

Dear Seniors and Parents:

Congratulations! You have reached your final year of high school. With graduation fast approaching, the Guidance Department would like to share some important information with you.

College Applications

Students should begin applying to college early in their Senior year. Applications for most colleges and universities are available online at the respective school websites. Most schools have a Counselor Recommendation form at the end of the application that needs to be printed off and taken to your counselor so she can complete the form.

Scholarships

Scholarships are advertised as they come in via Maconaquah's website: www.maconaquah.k12.in.us Click on **Site Selection**, choose **Maconaquah High School**, from the **Quick Links** tab choose **Guidance**. Scholarships will be under the Resources section and will be added when received. There will be links within the bulletin that permit you to download the applications. Most scholarships come in during the second semester. Make sure you pay attention to deadlines!!!

Financial Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in receiving any state or federal monies to help toward college. You may register for your PIN now (students and parents need 2 separate numbers) and you can complete the FAFSA any time after October 1. This is brand new this year so you have from October 1 - March 10 to complete the application. Filing a FAFSA is recommended regardless of your financial status. MHS holds a Financial Aid Workshop, please stay posted for an upcoming date. The date for the workshop for 2017-2018 school year is to be determined.

College Visitation Days

Seniors are permitted two college visitation days for the school year. The intent of the visitation day is to give parents and students an opportunity to investigate a school, specific training program, or the military. Prior to picking up a visitation form from Guidance, you must call the Admissions office of the school you're visiting to set up an appointment. Visitation forms must be completed and turned in prior to the day of the college visit. A letter of an official letterhead from the college or university that confirms your college visit is required. Brochures are not accepted as proof of a visit.

Testing

The SAT or ACT are qualifying tests required for admission to four year colleges and universities. College bound student are encouraged to take the SAT and/or ACT at the end of their Junior year. Any college bound Seniors who have not yet taken the SAT or ACT should register early in the fall of this year so that scores can be sent to colleges in a timely manner. Students may register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. Maconaquah's high school code for both exams is 150380. Be sure to register early to avoid late fees! Also, if you are a 21st Century Scholar and/or on free/reduced lunch, you will need to pick up a fee waiver from the Guidance office prior to registering online.

Please feel free to stop by the guidance office, call, or email if you have any questions.

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