

The Senior Scoop

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College Representatives to Visit MHS

October brings a slew of college representatives into the building. Take advantage of an easy way to connect with admission representatives.

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. Students should look at the list very carefully as to avoid missing the same class period numerous times.

Currently the following visits have been scheduled:

Holyoke Community College	10/5/2017	10:00
Bay State College	10/5/2017	1:00
Western New England University	10/6/2017	10:00
Assumption College	10/10/2017	12:00
Bay Path University	10/11/2017	10:00
University of Maine	10/11/2017	12:00
Worcester State University	10/12/2017	9:00
Dean College	10/12/2017	11:00
Springfield Tech Community College	10/13/2017	10:00
Framingham State University	10/16/2017	9:00
Landmark College, VT	10/16/2017	11:00
UMASS – Amherst	10/18/2017	10:00
Springfield College	10/19/2017	11:00
Endicott College	10/19/2017	12:00
UMASS – Boston	10/23/2017	11:00
University of St. Joseph (CT)	10/25/2017	8:00
Johnson State College, VT	10/26/2017	12:00
Roger Williams University	10/26/2017	1:00
Eastern Connecticut State University	10/27/2017	1:00
Westfield State University	11/2/2017	1:00
Colby-Sawyer College	11/03/2017	10:00
Sacred Heart University	11/6/2017	8:00
Fashion Institute of Design	11/6/2017	10:00
Southern Vermont College	11/6/2017	1:00
Johnson & Wales University	11/7/2017	11:00
St. Joseph's College of Maine	11/8/2017	10:00
University of New Haven	11/8/2017	12:00
Keene State College	11/15/2017	12:00
Castleton University	11/13/2017	10:00
Montserrat College	11/22/2017	8:20-9:50
University of Hartford	11/29/2017	12:00

Essay Writing Workshop Offered

Do you need help writing your essay for your college application? Are you not sure what topic to write about? The Counseling staff will host an essay writing workshop on Friday, October 20 during SAP in the cafetorium.

The focus of the workshop will be on effective ways to create a high quality essay. Topics discussed will include:

- What makes a good essay
- What colleges look for in an essay
- What to avoid putting in the essay
- Selecting a topic

If you are interested in this opportunity please sign up in the Counseling Office before October 18.



Test Registration Reminder

It's still not too late to take advantage of the upcoming college entrance tests.

SAT

November 4 - deadline - October 5
December 2 - deadline - November 2

ACT

December 9 - deadline - November 3





October Scholarship Listing

Horatio Alger Association October 25, 2017
Various scholarships. For more information. Please visit:
www.scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships .

Filene Music Scholarship at Skidmore January 15, 2018
Must attend Skidmore College. More information is available at
www.SKIDMO.RE/MERIT .

Wace National CO-OP Scholarship Program February 15, 2018
To qualify for this scholarship, students must: Have a high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or better; Apply and be accepted for the 2017-2018 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutes. Please see application for participating Colleges & Universities. To obtain an application, please visit www.waceinc.org .

Big Y Scholarship February 1, 2018
All Big Y scholarships recognize **academic merit and achievement**. They are awarded to the most academically outstanding students in the **Big Y market area**. Applications can be printed from the Big Y website: www.bigy.com. Under the Services then the community tab. The scholarships are located at the bottom of the page.

Financial Aid Night Is Set

Need help filling out the financial aid forms? Confused about what form to file? Do you have questions about how to report your income?

Linda Dagradi from the Massachusetts Financing Authority (MEFA), will answer questions about the financial aid process on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafetorium. She will also give an overview about how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the College Scholarship Service's PROFILE®. More information about both forms are available in the Counseling Office or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.collegeboard.org. The Profile form is usually only required by more selective private colleges and there is a fee for each school the information is sent to. Check the college's publications to determine if it is a requirement. The FAFSA is required by all colleges to which you apply for financial aid and is free.

Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend. A packet of financial aid information will be provided for each family that attends. For more information in the meanwhile contact the Counseling Office.



Making the Most of a College Open House

Are you planning on attending a college open house in the next few months? If so, what should you do to prepare? Here is a list of things to plan for:

- ◆ Be sure to inform the college you plan on attending so you get all the details about where to park and register and what to expect during the program.
- ◆ Arrive early to ensure you find the school, park and be on time for the opening presentation.
- ◆ Remember that hundreds of people attend open house programs, so there may not be time for individual questions, interviews or indepth discussions with school personnel.
- ◆ Take advantage of the numerous people who are available to ask questions that are critical to whether or not you continue to express interest in the school.
- ◆ Remember that Open House programs are a marketing event to encourage you to apply. Try to see things and ask questions that may not be part of the planned program. Leave no stone unturned.

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