

End of Year Memo for Class of 2012

A College Selection Workshop Night for Parents and Students will be held on Thursday evening June 16th at 7:00 pm in Room 103.

This is a great evening to learn the basics of the college admission process and the important factors to consider when choosing a college or university. Many of your questions and concerns regarding college admissions can and will be answered.

THIS IS NOT A FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP, although cost and scholarship opportunities will be briefly addressed as one of many topics that evening. We will host a College Financial Aid Workshop in the Fall that will more fully address the financial aspects of attending college. **Hopeful Student Athletes** and parents should try and attend this meeting and the **after-meeting at 8:00p.m.** that will deal specifically with important issues for you so that you are fully aware of the process and requirements of being a collegiate athlete at NCAA college or university.

The Guidance Office will be open during the summer months for

College advisement. If any Rising Senior and /or his or her parent(s) would like to make an additional private appointment regarding college planning, please contact the office. This meeting is an extremely important and potentially very valuable opportunity for any **high achieving student who is considering an early decision admission** option to one certain college or for **all student-athletes** who are hoping to continue their athletic career at the collegiate level.

Appointment hours are usually held in the early evening hours between 5-8p.m. on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays in June and July and take about one hour. Please call to schedule an appointment for yourself and /or with your parent(s) with Mrs. Hartman at 691 4491 ext. 1113. Other times for appointments can be arranged if a serious scheduling conflict exists.

Official Transcripts reflecting your cumulative three year QPA/GPA and Class Rank should be ready by July 8th. Transcripts are official legal documents and can not be released without written permission by a parent. An unofficial copy can be given to a student but these can not be used for applying to colleges or for any scholarship consideration. Official Transcripts are mailed directly from our school to another institution as required in academic practice to insure the integrity of the document. There are very few exceptions to this rule. Transcript Release forms are available in the Main Office and must be filled out completely and signed by a parent or guardian in order for us to send your transcript to the requested receiving institution. **Although a few colleges will accept applications in the summer months, most Colleges do not accept new college applications for prospective Freshmen prior to October 1st for the following school year, so the need for Official Transcripts over the summer months is very rare.**

Your Senior Class Schedule will be finalized during the summer months. Please know that the Guidance Office will make every effort to be in phone contact with any Rising senior who has a serious scheduling conflict and try to resolve it as best as possible with your input. **Every Senior** will be scheduled for a Senior Guidance Class which will provide additional assistance in making his or her post high school plans. Please be sure to do some serious reflection about what those plans are so we can assist you.

Try and visit a few prospective colleges this summer. This will be an enormous help in reducing some of the time demands on you during your busy senior year. Many Colleges have summer open houses and tours schedule throughout the summer months. **Also try and log some community services hours.** Admission to college and scholarship selection often heavily weighs this community service criteria when deciding who to admit or to name as recipients of their respective scholarships.

SAT Information: Your PSAT results are a good indicator of potential strengths and weakness in SAT Test taking. All Rising Seniors should plan on taking the SAT or ACT early next Fall. **The first SAT Test Date is October 1, 2011. Registration deadline for the test is September 10th. You can and should register for the SAT on Collegeboard.com.** as it is the easiest and most efficient way to register and get your test results and have them sent your scores to for consideration for admission. The ACT is also offered in the Fall and you can register and **take the ACT college entrance test by visiting the website www.actstudent.org. I recommend taking the October 22nd test. Registration is due by September 16th.**

When registering for either the SAT and ACT be sure to use your full legal name that matches your correct social security number. Being accurate on these details will save a lot of trouble later. Please be sure to use **Our Sacred Heart High School Code 311560** on all forms so that a copy of your scores is sent to our school and that they can be recorded as part of your official record. **This 311560 number is also known as our CEEB and must be put on most if not all college applications**

Fastweb.com and Collegeboard.com should be familiar websites to all Juniors. There are many resources available to students on these sites including free test prep materials, college and scholarship information, financial aid information for parents and registration for all required college entrance tests. There are also excellent free college resources regarding admissions on **www.princetonreview.com.**

College Fairs:

There are many College Fairs scheduled in the Fall of each year which you will be notified of when the dates are made known. Camden Catholic and Saint Augustine Prep both hold excellent regional college fairs in very early September, and there is a national college fair in late October held in both Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Plan to attend one of these to do some final college contacts and to gather more in depth information about colleges you might be interested in applying to next year.

Let the Senior Adventure begin! Summer Blessings to you all. Mrs. Hartman