

SENIOR INFORMATION SHEET

GRADES/GRADUATION:

- Keep working towards your 22.50 credits to Graduate.
 - ✓ 4 credits of English
 - ✓ 3 credits of Math
 - ✓ 2 credits of Science
 - ✓ 3 credits of Social Studies
 - ✓ 1.5 credits of Physical Ed
 - ✓ .5 credit of Health
 - ✓ 8.5 credits of electives
 - 22.50 Total Credits
- Make sure you have passed all required classes thus far.
- Be aware of your current GPA and Class Rank-they are important for your college applications.

COLLEGE INFORMATION:

- Make sure you know College Entrance Requirements for schools you are interested in. For Wisconsin 4 Year Colleges they are as follows:
 - ✓ 4 credits of English
 - ✓ 3 credits of Math (through Algebra II)
 - ✓ 3 credits of Science (must have at least 1 year of lab science)
 - ✓ 3 credits of Social Studies
 - ✓ 2 credits of high School World Language
(Required for UW-Madison, UW-Eau Claire, and many out of state school)
 - ✓ 4 or more elective courses
- Technical College Entrance Requirements:
 - ✓ Same as High School Graduation Requirements
 - ✓ Certain programs have minimum high school grade requirements in core subjects. Check with Tech. School if you are interested in attending.
- If you are applying to college, that process should be wrapping up rather soon. It is preferred that most applications are sent off by Halloween. If that does not work, please send them no later than Thanksgiving.



TEST OPTIONS:

- The majority of your college entrance testing should be completed by this point. Make sure that if a college requires it from the testing center, that you go online and request the score to be sent. Some students had scores sent when they registered for the ACT/SAT tests junior year.

SCHOLARSHIPS/FAFSA

- Scholarships are slowly starting to trickle into the Student Center. There is a bulletin board with all of the updated info. You can also check the Craig Homepage under student services/Financial Aid Resources for an updated scholarship list. Some Tips for filling out scholarships:
 - ✓ The majority of scholarships will come in the student Center from December – March.
 - ✓ Stay organized-keeping all of your applications in one place and having them labeled by their due date will help.
 - ✓ Make sure you DO NOT fill out your scholarships in pencil. Printing or using the computer will give you a nice clean copy, that people will enjoy reading.
 - ✓ Visit the Student Center weekly or the Website. There will be scholarships that come in at different times and you do not want to pass one up that you are eligible for.
 - ✓ Pay very close attention to due dates. Try not to hand in on the due date but before the due date. It is better to send or hand in a few days before the due date. *
 - ✓ If needing letters of recommendation, please allow a week for the teachers/counselors/other for them to be filled out appropriately.
- There will be a Financial Aid meeting for parents sometime in January. This information will come out in a newsletter and on Family Access Messenger as the date gets closer.
- The FAFSA is the free form needed for financial aid. Here are some tips to filling it out:
 - ✓ To access the website please visit www.fafsa.gov as soon as possible
 - ✓ You will first need to register for a PIN number-you will use this PIN number for your college career. (Make sure not to lose it)
 - ✓ Please pay very close attention to priority deadlines for filing the FAFSA-each college/university has their own priority date.
 - ✓ You will not be able to fill out the actual FAFSA form until January 1st.
 - ✓ A representative from Great Lakes will be offering Parent/Student workshops centering on the FAFSA. (Dates and times will be advertised).
- College Goal Wisconsin will be available on Sat., Feb. 23, 2013 and Sun., Feb. 24, 2013. This is an opportunity to sit with a financial aid advisor and fill out the form line by line. Check in the student center for locations.
- Please be aware of scams. There is no cost to filling out scholarships or filing the FAFSA form. Some families receive formal notices in the mail about scholarship meetings in town, etc. These are not sponsored by the School District.

