

Fairfield Ludlowe High School Counseling Newsletter

Check out our department's website here!

Welcome to November Ludlowe! While it may have seemed like we would never see the light, counselors have come out of the fall with an incredible 2338 initial college application materials sent out (see below for more fun facts). For anyone that missed Financial Aid Night in early October, there is a PowerPoint from this year's presentation on page 2 of this newsletter. Now that early deadlines are completed, counselors will be shifting their focus to sophomores as they complete the Do What You Are Career Interest Inventory on Naviance. We are ready for a festive November and the start of Term 2!

SENIORS, WHAT'S YOUR PLAN NEXT YEAR?

Going to college?

- All students must meet with their counselors 3 weeks before their first deadline.
- Reminder <u>STUDENTS</u> are responsible for submitting their applications and test (SAT/ACT) scores.

First term grade requests

 Before turning in a First Term Grade Request Form, you MUST review your grades to ensure accuracy. Grades will be available in IC on 11/13, so no requests should be turned in before this date.

Military/Jesuit/Gap Year Information Sessions

- Jesuit Excellence Tour -11/7 @ 11-12:45 in Senior Lounge
- US Air Force ROTC—11/8 @ 11:30 am
- US Naval Academy—11/19 @ 9:30 am
- Discover Gap Year --11/15 @ 6:30pm at FFLD Woods Branch Library

PSAT Scores Coming Soon!

Sophomores and juniors took the PSAT on October 10th. The official score release day is Tuesday, December 11th. Students can access their scores on their CollegeBoard account.

- Sophomores will be meeting with school counselors to review scores and confirm access to CollegeBoard accounts beginning in early December.
- Juniors should all have access to both CollegeBoard and Khan Academy's SAT preparation program. Please see your school counselor with any questions.



Happy Halloween from your School Counselors and Counseling Center Staff! Can you guess who we were?

Interested In Taking An Aptitude Test?

Students in grades 10-12 have an opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) sometime this December. It is a multipleaptitude battery that helps predict future academic and occupational success, especially for anyone interested in the military.

- For click here for more information.
- Students interested in taking the ASVAB must sign-up by Friday, November 16. Click here to register.

Dates to Remember

- SAT (@ FLHS) 11/3
- Soph. students taking the Do What You Are career interest inventory 11/13-11/16
- Alumni Day 11/21
- Career Day 12/7
- Computer Proficiency Exam- 12/11 2:30 pm
- SAT (@ FLHS) 12/1
- ACT (@ FWHS) 12/8

A Snapshot of College Applications Already Submitted for the Class of '19

As of 11/1/18...

Total # of applications sent: 2554

of Early Decision applications: 57

of Early Action applications: 1247

of Rolling applications: 120

of Priority applications: 96

of Regular Decision applications: 1006

• # of colleges submitted to: 357



Career Day Volunteers Needed!

Fairfield Ludlowe High School will be hosting our annual Career Day on **Friday, December 7, 2018 from 8:30 – 11:30AM**. The event involves two morning sessions of presentations from speakers in a variety of occupational fields to help our students learn about some of the career options waiting for them.

HELP WANTED:

- We are looking for professionals (that's YOU!) to speak to students on Career Day about your job, your career path, your education and training, your industry, the future of your industry, related careers, earning potential, etc. (Don't worry...we'll coach you!).
- We welcome speakers from all occupations (the more diverse, the better), at all levels of expertise (from new hires to well-seasoned experts), but there is an **especially high demand** for representation from the following industries/fields/jobs: <u>All Trades</u> (e.g., Plumbing, HVAC, Electrician, etc.); <u>Healthcare</u> (e.g., Physician's Asst., Technicians, Therapists, etc.); and all <u>STEM</u> (but especially Research, Cyber Security, Manufacturing, etc.);.
- If you would like to participate in Career Day or you know someone else who would, please register by Friday,
 November 2 here. Once you are registered, we will follow up to provide more details. If you have any questions, please contact us. And if you have already registered, please ignore this email.
- For more information about Career Day, please contact Alice Gorman, College & Career Center Coordinator,

Financial Aid Information

Were you unable to attend Financial Aid Night or Scholarship Night? Are you interested in learning more information about the above mentioned topics? If so, please click the following links to view handouts from both events and watch the presentations.

