
February 2017 Guidance Newsletter for Juniors

Leavitt Area High School

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Hello Class of 2018!

This is the first monthly guidance newsletter that you will receive for your remaining time at LAHS. Please review it each month for important announcements and deadlines.

-Guidance Staff

COURSE REGISTRATION SIGN UP SHEETS

Can you believe that it's already time to pick classes for your final year at Leavitt?? Very exciting! As you're choosing classes for senior year, please make sure that you've covered all of your graduation requirements. If you are unsure as to which classes you still need, please see your guidance counselor.

SATS

The entire Junior class will be taking the SATs on Wednesday, April 5th here at Leavitt. **This is a graduation requirement.** If you would like to take practice tests, or review sample questions, you can go to Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org/sat) for more information.

JUNIOR INTERVIEWS

This Spring, each of you will meet individually with your guidance counselor for your Junior Interview. This informal meeting is to start talking about life after high school. We will review your transcript, talk about classes for Senior year, and start brainstorming plans for post graduation. Whatever your plans may be – military, employment, 2-year college, or 4-year college – we will guide



Course sign up tips:

- Continue striving for your best by taking our most rigorous classes.
 - Variety! You've met most of your graduation requirements, so try something new!
 - If you are in LRTC and plan on continuing next year, please write in the name of the course on the line provided on the bottom right.
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Important:

Make sure to get teacher recommendations on your course sign up sheets for next year's courses!

you through the process of how to get there! There are 137 of you and only 3 of us, so please keep your scheduled appointments.

COLLEGE VISITS

It's never too soon to start visiting college campuses! There is no better way to tell if a college is a good fit for you than stepping foot on campus! We encourage you to take a formal campus tour, which are usually lead by current students. If you know when you'll be on campus, contact the Admissions office to schedule a tour. Some schools will offer an application fee waiver if you've toured their campus – don't hesitate to ask the tour guide! Applying to college can be expensive so fee waivers can really help!!

CLASS RANK AND GPA FOR COLLEGES

All colleges and universities you apply to will ask for your class rank and GPA. The class rank and GPA that we report to schools are calculated at the end of your Junior year and will be made available to you in the Fall of your Senior year. Your class rank is unweighted, which means it does not matter whether your classes are academic, advanced, or AP. At the end of your Senior year, class rank will be weighted in order to determine the top 10 at graduation. At that time, only those in the top 10 will be notified of their rank. Weighted class rank will not be reported to colleges.

Guidance schedule through next year:

1. **Junior Interviews** will occur this Spring.
2. **Senior Interviews** will occur in the Fall.
3. **The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** will be available on October 1st 2017. All college bound seniors will be required to fill out this application online.
4. **College Application Deadlines** are usually between January 1st and March 1st. Many schools now have rolling admissions which allows students to apply at any time. Early decision deadlines are usually November 1st – please check online for each college's specific deadlines.
5. **Scholarship Applications** will be available in the guidance office starting in November/December. Seniors are encouraged to apply for as many scholarships as possible.

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PLEASE NOTE:

If you would like to meet with your guidance counselor, please stop by the guidance office and Pat will schedule an appointment during your guided study or HPT.

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