

CLASS OF 2009

COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS – MAY 2008

LOOKING FORWARD

One of the best ways for students to prepare for college essays is to spend some time in personal reflection. The Senior Autobiography will help with this process. This assignment will be given to the students in late May.

COLLEGE VISITS

Summer is a great time to visit colleges. You will find information regarding how to make the most of your visit in the College Counseling Handbook. An additional piece of advice is to keep a journal to record impressions of campus visits. This will serve as a great reference tool when it comes time to decide where to submit applications in the fall.

The Senior Autobiography is a great way for the student to start thinking about him/herself as a person as well as his/her accomplishments. It can also help in responding to that difficult interview comment, “So tell me about yourself.”

COMMON APPLICATION

The **Common Application** is used by more than 300 colleges nationwide. The 2008-2009 Common Application will be available on the web at www.commonapp.org in July. Some colleges require supplements to this application. Students should review the application and begin thinking about the potential essay responses.

PARENTAL LETTER AND STUDENT AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Both documents have been distributed and are available on our Web site under the “Academics” drop down menu. Click on “College Counseling” and then see “Important Downloads” for the appropriate document.

College Counseling Calendar

Juniors should have a definite testing plan in place. Future test dates include

SAT

June 7, 2008
October 4, 2008
November 1, 2008
December 6, 2008

ACT

June 14, 2008

September 13, 2008
October 25, 2008
December 13, 2008

June 30

Senior autobiographies and parent letters are due.

SUMMER CONTACT INFORMATION

We will be sending you the summer contact information for college counselors in June.