Financial Aid Night: Click <u>here</u> to view all of our financial aid handouts and to watch the Financial Aid Night presentations from 2017 (two-part video).

Need help with the FAFSA?

There are some great webinars scheduled in November to assist parents and students with the FAFSA through the federal government.

- 2019-20 FAFSA® Line by Line Demo (Thursday November 29 @ 3 p.m.)
- Remember to sign up soon. Spots fill up quickly!
- To register, <u>Click Here</u>



Computer Proficiency Exam

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 2:30 p.m.

Room 303

Ludlowe Computer Proficiency Sign ups





New York University Tisch School of the Arts Future Artists Programs Saturday, February 2 - Saturday, May 11, 2019

Future Artists Open House: Saturday, October 20, 2018
Program Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

New York University Tisch School of the Arts offers a **free** spring program to high school freshman, sophomores and juniors. The Future Artists Programs at NYU Tisch require a 14-week commitment on Saturdays and is a commuter program. Qualifying students must attend a high school in one of the five boroughs of New York City, or (but not limited to) Westchester County, Long Island, New Jersey, parts of Philadelphia and Connecticut. Students apply to one of the following Future Artists Programs:

Future Dancers and Dancemakers

This is an intensive program focusing on technical training, choreography, and performance. Students will also study dance composition, improvisation and repertory that culminates in a final concert of student work.

Future Dramatic Writers

Students who want to write for theatre, film and television are immersed in a highly focused and professional writing program. Students will develop scripts in each medium in the writing workshop sessions, and present their playwriting work in the department's

Rita and Burton Goldberg Theatre.

Future Filmmakers

All aspects of filmmaking are taught in this workshop. Students will learn how to produce, direct and edit several short individual and collaborative films. An emphasis is placed on personal storytelling and learning how to articulate oneself creatively through an understanding of the technical elements of making a movie.

Future Film Scholars

This program focuses on the history, criticism, theory and cultural significance of moving images. Students who are passionate about seeing, learning and writing about film, television, and moving image cultures will not make their own films, but they will be introduced to the varieties of film practices (e.g., fiction, documentary, animation, experimental/ avant-garde, video art and new forms of digital media).

Future Game Designers

The workshop will introduce students to the methods, tools and principles used in developing digital games. Students will work alone and in groups to create a series of digital prototypes or 'sketches', culminating in a final polished game building on the lessons learned in the earlier sketches. This workshop takes place at the NYU Game Center's facilities in Downtown Brooklyn.

Future Imagemakers

This workshop is for students who are drawn to telling stories by capturing people, events, and other visual aspects of life through the lens. Students will photograph their families, friends and communities to create photographic essays exploring their day-to-day lives, dreams, concerns and challenges.

Future Music Moguls

Students learn all aspects of the contemporary music business. They not only learn about the creative process behind the writing and recording of hit songs, but they're also exposed to the exciting behind-the-scenes business decisions that help music wind up in the hands of audiences around the world.

Future Theatre Artists

This workshop is dedicated to developing the mind, body, voice and spirit of the artist in order to experience the potential influence of the live performer. The skills acquired during the exploration and developing of each artist's unique voice will be applied to many forms of creative theatrical expression.

Saturday, October 20, 2018 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. 721 Broadway, Lower Level New York City RSVP

FUTURE ARTISTS PROGRAMS APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Please contact us with questions about the programs or admissions.

Thank you, Mariangela Lardaro

tisch.nyu.edu/special-programs

College Board Scholarship

College Board announced a new scholarship that is open to all students and rewards them for actions they take towards applying to college. The potential rewards range from \$500-\$2,000 with a potential capstone scholarship of \$40,000 for completing all steps. The steps and rewards are below.

For more information visit: https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/

Build Your College List: \$500
 Practice for the SAT: \$1,000
 Improve Your Score: \$2,000
 Strengthen Your College List: \$500
 Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000
 Apply to Colleges: \$1,000

5th Annual Ernie DiMattia Emerging Young Artist Awards for Playwriting

The Palace is pleased to announce the 5th Annual Ernie DiMattia Emerging Young Artist Awards for Playwriting. Monetary awards will be given to six high school students in grades nine through twelve for their writing of an original 15 minute, One Act play.

