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**College Visits**

Now that you have decided what is important to you in a school, received information about the schools you are considering, and have researched and compared schools, plan a visit!

Visiting a campus will help you decide whether a specific school is right for you.

All colleges have open houses, information sessions and tours. This information is listed on their admission website and inside this newsletter. Tips on visiting a college campus:

- Tour the campus
- Talk with students
- Meet an academic advisor or faculty member
- Meet with an admissions counselor and verify admission requirements
- Inquire about a class visit
- Tour residence halls and dining halls

Make sure you leave enough time to meet all deadlines.

At mid-year, your first semester grades are sent to all colleges that you are still considering. You do not have to make a separate request.

**College Applications**

Still working on your college applications? Remember that all forms must be completed and submitted electronically on Naviance before a Counselor considers it “ready”. From that point, the Counselor has 2-4 weeks to send the information requested.

Don’t forget to pay any fees you may owe in regards to transcript requests as they later become obligations and can prevent you from participating in senior activities.
Preparing for the SAT and ACT

*Please meet with your counselor prior to registering for the SAT!

Taking the SAT is an important step in the college application process. Since high schools across the country have varying course rigor and grading standards, the SAT provides college admission offices with a standard indicator of how students may perform in college.

The SAT tests your critical reading, math reasoning, and writing skills. Nearly every college in the U.S. uses the SAT to assess how ready students are for college.

It is very important to prepare for the SAT and to stay on top of the SAT registration process. The Franklin High School Library Media Center has the following resources:

- SAT Test Taking Strategy Books
- SAT Practice Tests
- SAT Subject Test Books
- SAT Subject Test Language Books with Audiocassette Tapes

There are also SAT preparation courses available at:

- CCBC: [www.ccbcmd.edu](http://www.ccbcmd.edu)

The following Websites are another great resource for SAT practice:

- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [http://number2.com](http://number2.com)
- [www.barronstestprep.com](http://www.barronstestprep.com)
- [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- [www.khanacademy.com](http://www.khanacademy.com) (Free Mobile App also available)

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### College Admissions Testing: SAT Test Dates

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### ACT Test Dates *(Take the ACT with Writing)*

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* Test given at Franklin High School  See your counselor if you are on free and reduced lunch for a fee waiver
Paying for College

More than half of students in college receive some sort of financial aid. There are three main types of aid: Loans that have to be repaid; grants and scholarships that do not have to be repaid; and employment programs such as work study, that allow students to earn money while still in school.

State, school, and scholarship money depends on the program. Ask college financial aid offices for information about aid available at their schools.


To apply for financial aid, you must fill out the FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) at www.fafsa.gov.

Don’t forget to get a pin number first at www.pin.ed.gov.

You may apply on or after January 1.

FAFSA assistance is free! There are also numerous free scholarship searches. Do not get scammed! Private scholarships are slated for specific applicants and make these opportunities easy to find. Do not be duped by someone who tells you they can guarantee you a scholarship or that they need your credit card to hold a scholarship.

Scholarship Sites


http://www.cappex.com/ College Board’s Scholarship Search


http://mappingyourfuture.org/MiddleHighSchool/ (financial aid) http://fafsa.ed.gov

Service Learning

Service learning is school-based participation in organized service projects that meet real needs in the community. Each student must perform at least 75 hours in order to be eligible to graduate. All service hours must be pre-approved to count toward the graduation requirement. Any senior who has not completed the 75 hours will not be allowed to attend prom or other senior activities. Seniors who have not earned at least 60 hours will not be eligible for second semester parking permits.

Ms. Gilberto is Franklin’s Service Learning Coordinator. If you need to acquire service learning hours, please see her or your counselor for further information.

Contact: dgilberto@bcps.org
Loayola University: Open house offering an admission counselor presentation, question and answer panel, student-guided tours, insider tips on the admission process. They begin at 11am and end approximately 1:30pm. They are being held on the following Saturdays this year: October 24, November 21, December 5, January 23, February 13, March 12 and April 23. Reservations are required. Register online at www.loyola.edu/Saturday.

