

# SENIOR GUIDANCE NOTES

Fall 2018

## WELCOME BACK

Included in this newsletter is a timeline of important dates and events that you can use as a reference for preparing for college and life beyond high school. All seniors have received a copy of this information during a classroom presentation.

Also, Mr. Trimboli, Director of Financial Aid at Niagara County

Community College, will be presenting at our annual Financial Aid Night scheduled September 24th. The presentation will be from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria. His presentation is much earlier than in previous years due to the changes in the FAFSA filing date, which begins in October.

I look forward to working with you in making the transition from high school to college and beyond as seamless and stress free as possible for you and your student. Please contact me at (716) 795-9260 or [mgendrue@barkercsd.net](mailto:mgendrue@barkercsd.net) if I can be of assistance.



### SAT DATES 2018 - 2019

<u>Registration</u> <u>Deadline</u>	<u>Test</u> <u>Date</u>
October 5	November 3
November 2	December 1
February 8	March 9
April 5	May 4
May 3	June 1

**To Register On-Line:**

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

SAT Fee: \$47.50 (w/o essay)

SAT Fee: \$64.50 (with essay)

### ACT DATES 2018 - 2019

<u>Registration</u> <u>Deadline</u>	<u>Test</u> <u>Date</u>
September 28	October 27
November 2	December 8
January 11	February 9
March 8	April 13
May 3	June 8
June 14	July 13

**To Register On-Line:**

[www.ACT/students.org](http://www.ACT/students.org)

ACT Fee: (w/o essay) \$46.00

ACT Fee: (with essay) \$62.50

**CEEB CODE: 330-310**

## CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Most students base college selection on four criterias. College visits help in answering these questions.

- **Location**—How near or far from home does the student want to be? In a rural or city location?
- **Major**—Does the college have the intended major or course of study?
- **Type**—Would you feel comfortable in a large or small college, public or private, competitive or open admissions selection?
- **Interest**—Does the college have the other things you want to experience such as sports, foreign exchange programs, etc.

### Optional assignments:

Go to [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

Click on College Search and complete the questionnaire.

- Locate schools of interest and compare, review admission criteria, financial aid and other information.

Go to [www.SUNY.edu/student](http://www.SUNY.edu/student)

- Quickly locate and review any New York State school. Also, you can access online SUNY application.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**PRIORITY #1:**

- National Scholarships-go to [www.Fastweb.com](http://www.Fastweb.com)
- Regional Scholarships-available in the guidance office throughout the year. Go to the guidance home page on the Barker website for more information.
- *Best Scholarships* in **FALL**. Check with clubs, organizations, churches you or your student belong to. Also investigate employer's available funding sources.
- *Best Scholarships* in **WINTER**. Check with colleges your student has applied to and see if they have additional scholarship forms that need to be completed.
- *Best Scholarships* in **SPRING**. A packet of all local scholarships will be given to each senior during a classroom presentation in March. They are due back in the Guidance Office in April.

## TIMELINE

### September

- **Financial Aid Night will be September 24th from 6:30 - 8:00pm for seniors and juniors in the H.S. cafeteria.**
- **Attend the NOCA College Fair at NCCC on September 20th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm and the WNY College Fair at Barker Jr/Sr High School on September 28th from 11:40 am - 12:30 pm.**
- Register for final SAT/ACT on line. **Picture ID** is now required when registering and taking the SAT.
- Request application, brochures, and financial aid information from admission offices of interested colleges.
- Visit colleges, ask for a tour and interview, and attend college open houses (check the Guidance bulletin board).
- NCAA Division I or II athletes need to apply at [NCAAeligibility.com](http://NCAAeligibility.com). Talk with Mr. Gendrue.
- Begin checking the Barker web site for financial aid information. Keep checking throughout the year.
- Go to [www.suny.edu/academicprograms](http://www.suny.edu/academicprograms) to search which majors are on which SUNY campuses. Go to [www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/how-to-apply](http://www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/how-to-apply) and quickly learn how to apply.

