



*Senior Year*

*Parent's Breakfast*

# *Important Contact Information*

## **MAIN OFFICE**

Mr. Kelley – Principal ext. 1005

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## **GUIDANCE OFFICE**

Mr. Garofalo – Director (A-B) ext. 1023

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Be sure to visit our school website for up to  
date information at <http://www.slrsd.org/slrhs/>

## **DEPARTMENT CHAIRS**

Mr. Vitonis– English ext. 2412

Mr. Blette – Social Studies ext. 2411

Ms. DePasqua – Fine/Prac. Art

Mrs. Hines – Foreign Language ext. 2419

Mrs. Poole – Science ext. 2414

Mr. Sawyer – Mathematics ext. 2413

## **CTE OFFICE**

Mr. Glass – Director ext. 2402

# ***The 5 Gateways***

- ***Post-Secondary Education***
  - 4-year Colleges and Universities
  - 2-year Colleges and Community Colleges
  - Technical and Professional schools and colleges
  
- ***Workforce***
  - Full-time permanent jobs
  - Combination of two or more part-time jobs
  - Contract services on short-term basis
  
- ***Military***
  - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard
  
- ***Apprenticeship and Internships***
  - Carefully monitored work experiences with intentional learning goals
  
- ***Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship***
  - Start a business
  - Buy a business
  - Take on a franchise
  - Consult or freelance

# Where do I start?

## ■ September

- Narrow down schools you may apply to; Add those schools to Naviance.
- Arrange campus visits
- Register for SAT/ACT and SAT Subject Test's (if applicable)
- Stay organized!!

## ■ October

- Begin working on Brag Sheet, transcript request form and college essay
- Ask teachers, coaches, etc for letters of recommendation
- Attend college fairs
- Register for SAT/ACT and SAT Subject Test's (if applicable)
- "Early Decision/Action" candidates should be finishing applications

## ■ November

- Reduce college list to 4-6 schools. Begin completing applications. Check for schools accepting the **Common Application**
- Begin looking into national scholarship opportunities
- Early Decision/Action candidates deadlines are generally during this month

## ■ December

- Continue working on applications. January 1 deadlines should be complete before the winter vacation
- Request transcripts from guidance
- Attend Financial Aid night
- Listen to announcements and check Naviance for important information

## ■ January

- Submit FAFSA online ASAP!
- Register for January SAT's (if needed).
- Continue filling out college applications. Be aware of January and early February deadlines.
- Request an official record of SAT and SAT Subject Test (if needed) scores if needed.

## ■ February - March

- Some students may start getting acceptance letters.
- Other students are finishing their applications.
- Your Student Aid Report (SAR) should arrive in the mail (if you filled out the FAFSA in January)
- Local scholarship opportunities will be posted in the Guidance Office.

## ■ April

- Most acceptance letters are received.
- Decisions have to be made! Most schools request your reply by May 1<sup>st</sup>, with a tuition deposit.
- Notify your other schools you will not be attending.

## ■ May

- Pay attention to orientation dates, financial aid deadlines, etc. for your college.
- AP Exams (if applicable)
- Send "thank you" notes to individuals who helped you get in.

## ■ June

- **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**  
**IT'S GRADUATION!!!**

## ***Important Senior Information***

- College Fair – September 11<sup>th</sup> at UMASS Dartmouth from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Tripp Athletic Center
- College Fair – October 4<sup>th</sup> at Silver Lake Regional High School from 6:30-8:30 pm
- Maintain a rigorous course load for senior year because college's will see term grades each semester!
- Complete FAFSA after January 1<sup>st</sup> and the CSS Profile after October 1<sup>st</sup> (if applicable)

# ***SAT/ACT Registration***

- SAT and/or ACT Registration
  - Register for SAT and/or SAT Subject Tests at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - Register for the ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - Our school code is **221105**.
  - Our test center code is **22445**.

■ <b>SAT Test Dates</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011
<b>November 5, 2011*</b>	<b>October 7, 2011</b>
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011

**\* The November 5<sup>th</sup> SAT Test will be held at Silver Lake Regional H.S.**

# *Kaplan SAT Prep Event*

## **College Prep Day @ UMASS Dartmouth**

Kaplan will be hosting a day designed for students and parents to go over and discuss the various aspects of the post-secondary process.

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**9:00am – 3:00pm**

**Code – PKKC1007 (needed for online registration)**

If you are interested in this opportunity, visit <http://kaptest.com> for further details and sign-up information.

# College Search Tips

- **Location** – How far away from home would you like to be? Do you want to live on campus or commute from home?
- **Size of College** – Would you prefer to attend a school with a large enrollment (30,000 +), or a small one (around 1,500), or something in the middle? Physical size of a the campus? Student/faculty ratio?
- **Environment** – Would you rather attend a community college or other 2-year institution, or a 4 year university? An urban, suburban, or rural school? Is the location and size of the nearest city important to you? Do you prefer co-ed or single-gender school? Does religious affiliation make a difference?
- **Admissions Requirements** – Naviance provides an idea of the GPA, SAT scores, etc. each school is looking for you to compare yourself to.
- **Expense** – Consider tuition, room and board, and other expenses. Some schools will report the percentage of students who received aid each year.