Ithaca College: October 24 and November 11. To sign up, go to my.ithaca.edu or call 800-429-4274

Tufts University: Engineering open house on October 23 and November 6. To register and receive more information, visit admissions.tufts.edu/visit/open-houses

Bryn Mawr College: October 26. Visit brynmawr.edu/admissions/open-house. Senior stays are September 29 for arts/humanities, October 23 for athletics and November 3 for science/math. Visit brynmawr.edu/admissions/senior-stay

Delaware State University: Saturday, 10/31 from 9am-3pm. Register online desu.edu/openhouse

Oberlin College: Monday, October 19th from 7pm-8:30pm at the Park School. RSVP at connect.oberlin.edu/register/baltimore2015

University of North Carolina Greensboro: Saturday, October 24. Sign up at admissions.uncg.edu or 336-334-5243

Stratford University: Culinary and hospitality management open house October 27th from 6-8pm. RSVP to Nick Grasso at ngrasso@stratford.edu or 443-873-5390

School of the Art Institute of Chicago: Saturday October 24 from 12-3pm at the District Architecture Center in Washington, DC. RSVP at saic.edu/ugevents

Lasell College: Sunday, November 1, 2015. RSVP at lasell.edu/openhouse

Georgetown University: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7pm at Loyola Blakefield (Father George Lounge in Wheeler Hall) in Towson, MD. RSVP at http://uadmissions.georgetown.edu/visiting/your-area/us-cities

University of Akron: Fall visit day on November 7, 2015 at 8:30a.m. Register online at uakron.edu/visitUA

Seton Hall University: October 18, November 22, February 14 and April 24. For more information or to register, visit www.shu.edu/visiting

Roanoke College: Fall open houses are November 3, November 11 and November 21. Spring open houses are January 18, February 14, March 28-April 1, April 2, April 16. Register online at Roanoke.edu/visit or call 800-388-2276

Barnard College: Open house November 9. For more information, call 212-854-2014 or visit www.admissions.barnard.edu

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT): Open house on October 18 and November 22. Register at njit.edu/openhouse
Scholarships

Wendy’s High School Heisman: Must maintain a minimum 3.0 G.P.A. or better. Need to be proven role model and leader within our school and community. Must perform in at least one of 43 school sponsored sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee or the National Federation of State High School Association. Go to https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com/ for more information

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program: Recognizes high school seniors for their commitment to community service, academics and demonstrated leadership. Offer a one-time scholarship of $1,000. G.P.A. must be 2.8 or higher. To be nominated, please see Mrs. Scott

Baltimore Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.: Offering a four-year renewable scholarship in the amount of $1,500. Deadline is February 21, 2016 but applications must be post-marked by January 11. Minimum SAT score of 1275 or ACT score of 19. See Mrs. Scott for the application.

Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA) Central Maryland Chapter:
Merit and Freedom Scholarships are available. Visit their website https://afceacmd.org/index.php/scholarship-overview for more information and to apply. Deadline is December 21, 2015.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program: Up to $1,000 awarded. Deadline is June 10, 2016. Must submit an essay. Go to their website http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm to learn more and apply.

Maryland Farm Bureau: Five $2,000 scholarships. Applicants or parents of applicants must be members of Maryland Farm Bureau. Three of the scholarships will be offered to agricultural curriculum majors and two scholarships will be offered to non-agricultural or agricultural curriculum majors. Applications, available in the Counseling Office, must be submitted with a photo and essay. Please come to Counseling to get the application. Deadline is February 1, 2016

Danforth Scholarship at Washington University in St. Louis: Offering full or partial tuition scholarships. Based on academic performance, community service and high moral character. If you are interested in Washington University in St. Louis and would like to be nominated, please see Mrs. Scott. Deadline is November 15, 2015.

Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association, Inc. BCRSPA & WEBCO Memorial Scholarship: Seven memorial scholarships of $1,500 will be awarded for educational expenses. Deadline is February 23. Go to www.bcrspa.org for an application and more details

Jefferson Scholars Foundation: Go to jeffersonscholars.org/scholarship to learn more. If you would like to be nominated, please see Mrs. Scott. Deadline to be nominated is December 1, 2015

2016 Horatio Alger Scholarship: Students must demonstrate critical financial need, be involved in co-curricular and community service activities, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity and maintain a minimum G.P.A of 2.0. Fill out an application online at scholars.horatioalger.org

Clare and Robert Moore Scholarship Fund: For students applying to Notre Dame of Maryland and are interested in English and/or theater. Deadline is April 15. Visit their website http://crmoorescholarship.org/ for more information and to apply.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program: Awards up to 20 college bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship with $10,000 renewable scholarships. Deadline is January 7, 2016. Apply online http://www.reaganfoundation.org/GE-RFScholarships.aspx