### October/November

- Apply to selected colleges. Paper applications are almost a thing of the past. If you do apply with paper, bring the completed application to the guidance office and we will attach a transcript and mail it out.
- **If you receive a free or reduced lunch you may be eligible for application fee waivers . See Mr. Gendrue.**
- If you apply to colleges using the SUNY application or The Common Application they will let me know via email.
- The web site is [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). If you use the common application, make sure to click on the HELP Center icon then the Training Resources tab for how-to information. This will be very helpful. If you apply only to some SUNY and private colleges you may be able to use just this application. Check the Member Colleges tab then ALL Colleges for a complete list of colleges.
- If you use the SUNY application, go to [SUNY.edu/student](http://SUNY.edu/student). Use only if applying to SUNY schools. Click on Apply and begin. **Important note:** Do not use the SUNY application to apply to NCCC, GCC or any community college (the application is free on the college web sites). Remember most SUNY campuses have a Supplemental Application that must also be completed.
- Institutional applications may have their own application (online or paper). There is usually a counselor form you need to give me. Remember you have to let me know that you applied, they won't send me an e-mail.
- Review your student application packet and essays to make sure they are error free.
- Create a personal profile/resume for admission and scholarships if necessary.
- Remember to ask early. Common Application, the teacher can upload the recommendation directly. SUNY application, have your teacher give me a copy and I can upload. Make sure to give the recommender a copy of your profile/resume.
- **You will need to apply early for certain majors: music, art, health related (RN, PA, OT, PT etc).**
- Students must ensure that colleges receive official test scores (SAT/ACT) directly from the testing agency, but the test scores (SAT/ACT) are on your high school transcript.
- Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and register to receive your Personal Identification Number (PIN). This is a free web site.
- **By the end of November**, submit the Federal Student Aid Report (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### December/January

- Apply to any SUNY schools before winter break for priority financial and scholarship consideration.
- The FAFSA is the first step. From the FAFSA website, New York State students will be linked to the NYS Tuition Assistance (TAP) website ([hesc.ny.gov](http://hesc.ny.gov)). Some private colleges ask for additional information. The CSS/PROFILE can be accessed on [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (there is a fee involved).
- Retake SAT/ACT, if needed, to enhance scholarship opportunities.

### February/March

- Most priority financial aid deadlines are in February. Make sure to complete all forms.
- Stay focused and avoid senioritis.
- Receive admission decisions.
- Begin looking for a summer job to help pay for college cost and gain experience.

### April/May

- Inform the guidance office of any scholarships or awards received so your student can be recognized at the honors and awards ceremony. When you receive financial aid award letters, compare the offers.
- Usually the first tuition deposit is due.



## SCHEDULED COLLEGE VISITS

## DATES TO REMEMBER



Students wishing to meet with a representative should see Miss Liz in the guidance office for a pass. Check with the guidance office regularly as college visits are continually updated.

September 17	01:00 pm	Daemen College
September 20	6:00-7:30 pm	NOCA College Fair @ NCCC
September 21	09:30 am	Keuka College
September 21	11:30 am	Niagara University
September 24	6:30-8:00 pm	Financial Aid Night
September 27	08:00 am	SUNY Potsdam
September 28	11:40 am	WNY College Fair @ BCS
October 2	08:00 am	Rochester Institute Technology
October 5	10:00 am	SUNY College @ Brockport
October 11	09:15 am	University @ Buffalo
October 16	11:00 am	SUNY Geneseo
October 19	08:00 am	St. John Fisher
November 2	6:00-8:00 pm	National Christian College Fair @ Browncroft Community Church in Rochester

*Information regarding College/University Open houses is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Guidance Office.*

**Financial Aid Night**  
September 24th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
High School Cafeteria for parents of seniors and juniors

**Ordering Graduation Gowns**  
February

**Senior Prom**  
May 10th

**Honors and Awards Assembly**  
June 4th @ 7 pm

**Class Night**  
June 7th

**Senior Class Trip**  
June 12th, 13 & 14th

**Alumni Banquet**  
June 8th

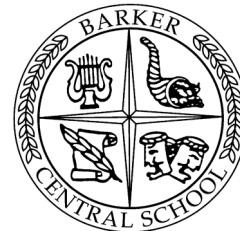
**Graduation**  
June 29th

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**We're on the Web!**  
[www.barkercsd.net](http://www.barkercsd.net)

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