

NANUET PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Nanuet HS Guidance Department e-News

**December, 2019**

Dear High School Parents/Guardians,

The Nanuet Senior High School Guidance E-News presents information for students and parents/guardians on pertinent guidance and counseling topics. Monthly e-news will supply details about school and community informational programs, post-secondary academic and career opportunities, financial aid, scholarships, standardized testing and community resources.

The Guidance Staff would like to extend wishes for a very Happy Holiday Season to all.

Best,

Jacqueline Laurenzano  
Director of Guidance

**SAT TESTING**

The registration deadline for the March 14, 2020 SAT ONLY (not at Nanuet HS) is February 14, 2020. For further information please visit <http://www.collegeboard.com>.

**APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID**

Parents or guardians of seniors planning to attend college or trade school next year should consider applying for financial aid regardless of need. We strongly encourage you to file.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a federal form that can be done on or after October 1, 2019. Please beware of sites asking for payment as the form is free. Information and the form can be found and completed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS**

An Evening Program for Junior Parents will be held on January 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The school counselors will discuss the post-secondary planning process. The snow date for this program is January 23, 2020.

**THE LATEST SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

Please go to the [Guidance](#) page on the Nanuet High School website or the Naviance site for the latest scholarship information. If you have any questions, please call the guidance office.

**Guidance Counselor Caseload 2019-2020**

<b><u>GRADE 9</u></b>	<b><u>COUNSELOR</u></b>
A - G	DONNA HIRSCH
H - O	JILL MERKERT
P - T	JACKIE LAURENZANO
U - Z	MARIA MIELE
<b><u>GRADE 10</u></b>	
A - E	DONNA HIRSCH
F - L	JILL MERKERT
M - Z	MARIA MIELE
<b><u>GRADE 11</u></b>	
A - E	DONNA HIRSCH
F - L	JILL MERKERT
M - O	JACKIE LAURENZANO
P - Z	MARIA MIELE
<b><u>GRADE 12</u></b>	
A - C	DONNA HIRSCH
D - G	JILL MERKERT
H - Ma	JACKIE LAURENZANO
Mc - Z	MARIA MIELE
<b><u>LIFE SKILLS</u></b>	JILL MERKERT
<b><u>ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT</u></b>	JACKIE LAURENZANO
<b><u>GUIDANCE SECRETARY</u></b>	JUDEE TORIELLO

## **"SURF" YOUR WAY TO COLLEGE AND CAREER**

There are many sites on the web which can help guide your future. Many sites provide must-see information on careers, colleges and financial aid. Here are a few we like:

- Mapping Your Future (<http://mappingyourfuture.org/>). This site includes information to help you plan your career, select a school, and pay for your education.
- Higher Education Services Corporation (<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/>) Here you can find out about state and federal aid or link to other college or lender Web sites.
- NY CareerZone (<https://www.careerzone.ny.gov>) An innovative online career exploration and planning system. CareerZone presents current and relevant occupational and labor market information. CareerZone is sponsored by The New York State Department of Labor

Our website contains links to valuable resources, appropriate for all high school levels. Additionally, our 10th, 11th and 12th grade students utilize Naviance for college planning and post secondary goals.

## **SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS - PSATs**

PSAT scores are being released by the College Board to all students starting Monday, December 9, 2019 via the e-mail that you registered with. Look for an e-mail from the College Board coming your way! Please see your counselor for a hard copy of your Score Report and an explanation.

The PSAT measures skills in three basic academic areas that are important for success in college: Evidence-based Reading, Writing and Math. All questions are designed to parallel ones that you will see on the SAT.

First, a raw score is computed. Students receive one point for each correct answer, regardless of difficulty. No points are deducted for unanswered questions. Next, the raw score is converted to a score on the PSAT scale of 160-760. The PSAT scale is comparable to the SAT scale of 200-800.

Score reports show a numerical score for each area measured, as well as a total score that combines your Reading/Writing score and your Math score. You will also receive sub-scores. These scores will help you determine your areas of strengths as well as areas you may want to work on before taking the SAT.

## **SENIORS**

- If you haven't applied to college yet, now is the time. Please make an appointment with your counselor.
- Remember to update your prospective college list on Naviance. If you are planning to apply to colleges that are not on your "Colleges I'm Applying To" list, please see your counselor. No material will be sent unless you meet with your counselor.
- If you have a January 1st deadline, you MUST meet with your guidance counselor ASAP!
- As your college decisions come in, please let your counselor know your results so that she can adjust your college list as necessary.

## **NAACP**

What is the mission of the NAACP?

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

#### Vision Statement

The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

#### Objectives

The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution - the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination
- To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

If you are interested in membership, please stop in the Guidance Office for an application.

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