

NASHOBA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

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Calendar of Upcoming Dates

1/10	By appointment	Quinsigamond CC Decision Day, Career Center
1/17	By appointment	Fitchburg State Decision Day, Career Center
1/24	By appointment	Mount Wachusett CC, Career Center

Junior College Parent Nights are scheduled for the spring



FINANCIAL AID HELP

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

On Sunday, January 27 at 2 pm, Fitchburg State College will be hosting the Mass. College Goal Sunday in the auditorium of the Conlon Fine Arts Bldg. (160 Pearl St.). This program offers free assistance to students and families in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the federally required application for financial aid. Quinsigamond Community College (Hebert Auditorium, 670 West Boylston St., Worcester) is also hosting this event (same date, same time).

If you are interested in attending or learning more about this event, please check out the website: www.masscollegegoalsunday.org.

PSAT RESULTS

For Sophomores & Juniors who took the PSAT's on Oct. 20, the results will be available in early January.

All high school students who took the 2007 PSAT will receive access to My College QuickStart. This is a tool to get students started with college and career planning. It includes the following features: an online score report, customized SAT study plan, prospective college list, and access to MyRoad, the College Board's complete interactive college and career planning website.

Students will be able to access this new tool by visiting www.collegeboard.com/psatextra, creating an online account and entering the access code which

can be found on the official paper Score Report to be distributed in early January.

SENIOR REMINDERS!!!

WATCH APPLICATION DEADLINES!

Anyone planning to send out application packages before Christmas must submit a transcript request form (available in guidance or the library section of Naviance Family Connection) by **DECEMBER 5!!!** If you have a January 1 deadline we must mail before Christmas. Check your deadlines! Forms submitted after Dec. 5 will not be processed before Christmas. No exceptions!

Make sure you complete the necessary steps to get your counselor recommendation ASAP (that includes filling out the planning worksheet for the guidance counselor on Family Connection and making an appointment to meet with your counselor to discuss your worksheet). This must be done two weeks in advance of submitting a transcript request!

APPLICATION PACKAGE STATUS

You can check if your package has been submitted or mailed by guidance on Naviance Family Connection in the *my colleges* section.

Most colleges will assign you a password or id code by which you can access the status of your application package at the college. **It is your responsibility to check that all the parts of your package have been received by the college.** The colleges have a high volume of applications and it can often take at least two weeks to sort mail/paper and update your status. Be patient!

If you find that your transcript, counselor recommendation or teacher recommendations are missing, please let Mrs. Lauritano know.

Seniors must have a signed RELEASE FORM on file in guidance before any college transcript packets can be sent.

APPLICATION AND TESTING FEE WAIVERS

College Application and testing fee waivers are available for students who meet eligibility criteria.

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>
2	\$23,736
3	\$29,767
4	\$35,798
5	\$41,829
6	\$47,860

SAT/ACT SCORES

Don't forget to send your official SAT/ACT scores to your colleges. Colleges do not consider scores official unless they come directly from the College Board or ACT.

FROM THE CAREER CENTER

Nashoba's School to Career program is designed to assist students across the academic spectrum in a process of career exploration and development through introspectively assessing their strengths and interests, envisioning their goals and examining the tools and opportunities available in the community to realize their futures.

WHAT IS CAREER CRUISING?

Career Cruising is an online career guidance resource developed to be a user-friendly program that combines comprehensive career information with a personal perspective by profiling individuals in every occupation. Additional features include career assessment tools, a comprehensive post-secondary schools database, a financial aid section and a career portfolio tool. Career Cruising is available for use by the Nashoba community. To access, go to www.careercruising.com, enter username: **Nashoba** and password: **Chieftains**

DECISION DAYS AT NASHOBA

On Site Decision Days will be held for Fitchburg State College, Mount Wachusett Community College and Quinsigamond Community College. Please sign up with Mrs. Allaire in the Career Center.

