

The Senior Scoop

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A Publication of the Counseling Department at Monson High School Just for Seniors

College Representatives to Visit

Several college representatives will be making visits to MHS this fall to talk to students about their respective institutions and distribute informational materials.

Juniors and seniors interested in attending one of these sessions **MUST** sign up in the Counseling Office prior to the scheduled visit and obtain permission to attend from the teacher in whose class the visit is scheduled to take place.

The following visits have been scheduled:

9/20/2017	..... College of the Holy Cross	1:00
9/21/2017	..... New England Institute of Technology	10:00
9/22/2017	..... Wheaton College	10:00
9/22/2017	..... American International College	11:00
9/22/2017	..... Elms College	12:00
9/25/2017	..... Albany College of Pharmacy & Health.....	10:00
9/28/2017	..... UMASS – Lowell.....	1:00
10/3/2017	..... Lasell College	11:00
10/4/2017	..... Curry College.....	8:00
10/4/2017	..... Bentley University	9:00
10/5/2017	..... Holyoke Community College	10:00
10/5/2017	..... Bay State College	1:00
10/6/2017	..... Western New England University	10:00
10/10/2017	..... Assumption College	12:00
10/11/2017	..... Bay Path University	10:00
10/11/2017	..... University of Maine	12:00
10/12/2017	..... Worcester State University	9:00
10/12/2017	..... Dean College	11:00
10/16/2017	..... Framingham State University	9:00
10/18/2017	..... UMASS – Amherst.....	10:00
10/19/2017	..... Springfield College	11:00
10/19/2017	..... Endicott College.....	12:00
10/23/2017	..... UMASS – Boston	11:00
10/25/2017	..... University of St. Joseph (CT)	8:00
10/26/2017	..... Johnson State College, VT	12:00
10/26/2017	..... Roger Williams University	1:00
10/27/2017	..... Eastern Connecticut State University	1:00

Watch this space for a list of additional colleges and the dates of the visits.



Welcome Back

Welcome to the September edition of *The Senior Scoop*, a publication especially for seniors that will be published around the first of the month and distributed to seniors in their first period classes or during advisory. It will also be emailed home to students and families for which the school has an active email address. It will also be posted on the school's website under the Counseling Office page.

The newsletter will contain important information for seniors regarding college, scholarships, financial aid and other post-secondary issues. There is a wealth of information available to seniors and our hope is to try to provide the most important and relevant information in a compact format.

Please take the time to read the information as this will inevitably make your transition out of high school more smooth. Let us know if you have any topics you would like covered or what you think of the information presented.

Enjoy!



Senior Admission Timeline

Over the summer, you hopefully have been visiting colleges and doing research into possible schools to attend in September 2018. The following is a suggested timeline for the remainder of the college search process:

September - November

- ◆ Identify schools that match your desire for a specific location, major, activity, etc.
- ◆ Visit the campus before applying to ensure that you will feel comfortable in that environment.
- ◆ Identify people to write letters of recommendation
- ◆ Begin to formulate essay ideas.

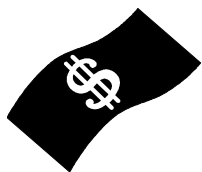
November - late January

- ◆ Complete applications (paper or electronic).
- ◆ Bring to counselor to review before submitting with official transcript.

October - early February

- ◆ Complete financial aid form(s).

Counselors will meet with seniors in groups and individually in September and October to discuss this timeline and issues surrounding their college search process.



Fee Waivers Are Now Available

A limited number of fee waivers for the SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject Tests and ACT are available for students who demonstrate financial need. Please stop by the Counseling Office and speak to your counselor if you think you might be eligible. Eligibility guidelines generally follow those used for free and reduced lunch.

By using a fee waiver for the standardized testing, you may also be eligible to waive application fees at participating colleges.

Fee waivers can result in considerable savings, so you are urged to consider this option. Please give sufficient time prior to the registration deadline to process your request.



Common Application Makes Life Easier

Want to apply to many colleges and not have to fill out numerous applications? Then the Common Application is for you. There are over 700 colleges and universities that are members of the Common Application, many of which use it exclusively. Member institutions pledge to give equal weight to students regardless of whether they submit the Common Application or an institutional form.

In many cases, institutions will also require students to complete a supplement to the Common Application which include more detailed information and essays.

Information regarding the Common Application can be found at www.commonapp.org or in the Counseling Office.

Test Registration Info

SAT

SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests will be given on the following dates:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
Oct. 7.....	September 8
Nov. 4.....	October 5
Dec. 2.....	November 2
*March 10.....	February 9
May 5.....	April 6
June 2.....	May 3

For more information (including on-line registration) about SAT's, contact www.collegeboard.org.

ACT

The ACT will be given on the following dates:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
October 28.....	September 22
December 9.....	November 3
February 10.....	January 12
April 14.....	March 9
June 9.....	May 4
July 14.....	June 15

For more information (including on-line registration) about ACT's, contact www.act.org.

Registration information is available in the Guidance Office. Study guides with test-taking hints are also available. Remember, MHS is not a site for the SAT but is for some of the ACT administrations.

**No Subject Tests offered*

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