



FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

Announcements for the weeks of 09/19 – 09/30

Juniors, kick off your college application process on Monday, September 19th in a session with Howard Singer, Associate Director of Admissions at Boston College.

From 6:00 to 7:00pm, Mr. Singer will speak about the college application process, what selective colleges and universities are looking for in their applicants' profiles, why deadlines are so important, how to manage the process rather than having it manage you. All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting in the school auditorium.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors, don't miss the NACAC College Fair scheduled for September 26, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00p at the Morial Convention Center. Meet with representatives from over 250 colleges and universities, pick up information, and get your questions answered.

Save time by registering now at www.gotomyncf.com. **The Fair is free but parking near the Convention Center will be \$10.00 per car so carpool!**

SAT I & SAT Subject TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late
October 1, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011

ACT TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Date	Regular Registration Postmark Deadline(regular fee)	Late Registration Postmark Deadline Period
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 18, 2011

If you miss the late registration deadline for ACT or SAT, you may try to take these exams "on standby." See Ms. Flair for details.

PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE ATHLETE? If so, now is the time to complete and submit the NCAA Clearinghouse form. Anyone considering participation in college athletics MUST submit this form. See your counselor or go to http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html

Even a chance you will apply to LSU??? Then NOW is the time to apply for admissions so once admitted, you can apply for housing. Applications are available online through your PAWS account. You will be required to submit a \$150.00 housing deposit, \$100.00 of which is refundable if requested in writing typically before June 1, 2012. IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE YOU WILL LIVE IN THE DORM, YOU MUST APPLY FOR HOUSING NOW! Applying to **other large state schools?** Apply for housing as soon as you can.

Colleges coming to you

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for these important dates AND the FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE NIGHT! College reps who will come to the Counselor's Office. **New colleges added since the last bulletin!!**

Scheduled College Visits (as of 09/16/2011)

<u>College</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Amherst College</u>	Tyler Chapman	Fri September 16, 2011	8:20 AM
<u>Princeton University</u>	Adam Sapp	Fri September 16, 2011	9:20 AM
<u>Southern Methodist University</u>	Ms. Allie Bures	Fri September 16, 2011	10:30 AM
MS. FLAIR IS AWAY FROM THE OFFICE	Attending a Conference	Mon Sept 19-25, 2011	6:00 AM
<u>Boston College</u>	John Mahoney	Mon September 19, 2011	9:15 AM
<u>The George Washington University</u>	Kevin Hostetler	Mon September 19, 2011	10:30 AM
<u>Franklin and Marshall College</u>	Julie Kerich	Mon September 19, 2011	1:00 PM
<u>Harvey Mudd College</u>	Mr. Falone Serna	Mon September 19, 2011	2:00 PM
Junior College Information Night for Juniors and their Parents	Howard Singer of Boston College	Mon September 19, 2011	6:00 PM
<u>Swarthmore College</u>	JoAnna Weiland	Tue September 20, 2011	8:15 AM
<u>Lake Forest College</u>	Ms. Jackie Francis	Tue September 20, 2011	9:00 AM
<u>George Mason University</u>	Caroline Davis	Tue September 20, 2011	10:15 AM
<u>University of Southern California</u>	Mr. Michael Gulotta	Tue September 20, 2011	12:15 PM
<u>Santa Clara University</u>	Dean Sandra Hayes	Tue September 20, 2011	1:45 PM
<u>Babson College</u>	Christine E. Kenyon	Wed September 21, 2011	8:20 AM
<u>Worcester Polytechnic Institute</u>	Karen Goudey	Wed September 21, 2011	9:00 AM
<u>Case Western Reserve University</u>	Richard Bischoff	Wed September 21, 2011	10:30 AM
<u>Goucher College</u>	Kimberley Gordy	Wed September 21, 2011	10:30 AM
<u>Paul Quinn College</u>	Katie Seaman	Wed September 21, 2011	12:15 PM
<u>Colgate University</u>	Ms. Tammy Ertley	Wed September 21, 2011	2:15 PM
<u>Howard University</u>	Patrick Scott	Thu September 22, 2011	10:00 AM
<u>Newberry College</u>	Ms. Chris Bouknight	Fri September 23, 2011	9:00 AM
<u>Manhattanville College</u>	Ms. Annie Read	Fri September 23, 2011	10:00 AM
<u>Fordham University</u>	Liz Davis	Fri September 23, 2011	12:15 PM
Visual and Performing Arts College Fair	PVA College Reps from across the country	Sun September 25, 2011 Morial Convention Center	3:00 PM
<u>Boston Conservatory</u>	Brian Calhoon	Mon September 26, 2011	8:00 AM
<u>University of North Carolina School of the Arts</u>	Mr. Clyde Howell	Mon September 26, 2011	10:00 AM
<u>Baylor University</u>	Alexis Tadda	Mon September 26, 2011	1:00 PM
NACAC COLLEGE FAIR	Representatives from more than 300 institutions	Mon September 26, 2011 Morial Convention Center	6:00 PM
<u>College of the Holy Cross</u>	Ms. Diane Soboski	Tue September 27, 2011	9:00 AM
<u>Grinnell College</u>	Patty Amador-Lacson	Tue September 27, 2011	10:15 AM
<u>Millsaps College</u>	Ben Morvant	Tue September 27, 2011	12:15 PM
<u>Villanova University</u>	Brian Galloway	Wed September 28, 2011	8:20 AM
<u>Furman University</u>	Jake Sintich	Wed September 28, 2011	9:30 AM
<u>Kenyon College</u>	Mrs. Zahida S. Ewoodzie	Wed September 28, 2011	10:30 AM
<u>Soka University of America</u>	Richard Daily	Wed September 28, 2011	12:15 PM
<u>The University of Alabama</u>	Julian Katz	Wed September 28, 2011	1:15 PM
<u>University of Rochester</u>	Ms. Karime Naime	Wed September 28, 2011	1:30 PM
<u>Trinity University</u>	Mr. Andres Arredondo	Thu September 29, 2011	8:20 AM