Quinsigamond Community College

Thursday, January 10

Appointments will begin at 8:15 am

You will need to bring your completed application

Guidance will provide your transcript

Application fee will be waived

Fitchburg State College

Thursday, January 17

Appointments will begin at 8:15am

You will need to bring your completed application and check for \$10 for the application fee to guidance no later than January 2nd.

Mount Wachusett Community College

Thursday, January 24

Appointments will begin at 8:15am

You will need to bring your completed application

Guidance will provide your transcript and any testing

Application fee will be waived.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY

The Junior Achievement Academy is an after-school program between the hours of 3:30-5:30pm developed by Junior Achievement of Eastern Massachusetts for ambitious high school students interested in learning about business and entrepreneurship. Students run their own company with the help of business professionals and college students. To maximize the experience, students hear from fascinating guest speakers and travel to local corporations to present their business plans and annual report. JA Academy meets once/week for 12 weeks at local college campuses in the Boston Area. The Spring Semester sessions will be held at Boston College, Boston University and Suffolk University. Students are asked to list their location preference when they fill out an application. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the meeting sites.

Application deadline is January 7, 2008

Applications are available in the Career Center, please see Mrs. Allaire.

WHAT COLOR IS YOUR PARACHUTE?

Can you help Nashoba students make the connection between classroom learning and the workplace? For students, career exploration and awareness activities can be a vital link to understanding the world of work and what opportunities are available for them. If you or your employer might be interested in becoming involved in providing career exploration opportunities for our students such as Internships, Job Shadow Days, Guest Speakers and/or Mentors, please contact Sue Allaire, Career Counselor, at sallaire@nrsd.net or 978-779-2257.

SCHOLARSHIP SCOOP

FOR SENIORS

APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY

There will be a notebook with a sheet on each local scholarship and its criteria available in guidance. Copies of all applications will be available as well as instructions for completion. Come and check out the opportunities.

The Local Scholarship brochure is available now in guidance if you want to review the scholarship opportunities.

Simon Youth Foundation Community Scholarship (Deadline 1/31/2008) For details and Information check out the website at www.syf.org.

AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

The exam for the AFL-CIO Scholarship Program will be given at Nashoba on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 in the morning. The scholarship exam focuses on labor history and will consist of 40 multiple choice questions and one essay question. If you are interested in signing up, applications are available in guidance and at the website. Study booklets are also available online:

<http://www.massafcio.org/scholarship-program>.

The eligibility/application form must be returned to guidance by Friday, December 21.

MAOM/DI Scholarship (due 1/31/08)

All seniors who have participated in Odyssey of the Mind/Destination Imagination are eligible.

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Seniors who have demonstrated drive to succeed through their accomplishments in high school are eligible. For more information and to download the scholarship, please visit the website at: www.axa-achievement.com. (Deadline 12/15/07)

HENRY DAVID THOREAU SCHOLARSHIP

(Deadline 2/1/08) This scholarship is available to students who plan to pursue an interest in the environmental field. Applications are available in guidance.

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Inspire the Future "Write on" Scholarship

Students between the ages 13-18 may enter. Write an essay between 500-750 words about the Patriots' most recent game. You will be eligible for up to \$20,000 in scholarship awards. There are 4 essay deadlines (10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 1/4/08). Submit your essay through www.TotallyPatriots.com or send it to Kraft Sports Productions, Gillette Stadium, 1 Patriots Place, Foxboro, MA 02035.

National Peace Essay Contest –(Deadline Feb. 1, 2008). For registration and information see www.usip.org/ed.html - Winners receive scholarships up to \$10,000 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Essay topic: Natural resources and conflict

AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST – Scholarships are awarded

See the website www.legion.org or guidance for more information.

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay

Contest (Deadline 1/12/2008) Visit www.jkfcontest.org for contest requirements

Check out www.scholarships.com for more ideas on finding money and scholarships for college.