# Application Definitions

## Rolling Admission

No set deadlines

## Regular Decision

Submit application by the institutions specified date. VERY IMPORTANT!

- *Some majors may have earlier deadlines than the regular admission deadline listed, please contact the individual college to confirm this information (i.e. Nursing and Engineering)*

## Early Action

Submit application by the institutions specified date. Will receive a decision well in advance of the regular response date. Acceptance is non-binding.

## Early Decision

Submit application by the institutions specified date. Will receive a decision well in advance of the regular response date. **Acceptance is BINDING!!**

***The Early Decision option is more competitive in terms of admission. It is recommended that students who exceed the admission requirements apply at that time.***

# THE COMMON APPLICATION

For Undergraduate College Admission

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

*The Common Application allows you to complete 1 application and submit it to multiple schools.*

*Visit the website to get a list of participating colleges and universities.*

The screenshot displays the user interface of the Common Application website. At the top, the logo for 'THE COMMON APPLICATION' is visible, along with navigation links for 'Help', 'Account', and 'Logout'. The user's profile information is shown on the left, identifying the user as Tom Brady, a first-year applicant with a Common App ID of 7865077. A sidebar menu lists various sections: Instructions, My Colleges, Search for Colleges, Common Application, Future Plans, Applicant, Demographics, Family, Education, Academics, Activities, Writing, Signature, Supplements, Payments, and School Forms. The main content area is titled 'My Colleges' and includes a status legend: a red triangle for 'Not Started', a yellow square for 'In Progress', and a green triangle for 'Complete'. Below this, three colleges are listed: Bentley University (In Progress), Stonehill College (Not Started), and University of Massachusetts Boston (Not Started). A search bar is provided for finding more colleges. The Bentley University section is expanded, showing a 'Remove this College' button and a 'Deadline: N/A until term is assigned' note. Under the 'Application' section, instructions are given to complete the 'Future Plans' section and assign recommenders. The 'Supplements' section is marked as 'Not Started' with instructions to complete the 'Future Plans' section. The 'Payments' section is marked as 'Not Ready For Payment' with instructions to submit the application or supplements. The 'School Forms' section is marked as 'Not Started'.

# ***The Truth about Community College***

Community Colleges (2-year or Junior Colleges) offer technical, transferable, and continuing education and specialized curriculums, as well as:

- Open admission to those with a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Annual tuition and fees that are approximately half the cost of a 4-year college.
- The ability to live at home and save on room and board.
- The opportunity to easily transfer into a 4-year college curriculum. *Several state colleges have partnerships with community colleges to assist with this transition.*
- The opportunity to obtain an associate's degree and/or certificates in specialty programs.

## **Community Colleges in the area :**

Cape Cod Community College, West Barnstable

Quincy College, Quincy and Plymouth

Massasoit Community College, Brockton and Canton

# *What is the application process?*

## Student Responsibilities

- Obtain/complete Yellow Release Form and Brag Sheet from the guidance office. Return to guidance along with \$2 per school for electronic document/postage fees.
- Log onto your Naviance-Family Connection account.
  - Under the “Colleges” tab, add your schools to “colleges I’m applying to”
  - **\*IMPORTANT\* ALL students must sign the FERPA agreement\***
    - Common App AND Non-Common App users need to choose to waive/not waive rights before proceeding (most students choose “Yes” to waive their rights).
    - Common App Users must also provide their user name and password.
- Complete/submit general application, including:
  - Personal/parental information
  - Your personal essay
  - Additional supplements (if applicable)
  - Application fee
- Submit SAT/ACT scores electronically through your online Collegeboard account (<http://www.collegeboard.com>)
- Request teacher recommendation(s) in person, AS WELL AS through Naviance-Family Connection and follow up with them to ensure electronic submittal
- Complete FAFSA (after January 1<sup>st</sup>, mandatory) and/or CSS Profile (after October 1<sup>st</sup>, only if required by school)

# ***Application Process cont.***

## ***Counselor Responsibilities***

***(all materials submitted electronically)***

- *Your transcript*
- *Your grades each term*
- *The Silver Lake school profile/school report*
- *Counselor Recommendation*
- *The mid year report*
- *Final Transcript*

# Resources

*Some students want to explore the world of work and save money before committing themselves to higher education. Others are interested in pursuing trade jobs that don't require a college degree. In either case, there are useful resources below that can help your student successfully transition from high school into the world.*

- Encourage and work with your student to research areas of interest.
  - [www.masscis.intocareers.org](http://www.masscis.intocareers.org) - Career-based search engine
  - <http://connection.naviance.com/silverlake> - Silver Lake's resource for college and career searching
  - [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) – Internet-based career exploration and planning tool
  
- Identify your students strengths, weaknesses and interests
  - Go to [www.slrsd.org/slrhs](http://www.slrsd.org/slrhs) .
  - Click on the “Guidance” tab.
  - Click on “Career Exploration”.

## ***Financial Aid -101***

- Please attend our Financial Aid Night, hosted by MEFA.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30pm**

(in our Large Group Room)

- For further information on the process,  
**PLEASE VISIT**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or [www.mefa.org](http://www.mefa.org)

# Questions?

*As always, please feel free to  
contact your student's  
guidance counselor at any  
time!!*

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