



Senior Student/Parent
Information Night
September 8th, 2015

BE AWARE OF DEADLINES

- Senior year is all about DEADLINES – college apps, financial aid & scholarships, changing courses, ordering your announcements, and completing all your requirements to GRADUATE . . .



Graduating?

- 56 credits
- Required Courses on Credit Check Worksheet
- ACT plus writing
 - OR taken one of the following:
SAT, ASVAB, Accuplacer

*see Mrs. Piner or our Testing Coordinator, Mrs. Erickson with questions

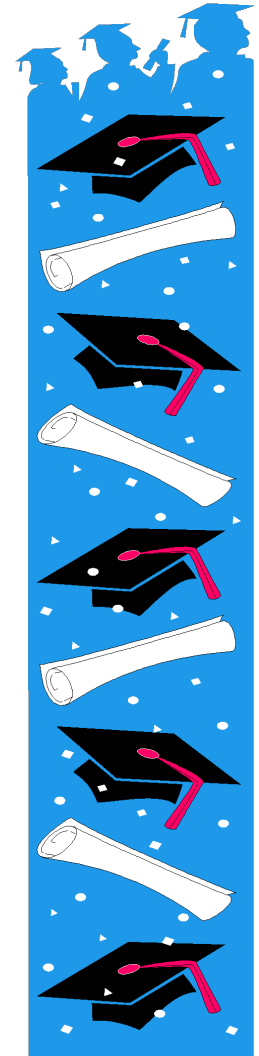
Missing Credits?

- Outside Courses completed by May 15th
- Official transcripts due to Ms. Piner by May 26th
- ALL credits required for Graduation **MUST** be completed to walk in the ceremony

LIFE AFTER MAIN STREET

What are *your* plans?

- College/University
- Vocational or Technical College
- Military
- Job/Career
- “Gap” Year
- “I don’t have a clue!”



Confused?

- Use online resources: bigfuture.org, actstudent.org, individual college websites
- Use college resources: College visits to school, college fairs, call admissions representatives
- Sign up to meet with Ms. Soskin!

September

- Register to retake ACT/SAT/Subject Tests
- Finalize list of colleges & app deadlines
- Research audition requirements and dates/locations
- Finalize teacher/counselor recommendations
- Start working on application essay
- Research scholarships

ACT/SAT Tests

- ACT

Oct 24th —Register by Sept 18th

- SAT

Oct 3rd —Register by Sept 22nd (late fee)

Nov 7th —Register by Oct 9th

ACT/SAT Tests

www.actstudent.org

www.collegeboard.org

- Online registration
- Online request to send test scores
- SAT Subject Tests: check with colleges for requirements

What is our School Code?

241-157



Teacher Recommendations

- Who knows you the best?
- 2 weeks notification
- Ask! Don't tell
- Stamped addressed envelope(s)
- Activities Resume
- Recommendation Form
- Check back

October

- Prepare Early Decision/Early Action applications
- Polish application essay
- College Representatives at MSSPA
 - sign up on Piner's outside door
- Attend College Receptions/Fairs
- 2nd Annual MSSPA College Application Day! -October 21st

November

- Turn in applications with December and January deadlines by Thanksgiving
- Keep researching scholarships

December

- Apply for a FAFSA PIN

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Transcripts

- \$4 each
- Official or Unofficial
- Includes Mid-Year Transcripts
- Fees paid before Graduation

Requesting Transcripts

- See Mrs. Tonjes in Main Office
- Transcript request form
- Will be mailed within 2 weeks
- Attach any counselor forms.
 - Complete Student Section--don't forget to put your name on them!

A Few College Quirks

- Most schools look for a MINIMUM of two years of foreign language
- Change of Senior Schedule:
Notify colleges of core class changes after you have applied and/or been admitted

The Application Process

You are responsible for:

- Application & Fee
- Essays (if required)
- Having ACT/SAT scores sent to colleges
- Requesting Teacher(s) to complete recommendation letter (provide a stamped, addressed envelope)
- Requesting a transcript, midyear report and final transcript as needed
- Verifying that all information, including transcript, arrived at the admissions office

The Application Process

MSSPA is responsible for:

- Sending requested transcripts within 10 school days of request date

Resources & Upcoming Events

- College Reps Visiting MSSPA this fall
[MSSPA College Rep Visits](#)
- Groves Academy LD/ADHD College and Post Secondary Opportunities Fair: Oct 20th
www.grovesacademy.org
- National College Fair: Oct 21st & 22nd
[Student Registration gotocollegefairs.com](#)
- Performing and Visual Arts College Fair: Oct 13th
[NACAC Performing & Visual Arts Registration](#)

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Attend MSSPA Financial Aid Night
James Hammar from UST- Jan 12th (tentative)
- Use Scholarship websites:
www.fastweb.com
www.wiredscholar.com
www.bigfuture.org
- Individual college websites
- Community/Religious/Work Organizations
- Local High School

Other Resources

- Listen to Announcements!
- Utilize on-line resources
- Talk with Mrs. Piner/Mrs. Soskin
- Teachers
- Family
- MSSPA Graduates

Senior Pictures

- Due Dec 11th
- E-mail to Mr. Mollick
- Baby pictures -scanned and returned to you
- Color OR black and white
- Pictures do not have to be wallet sized
- High resolution is best

Graduation Committee

- See HR teacher--need one rep from each of the Senior HR's
- Decide Class Motto
- Design Announcements
- Plan the Ceremony
- 1st meeting 9/22 during HR

Cap and Gown Orders

- Herff-Jones here November 17th 9:15-9:45
- Will hand out Cap and Gown, Announcement, and other grad product order forms.
- Each student must order a cap and gown at minimum (approx. \$35).
- Order forms are due back by Dec 4th

NYC Trip

- April 6th to April 10th

Price \$1195 (based on 35 students participating)

--\$250 down payment due Oct 30th

- Info meeting end of September
- See Mr. Thompson for details
- Fundraising Opportunities:

Halloween Hunt @ ValleyFair-see Mr. Leaf

Pointsettia Sales-see Mr. Thompson

Prom

- April 23rd 8:30-11:00pm
- Anson Northrop Boarding@Harriet Island
- \$40 indiv/ \$70 couple
- Students must be in attendance at school on the Friday before Prom.

Senior Reception

- Tuesday, May 31st at 7:30pm
- St. Gabriel's Reception Hall
- Students and *immediate* family
- Art Stoles handed out, Scholarships recognized, and Department Awards are given

Graduation

- Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30pm
- Must have ALL credits finished to walk
- Rehearsal at 1:30pm
- PTO provides dinner here
- Gowns collected and diplomas received immediately following the ceremony (all fees must be paid)