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# MAY 2018

## Junior Newsletter

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### Leavitt Area High School

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#### **COLLEGE SEARCHES**

One of our favorite sites for a college search is:

[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org).

If you have a user name and password, you can save your searches. However, you do not need to have a user name and password to use the college search option at the top of the page.

There are 3,700 schools on this site! In order to narrow down your options, use the filters on the left side of the screen. The best ones to start with are "Location" and "Majors and Learning Environment."

Once your SAT scores are available, you can enter them in the filter titled "Test Scores & Selectivity" to help you determine if a school is appropriate for you academically.

Once you have a list of 15-20 schools, you can research each of them thoroughly!

Visiting campuses is key!! Check out as many campuses as possible!

Hello Juniors!

For those of you taking AP Exams this month, best of luck to you! Please review the test day reminders below.

Remember to read through all of the information on this newsletter and come see us if you have any questions! Thank you!

-Guidance Staff

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#### **JUNIOR INTERVIEWS**

If you have not had your Junior Interview yet, please stop by the guidance office to schedule it!

#### **BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER APPLICATIONS**

If you are interested in either continuing being a mentor next year OR if you would like become a mentor for your Senior year, there is a **Big Brother/Big Sister APPLICATION** that you need to fill out before you're able to meet with your Little. Applications are available in the guidance office.

#### **AP TEST DAY REMINDERS**

Please be ON TIME. *You will be walking from Leavitt to the little white church across from TES.* ALL AP exams will be taken at the church. You will return to Leavitt after testing ends.

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If your test is scheduled to begin at 8:00am, please arrive no later than 7:45am. In the past, the church basement has been a bit chilly. Please come prepared with a sweatshirt.

You will not be allowed to bring any food or drinks into the testing area. All cell phones will be collected prior to test administration. There are scheduled breaks during the exam, but if you need to use the restroom during the exam, you may do so.

Please be sure to eat a healthy breakfast on the morning of your exam! Start the day off right!



## **APPLYING TO COLLEGE FAQs**

1. When should I start? The Summer before your Senior year is the best time to start. Most students do the majority of their application work in the Fall of their senior year.
2. How many colleges should I apply to? Five to eight colleges is the recommended number. They should all be colleges you'd be happy to attend. It's good to apply to some colleges that are a bit of a stretch for you and some that you feel will likely admit you. But, most should feel like good, realistic matches.
3. Should I apply early? It depends. If you are sure about which college you want to attend, early decision or early action might be the best choice for you. If you're not sure, keep in mind that some early application plans require you to commit early. You may want to keep your options open.
4. What is the Common Application? The Common Application is a standardized application used by more than 500 colleges. You fill out the application once and electronically send it to different colleges. You may need to submit additional or separate documents to some colleges.
5. Should I apply to colleges if my SAT scores or grades are below their published ranges? Yes! The numbers listed online are averages! Colleges are looking for all kinds of students with different talents, abilities, and backgrounds.

## **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE**

Will you be applying to UMO? Then don't miss this opportunity to review your transcript with a UMO admissions representative on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (Green Day), see Pat in guidance for an appointment.

## **OPTIONAL COLLEGE FAIR for Juniors!**

On Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a large college fair at the Augusta Civic Center. College admissions representatives from schools throughout the country will be available to answer questions and talk about their academic programs to interested Juniors. Again, this is optional. If you'd like to go, please come to the guidance office to sign up with Pat who will give you a permission slip.

### **Permission slips will be required!**

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