

Manhasset High School
Counseling Department
May 2015 – Reminders and Announcements

All Grade Levels

Advanced Placement Exams

Please be sure to read the instructions that were mailed with your registration letter. In particular, be sure to arrive on time for bus transfer to the Unitarian Church.

Advanced Placement Scores

Scores will be released directly to you in early July, via your College Board account. If you do not have an account, please be sure to create one at www.collegeboard.org.

Override Forms (Sorry seniors, not for you.☺)

Override forms are due **on May 8th**. When completed, this form must be delivered to the respective department coordinator. Please do not return these forms to the Counseling Office.

Seniors

College Application Results

As we are past the May 1st decision deadline, please see your counselor to update your file with regard to all application decisions and be sure to let us know where you will be attending school in the fall.

Many files are incomplete and we would like to update your account.

Remember to contact any school(s) to which you have been admitted but that you will not attend.

Wail Listed?

If you would like us to continue to advocate on your behalf, please speak to your counselor. We will be happy to reach out for you.

Final Transcripts

Final transcripts will be forwarded automatically to the school you will attend in September and to the NCAA Eligibility Center for any student who has requested that we do so. If you're not sure about an NCAA request, please stop in to review your file. Also, be sure to complete the Amateurism Statement.

Community Service Verification

We have posted a list of seniors for whom we have documentation for 85+ hours of Community Service. If you believe you have completed these hours, and should receive a Community Service Certificate, please check the list to verify that your name is included. If it is not, contact the counseling office **immediately**.

Community Service Graduation Requirement

If you have not done so already, please be sure to provide Mrs. Steindam with the documents related for the community service graduation requirement. Mrs. Steindam's office is located in the Social Studies department.

Juniors

11th Grade Conferences

Reminder: The last day on which you can schedule an appointment is May 21st.

Senior Autobiography

In a few weeks you will receive a packet containing a Senior Autobiography, Teacher Appraisal Forms, and a Parent Brag Sheet. The Teacher Appraisal Forms should be given to three of your current, 11th grade, teachers as soon as possible and the Autobiography **must be returned by the end of June**. Please note, your counselor will not write a college letter of recommendation for you if this document is not returned. The Parent Brag Sheet is appreciated but, not required.

Community Service Verification Forms

As a reminder, to receive the Community Service Award Certificate at the end of 12th grade, you must have completed 85+ hours by the end of this year. If you have accumulated these hours, be sure to bring in the validation forms so we can log your hours. The verification form is on our web site and is also available in the Counseling Office.

Coast to Coast College Tour

Representatives from Dartmouth College, Northwestern University, Princeton University, University of California, Berkeley, and Vanderbilt University will be hosting an evening information program for students and parents. This event will take place on/at:

Wednesday, June 2nd from 7 to 9 p.m.

Melville Marriott Long Island
1350 Walt Whitman Road
Melville, NY 11747

If you are interested in attending please register at: www.coasttocoasttour.org

While many of the dates have passed, be sure to check our website for other colleges that are hosting Open House programs or that might be hosting a local event such as the one indicated above. In particular, Washington University in St. Louis will be in New York City on Sunday, May 17th, from 1 – 2 p.m. at the Directors Guild of America Theater
110 West 57th Street.

We will continue to update our website as we receive program announcements for the summer months.

Sophomores

Redesigned PSAT: Available on our Webpage

If you will be taking the PSAT on October 14th, please visit the Counseling Department webpage to view and download a copy of the exam. Please note that one of the math sections must be completed without the use of a calculator so it is important that you familiarize yourself with the types of questions contained on this section of the exam.

Redesigned SAT/Khan Academy

If you will be taking the new SAT during the 2015-2016 school-year, or beyond, please be advised that the College Board will release a full exam this June, along with new review material. Also, be sure to familiarize yourself with the partnership the College Board has created with Khan Academy as you will be able to use these new resources to help you prepare for future test-taking. For information on Khan Academy, go to: www.khanacademy.org/sat

Method Test Prep

At this time you should be aware that you have access to Method Test Prep (MTP) via your Castle Learning Account. The MTP site will provide you with access to **current** SAT and ACT prep material and two exams of each. In August, material will also be available for the Redesigned SAT, which will be given for the first time in March 2016. The site is designed to allow you to take a 20 week prep course, study only those topics you feel you need additional practice on, or to take an entire exam.

Coast to Coast College Tour (Please see information above)

Freshman

Parent Night: April 27, 2015

Parents: If you were unable to attend the special 9th Grade Parent Night held on Monday, April 27th, please be sure to visit the Counseling Department webpage to view the Power Point Presentation given by Evan Wessler, of Method Test Prep. In this Power Point, Mr. Wessler outlines the essential differences between the old and new SAT exams and pointed out that the new PSAT will mirror the new SAT. In addition to the Power Point, I have uploaded the handout provided at the meeting.

Redesigned PSAT

As noted above, a copy of the redesigned PSAT is currently available on our webpage. Students who will be taking the PSAT in October are encouraged to review the new exam and make particular note of the no-calculator math section.

9th Grade Conferences

Reminder: The last day on which you can schedule an appointment is May 21st.

See you in June.