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## October 2016 Guidance Newsletter

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# Leavitt Area High School

21 Matthews Way, Turner, ME 04282

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Hello Seniors!

Senior Interviews are under way! Please have your Senior brag sheet completed prior to your interview and remember to bring your green 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

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### **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](http://www.fafsa.gov) and click on "Start A New FAFSA" as of **October 1<sup>st</sup>** to start the application process. You can access the FAFSA on our Guidance website through [www.rsu52.us](http://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

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### **Upcoming College Visits:**

#### **October 3**

9:00AM – UMaine, Machias  
1:00PM – Univ. of Southern Maine

#### **October 5**

8:00AM – UMaine, Augusta

#### **October 11**

8:00AM – UMaine, Farmington

#### **October 12**

9:00AM – Univ. of New Haven  
11:30AM – Alfred University  
1:30PM – Univ. of New Hampshire

#### **October 13**

9:15AM – Johnson & Wales

#### **October 14**

12:00PM – Southern Maine Community College

#### **October 19**

12:30PM – UMaine, Presque Isle

#### **October 25**

11:30AM – Washington County Community College

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You can email FAME at: [education@famemaine.com](mailto:education@famemaine.com)

And you can connect through FAME's Facebook page at:  
[facebook.com/FAME.education](https://facebook.com/FAME.education)

Or through Twitter at: [twitter.com/FAME\\_Education](https://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](http://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 yellow 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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