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Guidance News & Notes

Welcome to a new school year. As always there is a lot to share in the first weeks of school, so grab a calendar and prepare for a busy fall.

Seniors:

1. The senior guidance unit will begin September 17th. We will meet with your student individually, after this initial meeting, where we will discuss the application process, the college essay, recommendations, and planning.
2. Guidance counselors will use the advisory sessions over the next three weeks to discuss scholarship timelines, SAT sign-up and preparation, and to promote the **college night**, which will take place October 10th at 6:00pm at SMHS. The NHHEAF organization sponsors college night to help orient families to the college application process.
3. **No Child Left Behind Act of 2001** states that schools must comply with requests by military recruiters with the names, addresses, and phone numbers of Juniors and Seniors who are attending Sunapee Middle High School. Military Opt Out was included on the registration form that was sent home on the first day of school. If you wish to have your child's information omitted please return your form by October 1st or contact the SMHS guidance department.
4. September 20th at 1:15pm Sunapee Middle High School will host a **college mini fair** for both Juniors and Seniors. A majority of the 2 and 4 year colleges and universities in the State of New Hampshire will have admission counselors available to provide information and first hand advice.
5. Both Seniors and Juniors are invited to take a field trip to the **SNHU college fair** which will take place on October 1st. Interested students needs to fill out and complete the attached yellow slip. The trip is provided for Seniors, however, Juniors will be allowed to attend, until the bus is full, on a first come first serve basis.

Juniors:

1. Prepare for the PSAT that will be administered **October 19th at SMHS**. Students planning to take the PSAT should provide a check for 14 dollars to the guidance department payable to Sunapee Middle High School by October 6th. The test begins at 8:00am. Visit www.collegeboard.com for more information about the PSAT.
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Testing:

1. **NWEA testing will take place September 4-6th.** Students will be tested in the content areas of Reading, Math, and Language. Results should be available with the first quarter reports.
2. **NECAP Testing will take place during the month of October.** The fall NECAP tests, for grades 6, 7, 8, and 11, in reading, mathematics, and writing were designed to measure your child’s progress in meeting New Hampshire’s Grade Level Expectations. The GLEs define the knowledge and skills a student should have mastered by the end of each school year. The New England Common Assessment Program is one of the important tools available to parents and educators to determine how well our schools are helping students meet standards and grade level expectations. In every assessment, scores are only as meaningful as the effort students put into the tests. Encourage your child to take the tests seriously and to give his or her best effort. You can best help your child prepare for the assessment by making sure that she or he is rested on the days the tests will be given. And, as with every day, it is critical that students have a good breakfast before heading off to school. Thank you for supporting your child and our school during the testing period.

Other Important Information:

1. **Powerschool:** Letters were recently sent home regarding your Powerschool information, please contact Darlene Dodge with any questions or concerns: 603-763-5615.
2. This year we will send progress reports electronically, each student will receive a written report at the end of each quarter.



Anticipated Test Dates for SAT (www.collegeboard.com)			
SAT Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	SAT Tests Given
October 5, 2013	September 6, 2013		SAT Reasoning Test and Subject
November 2, 2013	October 3, 2013		SAT Reasoning Test and Subject
December 7, 2013	November 12, 2013		SAT Reasoning Test and Subject
January 25, 2014	December 27, 2013		SAT Reasoning Test and Subject
March 8, 2014	February 9, 2014		SAT Test Only
May 3, 2014	April 6, 2014		SAT Reasoning Test and Subject
June 7, 2014	May 8, 2014		SAT Reasoning Test and Subject
Test Dates for ACT (www.act.org)			
ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)	
September 21, 2013	August 23, 2013	August 24-September 6, 2103	
October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013	September 28-October 11, 2013	
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 9-22, 2013	
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	January 11-24, 2014	
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8-21, 2014	
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10-23, 2014	