<u>High Point University</u>	Mandy Reynold	Thu September 29, 2011	9:00 AM
<u>Hendrix College</u>	Kristi Vo	Thu September 29, 2011	10:15 AM
<u>United States Air Force Academy</u>	Lt. Nercresainne White	Thu September 29, 2011	12:15 PM
<u>Texas Christian University</u>	Jessica Cargill	Thu September 29, 2011	1:30 PM
<u>University of Chicago</u>	Andrea Mondragon	Fri September 30, 2011	8:30 AM
<u>Northwestern University</u>	Sue Kwan	Fri September 30, 2011	9:30 AM
<u>Vanderbilt University</u>	Joseph Staton	Fri September 30, 2011	10:30 AM
<u>Wofford College</u>	Sara Riggs	Fri September 30, 2011	1:30 PM
Ms. Flair is off campus		Mon October 3, 2011	-
<u>Louisiana State University</u>	Jacquelyn Cole	Tue October 4, 2011	11:15 AM
<u>Tufts University</u>	Edward Pickett	Wed October 5, 2011	8:30 AM
<u>Centenary College of Louisiana</u>	Nora Fradin	Thu October 6, 2011	8:20 AM
<u>The American University of Paris</u>	Maggie Smith	Thu October 6, 2011	9:00 AM
<u>Loyola University New Orleans</u>	Melissa Ridley	Thu October 6, 2011	10:00 AM
<u>Emory University</u>	Ms. Maura Klein	Thu October 13, 2011	8:20 AM
<u>Haverford College</u>	Mike Keaton	Thu October 13, 2011	10:00 AM
<u>Pomona College</u>	Will Torres	Thu October 13, 2011	12:30 PM
<u>Carnegie Mellon University</u>	Justin Mahoney	Fri October 14, 2011	2:00 PM
<u>Yale University</u>	Bianca Rolon	Tue October 18, 2011	8:30 AM
<u>Dartmouth College</u>	Ms. Justine Modica	Thu October 20, 2011	8:20 AM
<u>Oberlin College</u>	Sheena Reed	Thu October 20, 2011	2:00 PM
<u>Boston University</u>	Zoe Winkler	Mon October 24, 2011	8:15 AM
<u>Bowdoin College</u>	Mr. Zak Harris	Tue October 25, 2011	8:20 AM
<u>St. Edwards University</u>	Drew Nichols	Fri October 28, 2011	8:20 AM
<u>Sewanee: The University of the South</u>	Amy Hill	Mon November 14, 2011	11:45 AM

Please remember that **college visitors are NOT an excuse to miss class** and that your teacher does not have to sign your pass. You should elect to visit only with representatives of colleges that fit your academic profile. If you will miss class, don't forget to pick up a College visitor pass **BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS FOR THE DAY!!!**

CONCERNED ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE?

