



## **CLASS OF 2011 COLLEGE COUNSELING NEWS – MAY 2010**

### **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. It can also help in responding to that difficult interview comment, “So tell me about yourself.” This assignment will be given to the students and is posted on our website.

### **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.

### **COMMON APPLICATION**

The **Common Application** is used by more than 300 colleges nationwide. The 2010-2011 Common Application will be available on the web at [www.commonapp.org](http://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 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.

### **SUMMER CONTACT INFORMATION**

Students may contact their college counselors via the Pingry email addresses.