVOR TUITION BENEFITS PROGRAM & LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

[Survivors Tuition Benefits Program](#) is eligible children and surviving spouses of NJ firefighters, emergency service workers and law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty to earn a bachelor's degree.

[Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarship](#) benefits dependent children of NJ law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Additional (pamphlet) information is available in the Guidance office

Download an application at www.njgrants.org / call HESAA 609-584-4480 / email clientservices@hesaa.org

What to Do about Senioritis

Help Your Child Make Senior Year Count

High school seniors have worked hard for three years, taking tests, completing projects, and preparing for college admission. When senior year rolls around, some students just want to get through college applications and relax before they head off to the college of their choice.

Also known as senioritis, taking it easy senior year may be a nice break for your child, but is likely to do more harm than good. According to recent reports, incomplete high school preparation can contribute to academic problems in college.

- As many as half of all college students do not have adequate academic preparation, and are required to take remedial courses.
- More than one quarter of the freshmen at four-year colleges and nearly half of those at two-year colleges do not even make it to their sophomore year.

Not only does senioritis jeopardize your child's chances for success later on in college, it can also affect her grades—and college admission officers pay close attention to her performance senior year.

College Admission

Many students mistakenly believe that prepping for college ends after the eleventh grade. However, the senior year—the entire senior year—is actually of particular interest to colleges.

Applying

Many college applications (including the Common Application) require your child to list her senior courses, including information about course levels and credit hours. It will be very obvious to the admission officers if she has decided to take the year off.

Many colleges also include as part of the application a form called the mid-year grade report. Your child's counselor completes this form with first-half grades and sends it to the colleges. It then becomes a crucial part of the application folder.

If Your Child Is Accepted

Many college acceptance letters include warnings to students such as "Your admission is contingent on your continued successful performance." This means colleges reserve the right to deny your child admission should her senior year grades drop.

Mary Lee Hoganson, college counselor for Homewood-Flossmor Community High School, Flossmor, Illinois writes: "It is not at all rare for a college to withdraw an offer of admission when grades drop significantly over the course of the senior year. (I have a folder full of copies of these letters.)"

Helping Your Child Through Senior Year

Senior year is your child's opportunity to strengthen her skills and broaden her experiences, in school and out, to prepare for all of the challenges ahead. With your encouragement and support, and the help of her teachers, your child's senior year will help launch her on the path to a successful future.

A Challenging Course Load

Your child should take the most rigorous courses available, and be sure to continue taking college-track subjects. She should consider AP[®] courses, which can also earn her credit at many colleges.

Pursuing Activities

Your child's continued involvement in activities, sports, and volunteer work will help her stay active and focused throughout her final year. In addition, a great internship or career-focused job opportunity can help motivate your child to start considering his career options. Meaningful and significant experiences will help prepare her to make informed decisions about her education and career goals.

Explore All the Options Your child's continued commitment to challenge herself and grow will help her to maintain his momentum, and make smart decisions about her future. Your child should discuss all her education options with her counselor to create a plan that puts her on the right track for success—throughout her high school years and beyond.

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