



# Fairfield Ludlowe High School Counseling Newsletter

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**It is a December to Remember!** 'tis the season to enjoy the holidays but remember the semester is coming to a close January 18. All sophomores completed the Do What You Are personality assessment and interest inventory on Naviance, in addition to setting up accounts on Khan Academy and College Board. This month, counselors will meet individually with each sophomore so keep an eye out for an email with more info!

**We hope everyone has a happy & healthy holiday season and wonderful New Year!**

**Senior Info** – All senior mid-year grades will be sent automatically to all schools they applied to. See your counselor if you have questions.

## Looking for scholarships?

Naviance houses a wealth of scholarship opportunities... you just have to look!

- Under the Colleges tab, scroll down to the “Scholarships and Money” menu option. Explore all four menu options.
- “Scholarship Match” and “Scholarship List” menu options provide a unique link with application information and deadlines.

A Google search can also uncover thousands of scholarship opportunities around the world. Search websites like [www.FastWeb.com](http://www.FastWeb.com) or [www.collegescholarships.org](http://www.collegescholarships.org) to see what's out there!

## PSAT Scores are here!

Freshmen, sophomores & juniors took the PSAT on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The official score release day is Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Students can access their scores on their CollegeBoard account.

- **Freshmen:** create CollegeBoard accounts to access your scores. **Please remember to write down your log-in information as it is important to never create a second account down the road.** Click [here](#) to create an account!
- **Sophomores:** review scores and confirm access to your CollegeBoard account during your individual sophomore meeting with your counselor.
- **Juniors:** should have access to both CollegeBoard and Khan Academy's SAT preparation program. Please see your school counselor with any questions.

## Dates to Remember

- ASVAB 1/8 @7:30 am (students must have pre-registered to participate)
- Junior Parent Night 1/8 @ 6pm
- ACT 2/9 (FWHS)
- Senior parent internship meeting – TBD
- Course selection night - 1/30
- 8th grade parent night - 2/6

## Important Info for Juniors!

A timeline of what to expect:

### ➤ January

- Begin the college search/visit schools
- Begin signing up for SAT/ACT
- In school SAT: April 9, 2019
- Attend Junior Parent Night
- Schedule post high school planning meetings with counselors, students, and families after Junior Parent Night

### ➤ February

- Course selection – speak with teachers about options for courses & meet with your counselor

### ➤ January – April

- Junior families continue to meet with counselors
- Attend college fairs
- Take SAT/ACT
- Continue visiting schools

## Making the Most of Your PSAT Score Report

Think of the PSAT score report as a roadmap to success! The report will identify what you're doing well, and what you should work on to get ready for the SAT—and for college. Click [here](#) to learn how to make the most of your score report and also share your test results with Khan Academy to receive free, personalized SAT study skills.

*“One kind word can warm three winter months.” – Japanese Proverb*

**THE COOLIDGE**  
A SCHOLARSHIP FOR AMERICA

The Coolidge Scholarship is an annually awarded, **full-ride**, presidential scholarship that covers a student’s tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. The Coolidge may be used by recipients at any accredited American college or university. Anyone of any background, pursuing any academic discipline of study, may apply to this non-partisan, need-blind, program.

Students apply for the Coolidge Scholarship during their **junior year** of high school. Finalists are flown in for a finalist weekend at the Coolidge Historic Site in Plymouth Notch, Vermont where they interview with the Coolidge Scholars Finalist Jury. Recipients of the Coolidge Scholarship are notified of their award late in their junior year, before college application (note: current high school seniors are *not eligible* to apply). Finalists who are not named Coolidge Scholars are eligible to receive a smaller, one-time, college scholarship.

Click [here](#) to learn more and [here](#) to apply! Deadline is January 23, 2019.

**Junior Parent Night**

Tuesday, January 8  
(snow date: Wednesday, January 9)  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Spend the evening with your child’s school counselor to explore post-secondary options, learn to navigate Naviance, and hear from a college panel about the admissions process. Attendees will travel by house to the various presentations following the schedule below.

Time	Navigating Naviance (Lecture Hall)	College Panel (Auditorium)	Post-Secondary Planning (Cafeteria)
6:00 pm-6:30 pm	Warner	Wright	Webster
6:30 pm -6:40 pm	PASSING TIME		
6:40 pm -7:20 pm	Webster	Warner	Wright
7:20 pm -7:30 pm	PASSING TIME		
7:30 pm -8:00 pm	Wright	Webster	Warner