Three top winners will each receive \$500 Three runners up will each receive \$100

The three top winners will be our guests at The Palace Gala cocktail party and performance, Spring of 2019 (Date TBA) where they will be honored and will receive their awards.

The top three winners will each have a staged reading of their play at The Palace in early June with professional New York actors!! They will rehearse in a studio in NYC with the actors the Saturday before the reading. With the guidance of the director, they will further develop their characters and their play during the rehearsal process.

The completed application and the formatted play MUST be received on or before February 1, 2019. Click here for the application. Please email all materials to: cbryan@palacestamford.org.

COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT

WHEN November 14, 2018 5:30nm - 8:00nm

Registration & application assistance begins at 5:30 p.m. Admissions & Financial Aid presentations begin at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE

Housatonic Community College 900 Lafayette Blvd., Bridgeport GT Free parking is available on campus.

TO REGISTER, VISIT CONNECT.UCONN.EDU/PORTAL/ APPLICATION-WORKSHOPS



We invite you to explore all that UConn and Housatonic Community College can offer talented students such as yourself.

HEAR
PRESENTATIONS BY
UCONN'S
UNDERGRADUATE
ADMISSIONS AND
FINANCIAL AID
OFFICES

LEARN ABOUT OUR GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM THROUGH HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION TO UCONN ON SITE

PARENTS ARE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

UCONN Arts Discovery

UCONN will be hosting their Arts Discovery Day for high school artists, designers and performers on 11-12-18 at the Storrs campus from 10AM – 2PM. For more information, click here.

Mr. and Miss Shamrock Scholarship

The Mr. and Miss Shamrock Scholarship sponsored by the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Applicants must be seniors and have some Irish heritage. The winners will receive \$3,000. The runner-ups get \$1750. The deadline for the application is DEC. 8, 2018. The actual contest, interview and reception is SAT. DECEMBER 15, 2018. (The snow date is Sun. Dec. 16). Click here for the application.

Any questions, please call me on my cell 203-218-6567 or email me at pattymcd2001@gmail.com.

Patty McDonnell, Chair

College Scholarships for Student Leaders

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute awards more than \$1 million in college scholarships to exceptional student leaders each year.

High school seniors nationwide who demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are invited to apply for the 2019 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program. This program annually provides college-bound students with \$10,000 renewable scholarships – up to \$40,000 total per recipient – and supports them as they lead and serve in college and beyond.

Applications for the 2019 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program are accepted until Jan. 4, 2019.

Additional information, eligibility requirements, and a link to the application are available online.

Learn more <u>here</u>.

Free National Practice Test Weekend: the SAT vs ACT

Which test should your students take, the SAT® or ACT®?

Kaplan can help students get the right answer with **our free National Practice Test Weekend on November 17 and 18**.

How It Works

It's simple: have your child sign up for one of our free, live online SAT/ACT tests on either November 17 or 18. As soon as they finish the test, they'll get their results. Our teachers will explain what the results mean, so students can choose the right test and maximize their scores for college admissions. Spaces fill up very quickly, so make sure your students sign up as soon as possible.

SIGN UP NOW

What is GLASS?

Our Mission: Empowering the Next Generation of Female Leaders Through Service, Sport, and Global Engagement

The Girls Leadership Academy for Service & Sport (GLASS) is a 10-day leadership development program located in Costa Rica. High school athletes from all over the United States are invited to engage in a transformational sports leadership experience, led by our team of nine <u>Beyond Sports Fellows</u>. GLASS gives high school athletes the opportunity to enhance their athletic and leadership skills, explore a different country, and make lifelong friends! Click here to learn more.



Tuition Break for CT Residents

NEBHE's Tuition Break program, the New England Regional Student Program (RSP), enables thousands of New England residents to enroll at out-of-state New England public colleges and universities at a discount. Students are <u>eligible</u> for the RSP Tuition Break when they enroll in an approved major that is not offered by the public colleges and universities in their home-state.

New England includes the following six states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Hundreds of Approved Programs

More than 800 undergraduate and graduate degree programs are offered through the RSP Tuition Break by New England's 82 public colleges and universities. Click <u>here</u> to learn more or check a program <u>here</u>.