



COUNSELOR

CONNECTION

"THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT YOUR FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT." – ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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Welcome back! We're excited about the 2018-2019 school year and our new offerings from the MHS Guidance Department. For those of you who are new to *Counselor Connection*, it is a bi-monthly electronic newsletter put out by the MHS Guidance Department which includes both general Guidance news and grade-specific news. Please feel free to reach out to any of us if you have questions regarding any events or information. Thank you!

9TH GRADE NEWS:

Welcome Class of 2022! We hope you're easing in to the High School. If you have concerns about your classes (levels, etc), or if you're looking for extra help resources, please don't hesitate to come see us in Guidance. Looking ahead to next month, you and your counselor will start exploring your career interests and aptitudes. In the meantime, we'll be checking in on you during homeroom!

Important Dates:

- 10/10/18- **Freshmen Workshops**; Freshmen will participate in five different activities throughout the course of the day that are both fun and informative!
- 10/12/18, 8am & 10/16/18, 2pm - **9th Grade Parent Guidance Coffees**; Parents are invited to come hear from the MHS Guidance Department about freshman year, post-secondary planning and to have your questions about high school answered!

10TH GRADE NEWS

Class of 2021--Welcome back, we missed you! Once you settle into your classes, your counselor will work with you on career exploration and looking ahead to college planning. **All sophomores (and juniors) will be taking the PSAT on October 10th.**

Important Dates:

PSAT Administration: Wed. 10/10/18 (More information to come)

11TH GRADE NEWS

JUNIORS, this is an important year. It is the last full year that a college admissions officer or employer will see on your transcript!

Don't miss the MHS College Fair on September 25th that will be held in the gym. The list of attending colleges can be found on your Canvas Guidance page. You should use this opportunity to talk to college reps about schools that you might be interested in.. Also, it's *never too soon* to visit colleges, so get out there and visit!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9/25/18 from 7:45-9am - MHS College Fair (Juniors will be called from classes to come down)
- 9/27/18, 6-8pm - Service Academy Night, New Bedford H.S.--learn about the process of applying to the U.S. Service Academies.
- 10/10/18 - PSAT Administration; All sophomores and juniors will be administered the PSAT in homeroom. More detailed information to follow.

12TH GRADE NEWS

Welcome to your last year of high school! We have a busy year ahead and we're thrilled by how diligent this senior class has been so far. Over the summer, Guidance ran a **College Application Bootcamp** and had a fantastic turnout of nearly 50 rising seniors! Great things happened as students explored college options, narrowed their college lists, started their Common Application, and reviewed other details of the college application process.

At this point, college-bound seniors should be visiting colleges, finalizing their college lists, checking on teacher recommendations, refining their essays and meeting with their counselor to make sure they're on target. Counselors will be visiting senior English classes during the week of 9/17 to discuss the details of the application process and review the timeline for senior year.

Other points of note: Bridgewater State University is now on the Common App! UMass Lowell no longer requires the SAT for admission (this includes nursing)!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Week of 9/17- English Class Presentations
- 9/20/18, 7pm - College Information Night for Parents
- 9/25/18, from 7:45-9am-- MHS College Fair
- 9/27/18, 6-8pm - Service Academy Night, New Bedford H.S.--learn about the process of applying to the service academies.

Still need to take the SAT or ACT?

SAT

October 6, 2018

September 7, 2018

September 26, 2018

November 3, 2018

October 5, 2018

October 24, 2018

December 1, 2018

November 2, 2018

November 20, 2018

ACT**Test Date****Registration Deadline****(Late Fee Required)**

September 8, 2018**

August 12, 2018

August 13-26, 2018

October 27, 2018

September 28, 2018

September 29-October 14, 2018

December 8, 2018

November 2, 2018

November 3-19, 2018

*If you receive free and reduced lunch, please see you counselor for fee waivers.

COLLEGE REPS COMING TO MHS!

Here are some of the Colleges/Programs visiting MHS over the next few weeks. More to come!

