



Elder High School Guidance Department

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Guidance Newsletter

SENIORS and SENIOR PARENTS!

You should be working on college and scholarship applications! Deadlines are quickly approaching! See your Guidance Counselor if you need help or information. Check the college's website for application and scholarship deadlines.

REMINDER: If you want any transcripts sent out before Christmas you must submit the request on PrepHQ by December 4.

SENIOR PARENT FINANCIAL AID NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 - 7:00PM - SCHAEFER CENTER

This is an opportunity for seniors and their parents to learn more about the various forms of Financial Aid and the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form.

PLAN and PSAT RESULTS

PLAN (Sophomores) and PSAT (Juniors and Honors Sophomores) results will be discussed after exams in January.

NEED HELP!?

If you are in need of some extra help to get your grades up before the end of the 2nd Quarter stop in to see your Guidance Counselor to get a tutor or talk to your teacher directly! Tutoring is usually done before or after school and meeting times are decided by the tutor and person being tutored.

TUTORS

We need tutors in ALL areas. This is a great way to get involved and earn some community service time. If you have time and are willing to make a commitment to help another student, please see your counselor to sign up to be a tutor.

COLLEGE VISITS

Students and parents are encouraged to visit colleges before making a decision. Most colleges welcome your visit which can be arranged with a simple phone call to the schools admission office. Because regular attendance in school is so important, it is recommended that you visit on non-school days. There may be opportunities to visit a college over Christmas Break but you should call the schools Admission Office for available times. If you need to make a college visit on a school day, see your guidance counselor right away.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

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Each academic quarter a student must pass five (5) courses (Phys. Ed. excluded). If a student fails one (1) course and passes five (5), he is eligible. If a student fails two (2) courses and passes five (5), he is eligible BUT must complete weekly progress reports with the athletic department.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

If you are interested in playing a collegiate sport at a Division I or Division II school, there are certain requirements that you must meet in order to be eligible.

- Grade Point Average: Minimum 2.0/4.0
- 16 Academic Core Course taken during 9-12 (mainly English, College-Prep Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language)
- Earn a sum of scores on your SAT and ACT depending on your current GPA (to determine what you need – see your counselor)

The grades you have earned in the core courses during your freshmen and sophomore years are already a part of your record. Take your education seriously and work hard to earn A's and B's because C's and D's won't cut it.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!