

Manhasset Secondary School
School Counseling Department
February 2016 Reminders and Announcements

Seniors

Mid-Year Grades

Please be advised that your mid-year report card will be submitted to each of the colleges and universities to which you have applied. This includes the schools to which you may have already been accepted. Teachers are required to submit grades by Thursday, February 4th. As such, report card submission will take place during the week of February 8th.

Application Decisions

As we have previously requested, please let your counselor know of any decision you receive from a college/university. Also, please let us know if you decided NOT to apply to a school you originally included on your Transcript Release Form.

Scholarship Opportunities

Buick Achievers

Criteria: Students who plan on pursuing a degree in engineering or design, and who have an interest in the *automotive industry*.

For additional information and the application, go to: www.buickachievers.com

Application Deadline: February 29, 2016

St. Catherine's Philoptochos Scholarship Fund

Criteria: Greek Orthodox students who have participated in philanthropic work are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The application is available in the Counseling Office.

Application Deadline: April 24, 2016 (please be advised that this application should be submitted to your counselor at least one week prior to this due date so that the application can be processed prior to the April break)

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion is sponsoring six (6) scholarships, each of which must be submitted by **March 1st**.

Criteria: Students must be a United States citizen, and be the child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a veteran who served in the Armed Forces during W.W. I, W. W. II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama or the Persian Gulf.

Scholarship applications are available in the Counseling Office. Students are permitted to apply for multiple scholarships

All Students 9-11

Columbia University Science Honors Program

This highly selective program, for students with a strong interest in math and science, is currently accepting on-line applications for the 2016-2017 school year.

In addition to the on-line application, students must arrange for the submission of their high school transcript, and one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or principal. In addition, applicants must take an entrance exam in early April.

Interested students should go to <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/shp/apply.html>

Summer Opportunities

Please be aware that we have been actively updating our web page with information regarding Summer Opportunity programs. As many of these programs have application deadlines, please be sure to review the list as soon as possible.

Need A Transcript?

Please be advised that if the program to which you apply requires a transcript, you must provide the Counseling Office with a transcript release form. These forms can be found in the Counseling Office and on the department web page.

Standardized Testing

Please be sure to register early for any exams(s) you will be taking this coming spring. A few reminders:

Manhasset High School students are not guaranteed a seat for any test administration.

Manhasset High School is not an ACT test site.

Students who receive testing accommodations must have those accommodations approved by the College Board or the ACT.

Register at: www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org

Juniors

Junior Conferences

We are currently in the process of scheduling family conferences for the purpose of discussing your post-secondary plans. As a reminder, before these appointments will be scheduled, each student must submit a copy of the Common Application, mailed directly to you a few weeks ago, and a copy of a college search conducted on your Naviance account. Please keep in mind that the counselors are also scheduling appointments with their 9th grade students so plan on scheduling your appointment as soon as you can.

Additional copies of the Common Application are available in the Counseling Office

Mock College Interview

Registration for the Mock College Interview program is currently closed. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list, please stop in to the Counseling Office.

If you successfully registered, you will receive information sometime next week. As we do have a waiting list, PLEASE contact the office if you become aware that you will not be able to participate. Remember, the program is scheduled for Tuesday February 23rd. Students in the first session will be asked to arrive by 6:15. Students in the second session will arrive by 7:00.

Molloy College Business Boot Camp

Applications for interested students can be found on the Counseling web page. The due date for these applications in February 8th.

Boys State

The names of interested students will be forwarded to the American Legion before the February break. If interested, please see Ms. Grappone.

Spring College Open House Programs

Please be sure to check our web site for listings of colleges and universities that have announced Open House programs for 11th grade students and their parents/guardians.

Sophomores

10th Grade Parent Night

February 9, 2016

7:30 P.M.

Please join us for our 10th Grade Parent Night, which is designed as a pre-college planning event. Joining us will be Evan Wessler, of Method Test Prep, who we've invited back to provide you with an overview of both the Redesigned SAT and the ACT. Among other topics, the agenda for the evening will include the following:

- Distribution of the PSAT reports received from the College Board and an overview of the report. PSAT test books used by each student will be returned
- Distribution of the Concordance Tables provided by the College Board (comparing new to old scores)
- The new Coalition College Application
- An overview of the Career Interest Inventory conducted in November
- Naviance Highlights

Due to the confidential nature of the contents of the packets distributed, it will not be possible for us to allow any but the parents/guardians to pick up a student's packet. If you are unable to attend, we will mail your packet home.

Please Note: We have extra copies of the PSAT and will provide a copy to those 10th grade students who did not test in October.

Freshmen and 8th Grade Parents

Counselor Conferences

Please remember to schedule an appointment with your child's counselor. Appointments will be scheduled between Feb 8th and May 20th.

Middle School: 267-7511 High School: 267-7610

7th and 8th Grade

Changes for the 2016 Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests

The State Education Department recently announced that changes have been made to both the ELA and Math exams that will be administered to students in grades 3 to 8 in 2016. The changes that will most directly impact students are:

- Decrease in the number of test questions on both exams
- A shift to untimed testing to allow each child to work at his/her own pace

In addition to these changes, the state is using a new testing vendor and there will be greater educator input into the development of the exams.

If you would like to read the full State Education Department memo, you will find the link on the home page of the district web.

Enjoy the Coming Break