Mount Aloysius College: Mercy Presidential Scholarship offers 30 competitive scholarships of $48,000 dispersed over 4 years. Candidates must demonstrate a solid academic record, commitment to home, school and community and possess leadership abilities, participate in extracurricular activities, volunteer and be involved in community service projects. For more information call 814-886-6383 or mtaloy.edu
Scholarships Continued

The Martin Luther King Scholar Program: For students applying to Ithaca College. Open to academically talented U.S. citizens and permanent residents from ethnic and racial backgrounds that have been historically underrepresented in U.S. higher education. For more information, go to my.ithaca.edu

Leadership in Service Scholarship at University of Dayton: An award of $10,000 given to students who, after having met their admission requirements, have innate desires for personal development and is committed to service within his or her school, church or community. The deadline is January 31, 2016. You must be nominated by Mrs. Scott. If you are interested, please see her.

Roanoke College Scholars Competition: Recognizes and awards students of superior academic and leadership abilities. There is an on-campus competition. Deadline is January 4. For more information and to apply, go to Roanoke.edu/scholars

Fairleigh Dickinson Presidential Scholarship: Full-tuition scholarship for high-achieving students and are annually renewable for four years. Deadline is January 15. For more information, visit fdu.edu/presidential. To be nominated, see Mrs. Scott.

Kurt M. Chenowith Memorial Foundation: A $1,000 scholarship will be given to 3 males and 3 females in Baltimore County. To be eligible, you must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA, provide enrollment verification at an accredited two or four year college or technical school, complete the application and essay and have a brief reference form completed by a peer. The application with all supporting documents must be received by March 11, 2016. Applications are available in the Counseling Office.

Special Interest Programs

Academic Common Market: If public institutions in Maryland do not offer programs in the field of study a student wishes to pursue, it may be possible to arrange a waiver of out-of-state tuition in one of the 15 participating states. Maryland students should obtain additional information by visiting the website for the latest listings and applications. www.mhec.state.md.us.

Common Application: save time by completing only one application. The Common Application which is accepted by 391 selective colleges and universities is currently available on line at www.commonapp.org.

NCAA Clearinghouse: Make sure you are eligible to participate in college sports. Certify online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. It is your responsibility to be sure that you have taken the correct courses. Be sure to designate the clearinghouse as one of your SAT/ACT recipients by using the code 9999

National Security Agency: Stokes Educational Scholarship Program is open to high school seniors, particularly minority students, planning to major in computer science/electrical engineering. You will attend college full-time then work during the summer at NSA’s headquarters in Fort Meade, MD for a minimum of 12 weeks. By participating in this program, you agree to work for NSA for at least one-and-one-half times the length of study upon graduation. For more information, visit www.NSA.gov/careers. Deadline is November 15
**Colleges Visiting Franklin High School**

**Please sign up on Naviance and then come to the Counseling Office to fill out a white pass. Have the teacher of the class you will be missing sign the pass at least 24 hours in advance of the visit and then come to the Counseling Office at the time of the visit.**

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**TO ACCESS FUTURE NEWSLETTERS....**

- Go to [http://franklinhs.bcps.org](http://franklinhs.bcps.org)
- Click on For Students
- Click on Departments, then Counseling
- On the left hand side, select Senior Newsletters
- Open the newsletter by clicking on the month you wish to view.

All newsletters will be updated monthly, as long as there is enough material to produce one. We will also have several hard copies available in our office.
In the Counseling Office, we address academic, personal, social, college and career concerns and questions. Students come to Guidance to discuss academic concerns such as: scheduling, student-teacher relations, grades, alternative education, attendance, class work and homework, college and career searches, and financial aid and scholarship information. Personal issues may include: abuse and neglect, bullying, conflict management, cultural diversity, depression, divorce, eating disorders, peer relations, pregnancy, and suicide. We also have resources to share on these topics.

Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline 1-800-422-0009
- 24 hour service
- Crisis intervention
- Confidential

Internet Site for College Planning

http://www.mhec.state.md.us
http://www.collegeboard.com
http://www.collegeview.com
http://www.collegeview.com
http://www.educationplanner.org/
http://www.mycollegeguide.org/
http://www.princetonreview.com
http://www.petersons.com
http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges
http://www.youniversitytv.com
http://www.khanacademy.org (free mobile app also available)