See where you stand with financial aid. Try the FAFSA4caster on the FAFSA website: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> and click on FAFSA4caster (lower right side) on the first page. This site will give you an idea of where your family stands for financial aid. What you will learn is an ESTIMATE of your EFC (Expected Family Contribution). This financial aid calculator will give you a good estimate for schools that do not require the CSS Profile. For schools that require the Profile, try this page on the Williams College website: <http://www.williams.edu/admin/finaid/calculator/>.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Every senior should have started an online scholarship search. Use www.finaid.com, www.fastweb.com, www.collegeanswer.com or any of the many free online searches available.

****Important: If you are nominated for a particular scholarship program, please realize that this is a great honor and that BFHS considers you their best candidate for success... however; recognize that a nomination is not a guarantee that you will receive that scholarship. Most require interviews, etc. and are very competitive with students from across the country. Be sure to prepare for your best work, and best of luck. ****

The University of Virginia's Jefferson Scholars program seeks to attract the most promising students in the country, those who possess exceptional ability in leadership and scholarship and who show promise of making a significant contribution to the University community as students and to society at large. Seniors who are interested in being considered for Franklin's one nomination for this outstanding scholarship opportunity must sign up in the Guidance Office by October 1st.

We have been invited to nominate students to receive **the Danforth Scholars Award for Washington University** for any interested students. Students with strong standardized test scores, high grades, and extracurricular involvement are invited to apply. Winners will receive full and partial scholarships **to Washington University**. Deadline to indicate your interest is October 1, 2011.

Horatio Alger Scholars are not your average group of high school students; they are teenagers who have risen above adversity in their lives to maintain their grade, remain active in their community and participate in extracurricular activities. Seniors, if this describes you, apply for the Horatio Alger State Scholarship. Students must be planning to attend college in the New Orleans area. See Ms. Flair for details.

Each year, **the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** works on behalf and at the direction of the entire Coca-Cola system to provide scholarship programs and enrichment opportunities in support of exceptional young people's thirst for knowledge and their desire to make a difference in the world. The current application for the Coca-Cola Scholarship is now available at www.coca-colascholars.org. The deadline to submit your application is October 31.

The 17th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognizes the importance of youth volunteerism in school and community. All students who have participated in community service are encouraged to complete the online application at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit. Once the form has been completed, it must be submitted by the Principal, so make sure Ms. Flair or Ms. Degazio knows you are applying. See Ms. Flair for details

Davidson College- JOHN MONTGOMERY BELK SCHOLARSHIP. Franklin may nominate one (1) student of demonstrated intellectual and personal success & significant leadership ability. The value of this scholarship is equivalent to the college's comprehensive fees. Contact Ms. Flair before October 15th.

Davidson College- BRYAN SCHOLAR AND DAVIDSON SCHOLAR PROGRAMS. Davidson seeks students who have demonstrated intellectual and personal success in the classroom and in athletic endeavors, & significant leadership ability. The value of this scholarship is equivalent to the college's comprehensive fees. You must be nominated by your coach or a Davidson coach no later than September 10th and Parts I and II of the Davidson or Common Application for admission must be submitted by September 23th.

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Atlanta, GA – The **President's Scholarship Program** is available for exceptional students in the field of mathematics and science and provides full tuition for four years of study. For more information go to <http://www.finaid.gatech.edu/scholarships/>. Deadline to apply: **October 31, 2011**.

Louisiana Smart Start Scholarship Program is a 4-yr full tuition scholarship at qualifying LA colleges for seniors interested in business, communications, computer science, engineering, liberal arts, or social science. For more information and requirements visit www.jpmorangchase.com/smartstart or call 866-520-2976.

Rhodes College, Memphis, TN – We may nominate (1) student to be considered for the **WALTER D. BELLINGRATH SCHOLARSHIP**. Students who have received this award in the past have earned at least a 3.8 GPA and have scored at least a 30 on the ACT. If you are interested in being nominated, please see your Counselor by **10/1/11**. Scholarship winners receive full tuition for four years of study at Rhodes College.

RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM – African-American HS seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities, and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Students may begin the application process online at www.ronbrown.org beginning September 1, 2011. **Deadline to apply November 1, 2011**

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS – SAE is sponsoring several scholarship opportunities for students who have an interest in pursuing an engineering degree. For further information and an application go to <http://www.sae.org/students/awards>. Scholarships range in value from \$1,000 - \$10,000! Deadline to apply is **December 1, 2011**.

TULANE UNIVERSITY, New Orleans, LA – Come by the Counselors' Office and review Tulane's file to see the many scholarship opportunities that are available. Also, Tulane waives its application fee for LA residents.

Apply now for **THE EUGENE McDERMOTT SCHOLARS PROGRAM** of the University of Texas at Dallas. This lucrative scholarship program covers the full cost of tuition, room, board, travel and much more. Check out the website at <http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott/>. **Deadline to apply December 1, 2011.**

Diversity Program Opportunities***** Each year many highly selective colleges and universities seek to diversify their student population. In an effort to get prospective students to visit their campuses, these institutions have Diversity weekend programs. If you are an academically competitive senior who is of African American, American Indian or Hispanic decent or you are from a low socioeconomic background, you may have an opportunity to visit some college campuses free of charge. See Ms. Flair for a list of schools that offer this opportunity Watch these opportunities for talented low income and/or multicultural students. See Ms DeGrazio or Ms Flair

University of Chicago – Students of Color Open House,

Colby College - Discover Colby – Last Sunday and Monday of October – fall fly-in all-expenses paid.

Cornell University College of Engineering's Fall Hosting Program - math and science - all expense-paid programs. Apply online at www.engineering.cornell.edu/fallhosting.

Denison University – Campus Visits and scholarships – see counselor for recommendation.

Grinnell Diversity Leaders Program – free trip to campus, register by Sept 30th.

Oberlin College Multicultural Visit Programs -- all-expense-paid trip to campus by visiting www.oberlin.edu/flyin.

Mount Holyoke “Focus on Diversity” – Reserve you place by Wed. Nov. 1st at www.mtholyoke.edu/go/focusdiversity

College Applications - Be in the Know

Stop by the Guidance Office to make an appointment to meet with your counselor to get started on this sometimes overwhelming process. The sooner you begin, the less overwhelming it will be.

- Fact 1 You will get to know the Counselor's office and its college library very well.** Come in and review information about the college admission process and different school application requirements.
- Fact 2 DEADLINES will get you if you aren't careful** - deadlines for college applications, for scholarship applications, for financial aid applications, for ACT and SAT registration. Pay close attention to your deadlines and to Franklin's internal deadlines. **REMEMBER, it takes four weeks (20 school days) for the Guidance Office to prepare and mail your recommendation and/or transcript.**
- Fact 3 While the bulk of this process will require a great deal of effort on your part,** you will work closely with us, either Ms. DeGrazio (last names beginning with M – Z) or Ms. Flair (A – L). Come get to know us because we will write your counselor letters of recommendations. We will be offering a weekly or bi-monthly College Bulletin to keep you posted on College Visitors, test registration deadlines, scholarship opportunities and more. It is YOUR responsibility to read the Bulletins, to check the Junior/Senior Bulletin Board on the second floor just outside of our office, to meet with your counselor, to meet with college reps as they visit Franklin's campus. In short, the process is your responsibility and we will do everything in our power to make it as easy as possible.
- Fact 4 The clock is running** - so start the application process NOW. Last year, you learned about the College *Admissions Handbook* full of great information on helping you to narrow your options and select the colleges and/or universities to which you will apply. **Read it NOW (click here)**. Review the *Handbook* with regard to all that is required to acquire letters of recommendation from your teachers and from your College Counselors. See page 6-1 of the *College Admissions Handbook* to see what is required before we can write your letters of recommendation.
- Fact 5 If you haven't taken the SAT, Subject Tests, and/or the ACT, DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE OCTOBER test dates.** Register online at www.collegeboard.com and www.act.org. The deadline for the October 14th SAT (or Subject Tests) is September 12. The deadline for the October 28th ACT is September 22nd. Don't forget to send your test scores to Franklin, school code: 192006.