

SENIOR GUIDANCE NOTES

Fall 2019

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 October 7th. The presentation will be from 6:00 - 7:30 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 work-

ing 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 if I can be of assistance.



SAT DATES 2019 - 2020

Registration Deadline	Test Date
October 3	November 2
November 8	December 7
February 14	March 14
April 3	May 2
May 8	June 6

To Register On-Line:

www.collegeboard.com

SAT Fee: \$49.50 (w/o essay)

SAT Fee: \$64.50 (with essay)

ACT DATES 2019 - 2020

Registration Deadline	Test Date
September 20	October 26
November 8	December 14
January 10	February 8
February 28	April 4
May 8	June 13

To Register On-Line:

www.ACT/students.org

ACT Fee: (w/o essay) \$52.00

ACT Fee: (with essay) \$68.00

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

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

- 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
- 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 October 7th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm for seniors and juniors in the H.S. cafeteria.**
- **Attend the WNY College Fair at Barker Jr/Sr High School on Monday, September 30th from 1:00 - 1:40 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. 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 to search which majors are on which SUNY campuses. Go to 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. 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. Use only if applying to SUNY schools. Click on Apply and begin. **Important note:** Do not use the SUNY application to apply to NCCC or GCC (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 for teacher recommendations. 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 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.

December/January

- Apply to any SUNY schools before winter break for priority financial aid 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 www.hesc.ny.gov.
. Some private colleges ask for additional information. The CSS/PROFILE can be accessed on 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 20	1:00 pm	Niagara University
September 23	6:00 pm	National Christian College Fair @ Browncroft Community Church in Rochester
September 23	10:50 am	Brockport College
September 30	1:00 pm	WNY Consortium
October 7	6:00 pm	Financial Aid Night
October 22	12:30 pm	Daemen College
October 24	12:15 pm	St. John Fisher
November 1	12:30 pm	Le Moyne
November 14	10:11	Hilbert College

Information regarding College/University Open Houses are posted outside of the Guidance Office.

All branches of the military are set up in the High School Cafeteria once a month.

Financial Aid Night
Monday, October 7th 6:00 - 8:30pm in the High School Cafeteria for parents of seniors and juniors

Ordering Graduation Gowns
February

Senior Prom
TBD

Honors and Awards Assembly
June 4th @ 7 pm

Class Night
June 9th

Senior Class Trip
June 10,11 & 12th

Alumni Banquet
June 13th

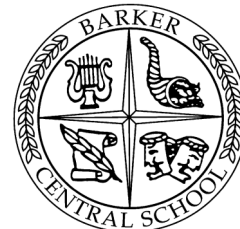
Graduation
June 27th

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