Please see Mrs. Cugini in Guidance in advance for a pass.

Manhattan College, 9/10, 9am

Bridgeton Academy, 9/17, 9am

High Point University, 9/18, 9am

Coastal Carolina, 9/18, 11am

Emerson College, 9/19, 12

Bates College, 9/21, 10:30

Newbury College, 9/26, 10am

University of Delaware, 9/28, 7:30

Bay State College, 10/1, 11:30

Stonehill College, 10/1, 10:30

Ursinus College, 10/5, 9:30

University of Oregon, 10/5, 11

Mass. Maritime Academy, 10/10, 11am

Salve Regina Univ. 10/12, 9am

Sacred Heart University, 10/12, 9am

Berklee College of Music, 10/16, 9am

Savannah Coll. of Art /Design. 10/17, 9am

Washington College, 10/18, 10

Bentley College, 10/24, 8am

Wheaton College, 10/29, 9am

UMaine Orono, 10/30, 10

University of Scranton, 11/1, 8am

Roanoke College, 11/2, 11

Southern Vermont College, 11/6, 8am

Worcester State, 11/16, 10am

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

Each edition of *Counselor Connection* features a spotlight college or university to provide some insight, facts and information about colleges students may want to consider.



Looking to attend college in one of America's Friendliest Cities (Travel + Leisure, 2017)? Or perhaps a school ranked #10 as one of the World's Most Innovative Universities (Reuters, 2017)? Or best of all, a school ranked as #1 for Happiest Students (Princeton Review, 2017)? Vanderbilt University holds all three of these rankings and can be found in none other than Nashville, Tennessee.

Just over a mile away from downtown Nashville, Vanderbilt could not be located in a more desirable area. Music City is most notably known for its live country music and southern charm, but there are also an eclectic mix of shops, restaurants, sporting events, and art museums to discover. Fantastic location aside, Vanderbilt is also known for its competitive admission and rigorous academics. It is an internationally recognized research university that has a dual commitment to undergraduate teaching and research. This allows students to work with and learn from world-renowned leaders in almost every academic field.

Vanderbilt offers undergraduate programs in the liberal arts and sciences, engineering, music, education and human development, as well as a full range of graduate and professional degrees. The combination of cutting-edge research, liberal arts education, nationally recognized schools of law, business, medicine, nursing and divinity, and one of the nation's top-ranked graduate schools of education creates an invigorating atmosphere where students tailor their education to meet their goals and researchers collaborate to address the complex questions affecting our health, culture and society. Over 50% of undergraduates participate in research, and over 40% study abroad in one of the 120+ programs Vanderbilt has to offer.

Some new academic initiatives for Vanderbilt include:

- The **Wond'ry**, which is the new epicenter for innovation and entrepreneurship designed to build and strengthen creativity across campus, fostering innovation in all fields, and forging a stronger "maker" culture at Vanderbilt.
- The **Engineering and Science Building**, which is a state-of-the-art facility where students and faculty can collaborate to solve complex societal problems in health care, energy, robotics and other areas.
- **Immersion Vanderbilt**, which is an intensive learning experience for students in and beyond the classroom in pathways such as civic and professional, creative expression, international, and research.
- The **undergraduate business minor**, which was developed in collaboration with the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management. It features 5 fundamental business courses and a range of business-related electives provided by the four undergraduate schools.

Finally, Vanderbilt was recently ranked #1 by the Princeton Review for having the best financial aid in the nation.

Opportunity Vanderbilt reflects Vanderbilt's belief that a world-renowned education should be accessible to all qualified students regardless of their economic circumstances. Vanderbilt's admissions process is need-blind for U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens, and they will meet 100 percent of a family's demonstrated financial need. Financial aid awards do not include loans. Instead of offering need-based loans to undergraduate students, Vanderbilt offers additional grant assistance.

Unable to visit Vanderbilt's beautiful campus? Not to worry! Check out their virtual tour at vu.edu/virtualtour.