

Guidance Department

October

30 Deadline to register for December SAT's

November

1 *Deadline for some Early Decision applications*

6 **Senior Portfolio** deadline for Personal and Project Narrative I

Deadline to register for December ACT's

7 SAT Administration date

12 Late registration deadline for December SAT's (\$23 extra)

14 ASVAB Testing (cannot count as Portfolio requirement)

15 *Deadline for many Early Decision applications, including UNH Early Reading!*

17 **Financial Aid Night** at Coe-Brown 6:30 P.M.

Gap Year & Volunteer Fair 6:45 P.M. at Oyster River High School

20 Late registration deadline for December ACT's (\$21 extra)

December

1 *Early Reading/ Early Action deadline for many schools*

4 **Two Senior Portfolio** deadlines:

a) First presentation of project and portfolio to advisor, including completion of any 3 components; and

b) Preliminary meeting with Guidance Counselor regarding Career Plan

5 SAT Administration date

Testing News

1) The **ASVAB's** will be given on Saturday, November 14th. While this testing session will not "count" towards Senior Portfolio, interested seniors could still participate if you sign up with your counselor.

2) **SAT's** - You can register for the **December 5th testing** until October 30th and *with a late fee* until November 12th.

3) **ACT's** - Next testing session will be on **December 12th**, with the registration deadline on Friday, November 6th. You have until November 20th to register with a late fee.

College Search- Review of Procedure

Although we have given much of this information before, some seniors are still unclear about the process, so here are some important points:

♣ For paper applications, Coe-Brown offers the service of providing manila envelopes and mailing out each complete application packet from the school. We *must* mail official transcripts and any confidential references directly anyway, so students should have their references turned in to the counselors, and then bring in the completed application, essay, fee, and any supporting materials, and we send everything out, along with a Profile of Coe-Brown.

❖ Even if students are applying on-line, there are still elements of the application that will need to be submitted by Coe-Brown and we need to be kept informed of this.

♦ Many **applications** are available on-line, either through the college websites or the Common Application (www.commonapp.org) which applicants to the Thompson School at UNH would need to use. *If you are applying to the T-School, please see your Guidance Counselor for more tips about how the Common App works.*

Refer to the green sheet in your red folders for all vital information about Coe-Brown when filling out your applications, including the CEEB code! (300470). This information is also posted on the CBNA website under Guidance.

♥ **Reference requests** to teachers and Guidance Counselor must be made in a timely manner with plenty of advanced warning (2-3 weeks) and a completed *Senior Questionnaire* sheet (lavender) for counselors and pink Reference Request sheet for teachers.

♠ It is wise to review your own transcript once before it is first sent out. Make sure to have Mrs. Wolf add any new honors or activities you might have acquired since you submitted the blue sheet to her in September. (If you have not given her the sheet, your transcript could be blank in that area!)

Most two-year schools have "rolling admissions" which means that they will accept your application any time now and give you an answer about acceptance within a few weeks. Exceptions to this are the more competitive programs at the NH Community Colleges, such as nursing or dental hygiene.

♥ If you have not yet done so, remember to **review your potential college list** with your Guidance

Counselor for a reality check about whether they are good schools for your future plans. Include "financial safety" schools as well. Meeting with your guidance counselor will also satisfy the senior portfolio deadline for an initial planning meeting to be done before December 4th.

College Visits: To have an excused day for a college visit or to sign up with the military, you must bring a note from a parent in advance, see your Guidance Counselor, and have all your teachers sign off on the blue sheet that you are totally caught up with all your work prior to your visit. The number of days excused is limited, so make sure to choose wisely.

If you plan to visit three or more colleges, this can be used as a Portfolio component if you plan it in advance with your guidance counselor and get the preapproval sheet signed.

Check the bulletin board outside of Mrs. Aseltine's office for scheduled college **Open Houses**. Check the websites of colleges in which you are interested to find out about their Open House dates. **November 11th** will be a school holiday, thus an excellent time for college visits!

\$\$\$\$ Financial Aid - If you are applying for aid, you or your parent must carefully read about exactly what each of your schools requires regarding both forms and deadlines.

- All schools will require the **FAFSA** to receive any need-based aid which will be available on-line, but it cannot be filed until January 1st, 2010.

Yes, you do apply for aid before you know whether or not you've been accepted.

Pay particular attention to the **Priority Financial Aid Deadline** at your school to ensure that you have submitted your request in time to meet this; otherwise the institutional grant money might be gone.

Keep copies of everything you submit in any step of the financial aid application process.

For more details about the whole process of paying for college, come to the annual **Financial Aid Night** that will be held at CBNA on Tuesday night, **November 17th at 6:30 P.M.** in the Multipurpose Room. Remind your parents to be there with all their questions. Refer also to the posting about various aspects of Financial Aid which is on the CBNA website under *Guidance*.

Scholarship Opportunities- Keep checking the bulletin board in the Guidance offices for scholarship opportunities. Local scholarship information will not be out until the spring.

Senior Portfolio Issues

November 6th is the deadline for completion of your first Portfolio Narrative, submitted to and reviewed by your Portfolio Advisor. Bring your October journal entry to be signed at the same time. Remember, **common courtesy** dictates that you make an appointment with your advisor in advance. You can use e-mail to be in touch to arrange a time if you rarely see your advisor but you still need a face-to-face meeting.

Cultural Event Component- *Shades of Shakespeare* will be playing on the CBNA stage November 12, 13, and 14. Obtain pre-approval for this to count as a cultural event and support your fellow students!

Optional Component #3- Save a copy of your college application to use for this instead of filling out the job application!

December 4th is the next deadline for Portfolio after this month.

Senior Career Plan- All seniors should be meeting periodically with their Guidance Counselors to plan for next year, whether or not you're going to college. This year the first meeting **MUST** be done by December 4th to meet Portfolio deadlines. You will need a slip stating that you've done this to take to your portfolio advisor. Keep in mind that each counselor has multiple seniors, so please do not leave this meeting until the last moment because it will take at least part of a study period.

Community Service - Do **you** have your 40 hours done? 20 hours are due by January 8th. Don't be the one spending your Christmas and February vacations completing them!

How's your Portfolio Project coming? If you have had second thoughts about your choice, or are coming up against financial or time constraints, now is the time to revise your plans, in consultation with your advisor, before too much time has passed.

Taste the joy that springs from labor. ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow