

Senior Parents,

Greetings from the Counseling Department!

Please take a moment to review the following information in its entirety. Much of this information is unchanged from our March 1 communication; however, we still need many scholarship offers submitted to us as indicated in the first bulleted item.

### **IMPORTANT TOPICS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR SENIOR**

#### **\*\*\*Scholarship Recognition\*\*\***

- **ACTION REQUIRED:** Please send all scholarship offers to Mr. Reeves ([creeves@shdhs.org](mailto:creeves@shdhs.org)), who will record them in Scoir for you. We have 39 of 109 submitted. You can forward emails, screenshots or photos. However you do it, we need to record ALL offers, even schools your senior is not attending.
- Each and every senior is important to us and we want to make sure everyone who receives an offer is acknowledged and included in our list. Thanks so much for working on this ASAP.

#### **In-Person College Campus Visits**

- In-person college campus visits after April 30, 2022 are not permitted on a regularly scheduled
- school day.

### **WHAT DO SENIORS NEED TO KNOW BEFORE MAKING A FINAL COLLEGE DECISION?**

#### **May 1, 2022**

- May 1 is designated as **National College Decision Day**. This date represents the deadline to submit your acceptance and submit an enrollment deposit to attend the two-year or four-year college or university of your choice.
- To confirm your enrollment, most colleges will require an enrollment and/or housing deposit.
- Once the decision is made, your senior should indicate their decision in Scoir (they know how to do this).

#### **Staying up-to-date on all communication from college(s)**

- When a student is accepted at a college or university, he/she receives username and password protected access to a college-specific student portal and a university email address/account. It is critical that students check those portals and email accounts regularly. Typically, acceptance notifications, merit-based scholarship awards, total financial aid packages, housing & residence life information, registration for orientation next summer, etc. can be accessed through the student portal.

#### **Senior grades are very important**

- Spring semester senior grades are very important. Colleges reserve the right to rescind admission and scholarship offers if a student shows a marked decline in performance. **Encourage your son/daughter to avoid “senioritis”!** A student’s final SHDHS transcript will be sent to the college or university he/she plans to attend.

### Waitlisted

- We have encouraged the seniors to contact us immediately if they receive notification that they have been “waitlisted” at a specific college or university.

### Notifying Colleges If You Are Not Attending

- **Colleges expect that students will notify them if they are not attending.** Many colleges include a form in the acceptance packet that you can complete and return or you can email or call the Admission Office at the colleges to which you applied and respectfully let them know that you will be enrolling elsewhere.

### Once A Final College Decision Has Been Made

- Once a senior has made his/her final college decision, he/she needs to start writing a “to do list” of items that require attention. Next steps for all seniors include: considering your housing options and watching for housing deposit due dates; looking for freshmen orientation information which should include details on how you will schedule your classes for next year; consider transportation, meal plan options, scheduling an appointment to get required vaccinations before enrollment; etc.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! UPCOMING DATES *\*Time of these events will be sent to you from the Principal's office.*

#### **May 2-13** - AP Exams (including AP art portfolio submissions)

- Parents need to be sure students know driving directions to St. Barbara Church. If unsure, it will be necessary to make a test run to the site before the exam.
- NO student will be admitted after the exam has begun.
- SHDHS will administer paper and pencil AP exams.
- Students are expected to report in-person for their AP exam(s) on the assigned date/time. The only exception is if a student is absent due to sickness or quarantine. (Mrs. Roebker will work with each of those students individually to schedule a make-up test.)

**May 12** - All seniors are invited to wear a shirt or sweatshirt that celebrate their future plans - with the name of the college they plan to attend, branch of the military, or work related. Students must wear uniform pants.

**May 25** - Baccalaureate Mass and Senior Awards

**May 26** - Graduation practice and graduation ceremony

Thank you,  
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