

October 2018 Guidance Newsletter

Leavitt Area High School

Hello Seniors!

Senior Interviews are under way! Please have your Senior brag sheet completed prior to your interview and remember to bring your blue Senior Packet with you as well! If you can't make it to your interview, please reschedule with your counselor as soon as possible!

Sincerely,

The Guidance Staff

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Get Ready to File!

If You Don't Have Your FSA ID, Get One Now

The FSA ID is the user name and password students will use to access all Federal Student Aid websites, including FAFSA.gov.

All students need an FSA ID. One parent of a dependent student will also need to create an FSA ID to sign the FAFSA.

We strongly recommend getting your FSA IDs ahead of time. Each FSA ID takes about 10 minutes to create.

You can go to www.fafsa.gov and click on "Start A New FAFSA" as of **October 1st** to start the application process. You can access the FAFSA on our Guidance website through www.rsu52.us.

Getting Help Filing the FAFSA

The best place to get help with filing the FAFSA is the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME).

FAME's Contact Information

You can call FAME at: 1 (800) 228-3734 (continued on page 2)



Upcoming College Visits:

October 1

12:00PM – Endicott College

October 4

8:00AM – University of Maine

October 10

9:00AM – Maine College of Art

October 16

10:00AM – US Air Force

October 17

8:00AM – UMaine, Fort Kent

8:30AM – UMaine, Augusta

1:30PM – Colby-Sawyer

October 19

9:00AM – Fisher College

October 24

1:30PM – Thomas College

October 25

12:00PM – Washington County Community College

October 29

9:00AM – Unity College

October 31

11:00AM – UMaine, Farmington

November 1

9:15AM – Colby College

You can email FAME at: education@famemaine.com

And you can connect through FAME's Facebook page at:
facebook.com/FAME.education

Or through Twitter at: twitter.com/FAME_Education

College Preparation Reminders

If you haven't started filling out your college applications online, NOW is the time to get started! If you are applying to multiple schools, your best option is to use the Common Application (www.commonapp.org). Nearly 700 colleges and universities in the United States and around the world accept the Common Application. When you're logged in to your Common Application account, use the College Search tab to find the schools you are applying to. If you can't find a school you're interested in, that means they do not accept the common application and you'll need to go to their website directly to access their application.

Review your college essay! Please make sure there are NO TYPOS. Misspellings, improper punctuation, and typos are not the best first impression! Please re-read your essay and have someone else read it as well!

Turn in your BLUE TRANSCRIPT REQUEST forms to guidance as soon as possible! This is how you let us know where you're applying and where to send your transcript.

Check to see if any of the schools you're applying to require the CSS Profile and/or SAT scores. The CSS Financial Aid Profile and be found at <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>. Your SAT scores are listed on the bottom of your high school transcript, but some schools require that you send the scores directly from the College Board website.

Teacher's should be given at least two weeks notice to write letters of recommendation. Remember to fill out a white Teacher Recommendation Request form and give it to the teachers who have agreed to write your letter of recommendation. Most schools require two teacher recommendations. Once a teacher has written a letter, they will bring it to the guidance office, and it will be mailed along with your high school transcript. No letters will be sent electronically.



PLEASE NOTE:

The guidance office has extended hours every green day until 3:30PM for Seniors who need assistance with the application process.

There are laptops available in our office for Seniors to access their applications online.

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