

COE-BROWN SENIOR NEWSLETTER

September 2008

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- 17** Senior Parent Night at Coe-Brown 6:30 PM
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- 22 & 23 ZAPS** SAT prep course at CBNA 6:30-9:00
- 23** Mini-College Fair at Coe-Brown 2:00-2:45 PM
- 25** College Fair at UNH in the Field House 7-9 PM -open to anyone
- 26 Deadline to register for November SAT's**
- 30** College Fair at Southern New Hampshire University 7-9 PM

Testing News

- 1) SAT's - September 9 is the deadline for the October 4 testing.
September 26 is the deadline for the November 1 testing.

The December 6 testing is the last test date viable for most of the competitive colleges. *Check your calendars to see which test dates will work best for you.* Plan ahead to avoid sports, familial, or work conflicts with these important dates.

Students applying to highly competitive colleges should double check whether or not they require SAT Subject tests. If so, these must be taken on a different Saturday from the SAT Reasoning test, and December may be the last feasible test date for many competitive institutions. If you are taking a foreign language subject test, *please note* that this is only available with the listening component in November.

If you miss the registration deadline, there is a short window within which to register afterwards with a \$23 late fee.

- 2) ACT's - These are required by certain schools (generally in the Midwest or West) and are a testing option for many others, including all of the New Hampshire state schools. *Some competitive schools will also accept them in lieu of SAT Subject Tests.* They include a Science section and only half as much math as on the SAT's. The Writing portion is optional as opposed to the SAT's which require Writing.

September 19 is the deadline to register for the October 25 testing.
The only other fall test date will be December 13, 2008.

Since Coe-Brown is no longer served by Educational Talent Search, if your family finances make the cost of testing prohibitive, please see your guidance counselor about whether or not you would qualify for a fee waiver. We do not want you to miss testing deadlines because you cannot afford the fee.

- 3) SAT Prep Workshops- These are ongoing in periods 1 and 5 and after school on certain days, run by English Teacher Mrs. Menelle (desk in Room 210), and require at least a six-session commitment. Signup sheets are in the Guidance office. Completion will help boost your scores *and* meet a Senior Portfolio optional requirement.

- 4) ASVAB's will be held here (no fee charged) at Coe-Brown on Saturday, November 15. These can no longer count as a component for your Senior Portfolio but they might help with career decisions or be necessary if you are planning to consider a military career. Sign up with your Guidance Counselor.

College Search

Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 P.M. we will be holding a College Night for Parents of Seniors for all parents interested in how the Coe-Brown college application process works. Please let

your parents know about this opportunity to learn what's in your red folders! We will also cover Senior Portfolio questions.

This year there will be three mini-college fairs here at Coe-Brown. These will be held from 2:00 to 2:45 PM on the following dates:

Tuesdays, September 23, October 7, and October 21.

In order to be excused from class to attend at 2:00, you **must** meet with your counselor to see which colleges best meet your needs. Plan to spend at least part of a study hall to accomplish this by the Monday before each fair. ****Doing so is a first step in completing your Senior Career Plan and will also count towards your December deadline of having met with your counselor to begin this.****

College Fair at UNH will be on Thursday, September 25 from 7- 9 P.M. Your guidance counselor has information on this if you wish to go with your parents or on your own. Remember that you can use your Bridges access code (Site # 0108866, Password E5y8H5148) to investigate college choices from any computer that has internet access.

Contact your top college choices. Visit. Tour. Interview if possible. Request applications. When you are filling out applications, please use the green sheet in your red folder to complete as many blanks as possible. *(If using the Common Application, please print out the School Report form after you've filled in your information in the file manager. This will really help us to expedite doing forms for you. Thank you!)*

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.

Remember, to have an excused day for a college visit, you must bring a note from a parent in advance, see your Guidance Counselor, and have all your teachers sign off that you are totally caught up with the work in your classes *prior to your visit*. PLAN AHEAD.

Watch your deadlines!! Communicate with your counselor regarding application plans!

Reference requests **must** be made in a timely manner with plenty of advanced warning and a completed *CBNA Guidance Department Senior Questionnaire* sheet (lavender) for your guidance counselor or a *Student Reference Request* form (pink) for your teacher, advisor, or coach. We can do our best job for you only if you give us *two to three weeks* lead-time.

If you are hoping to play a sport in college, you may need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. For more information on the Internet, go to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Definitely discuss this with your counselor so you are aware of the GPA and testing limits for your potential division.

If reading all this puts knots in your stomach, see your Guidance Counselor SOON! We can start working on your Senior Career Plan (required for your Portfolio) immediately!

Senior Portfolio Issues

September 5 is the deadline for your first meeting with your portfolio advisor. Staying on track from the beginning is your best path to success! Use e-mail to be in contact with your advisor to make arrangements if it is hard to meet up during the school day.

October 3 is the deadline for a written project proposal and preliminary plan, submitted to and reviewed by your Portfolio Advisor.

Community Service - Do **you** have your 40 hours done? Don't leave them all for your February vacation!

N.B. The blue sheets tallying which of your achievements and activities are to be recorded on your transcript are **due to Mrs. Wolf immediately!** If you do not submit yours, your transcript may go out to schools without anything filled in regarding honors and activities. Remember to print your name on this sheet just as you want it to appear on your diploma. Additions may be made later.

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~Louis Pasteur