

# Leavitt Area High School

Congratulations, Seniors! You've officially made it to your graduating year! CLASS OF 2019!

With the end of the semester approaching, remember that first semester grades will be sent to all of the colleges you've applied to. In addition, colleges will receive your final transcript so continue to strive for your best!



## Scholarships are arriving!!

Upcoming deadlines are:

### January 11

- Curtis H. Allen Scholarship Fund
- United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship

### January 31

- Maryann Hartman Essay Contest

### April 1

- Margaret Chase Smith Essay Contest
- Mitchell Scholarship



*"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."*

*-Walt Disney*

If you've been accepted to college or have enlisted in the military, please let us know and we'll give you an apple for our mural!

## FINANCIAL AID LETTERS

Colleges have started sending out Financial Aid Packages to accepted students. If you have any questions about your financial aid letter, bring it to the guidance office and we'll review it with you!

## Important:

The local scholarship packet will be available in February!

Stop by the guidance office next month to pick it up!

## More Important News about Scholarships

Reminder: Every scholarship application will ask for your transcript. Once you have completed the scholarship application, attach a **Pink Scholarship Transcript Request Form** to the application and give it to Pat in guidance.

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## Advice from recent high school graduates...

*"Don't be afraid of getting attached to friends you might be leaving behind after graduation. Don't be afraid of those goodbyes. When I started my senior year, I questioned why I would want to continue building relationships when I knew I'd eventually have to tear them down. But in the midst of the overwhelming stress of deciding what to do with my future, my good friends were the ones who were there for me when I felt I was cracking under the pressure. Senior year is a time to make big decisions, and you're going to need people who know the real you to help you through the process. Even if you decide to move nearly 600 miles away from home, like I am, realize that a goodbye doesn't mean forever if you're saying it to someone you care about. So don't go into senior year thinking you need to slowly start cutting ties with people. Honestly, you'll need your friends just as much as they'll need you."*  
— Hannah Strohmeier (currently a Sophomore at George Washington University)

*"Last August I wrote a guide to my senior-self in the form of a blog titled "17 Things I Want Myself to Remember Senior Year." Reading through it now, I'm pretty proud of how relevant my advice turned out to be. Admittedly however, I failed at many of my goals — way too many cups of coffee, way too little sleep, and sadly, too many tears. My best advice to you now, after having gone through senior year, is to try and enjoy your last moments in high school. Go out of your way to help underclassmen and lift them up to be the next leaders of your school; contribute more to conversations in class; talk to someone new at lunch; support your friends at their sports games; celebrate other people's successes. The college application season is so individualistic and competitive that you'll find it refreshing to turn your focus onto others instead."*  
— Katy Ma (currently a Sophomore at Wellesley College)

*"Over spring break, I stayed at Northeastern with my friend. It was the most exciting, nerve-racking, heart-stopping experience I've had thus far in my short 18 years. I got the opportunity to stay at a dorm (not as much fun as you think it would be, by the way!), eat food prepared at various dining halls, and travel around Boston — without the parental units around. If anyone has the chance to stay with a friend or family member at their college or university, take it. It will open your eyes to the world beyond you. And it will most likely leave a dent on your life."*  
— Amy Yoelin (currently a Sophomore at University of Northern Colorado)

*"You'll probably find that as soon as the school year starts, you'll start feeling the symptoms of senioritis. My vital advice to you is to try your hardest to beat it, and make your last year count. When you really think about it, this is your last year before you're endowed with adult responsibilities, so make the most of it; audition for a play, talk to that cute boy who sat behind you in science class or make a goal to win a specific award at Commencement. If you don't, you might regret it next June."*  
— Erin McLaughlin (currently attending York University)

*"Make sure that you have goals that actually mean something to you, and then live them. Get into that college, become a tiger trainer, get your pilot certification. You are the goal and the goal is you. Become one with it. Never stop trying to reach it, and be on the lookout for new opportunities to fulfill them around every corner. If you're going to do it, do it 500 percent. It's going to be hard work, and you might not always enjoy it, but if it's your goal (this is very important, that it's your goal), it will be so worth it in the end."*  
— Justina Sharp (currently taking classes at a community college)

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

If you have any questions about your credits or graduation requirements, this is your last opportunity to make any changes to your second semester schedule. Come to guidance to schedule an appointment!

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