

SENIOR PARENT NEWSLETTER

Class of 2012 • October 2011 • Main Guidance

October...the month of peak foliage, fall harvest dinners and gatherings, bonfires, homecomings and the beginning of the “deep season” — October, the month of major preparation and planning in the college admission process for you and your Senior is now upon us! With no further delay, let’s get on with the details!



Going “On-Line”

Because of the availability of modern technological assistance, Londonderry seniors this year will join the legion of students nationwide who do all of their college application documentation totally “on-line”. We here at “guidance control” will also be able to ship transcripts and counselor recom-

mendations along the cyber-pathways to a majority of colleges and universities, thereby making the traditional “rainbow” of paper all but obsolete! Trees everywhere are endorsing our direction! For more on “Docufide” and the “Common Application”, you too can visit their websites (just as we do, as well as the seniors) to acquaint yourself with this brave new

departure in college application procedure. Visit **docufide.com** and **commonapp.org** to “catch the wave” of the future, as well as the “here and now.”

For the few colleges or universities which use neither Docufide nor the Common Application online, your senior should come to Main Guidance to complete a *Non-Electronic Transcript* form.

DOCUFIDE

by Parchment

Beginning this year, Londonderry High School seniors can get their transcript(s) sent electronically by using Docufide!*

To get the process started, your senior first needs to create an account:

- Go to www.docufide.com
- Click on the “**register at parchment.com**” link (see “Student” box in lower right hand corner)
- Follow the directions on **parchment.com** to request your transcript

*** IF YOU ARE ASKED TO PAY A FEE FOR YOUR TRANSCRIPT REQUEST, IT MEANS THAT YOU REQUESTED IT THROUGH DOCUFIDE (WHICH IS FOR CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS); YOU NEED TO REQUEST YOUR TRANSCRIPT THROUGH PARCHMENT.COM**

For each transcript request made via Docufide, Main Guidance must approve the request/ upload your senior’s transcript before Docufide can send your transcript electronically*

Docufide will send your senior an email confirmation when:

- The transcript has been *sent* electronically to your child’s selected college(s)
- The selected college(s) have *received* the transcript

Senior’s Responsibilities:

- Create an account
- Follow instructions to request your transcript
- Communicate with your guidance counselor in a timely manner
- See Mr. Dolphin or Ms. Butterfield in Main Guidance with questions

Counselor’s Responsibilities:

- Create an account
- Accept all electronic invitations for uploads
- Upload recommendation letter & Secondary School Report electronically
- Send copies of letters & Secondary School Reports up to Main Guidance

* If you are applying to a college that does **not** utilize Docufide, please come to Main Guidance to complete a *Non-Electronic Transcript Form*.

Articulation Considerations: The Early Stages

As you may or may not know, Londonderry High School has a rather unique program referred to as the "Articulation Agreement." The negotiated "contract" exists between Londonderry High School and several-four-year institutions, among which are New England College, Franklin Pierce University, Southern NH University, and Suffolk University offering special consideration in the admission and financial aid realms. You will be learning, progressively, more about these "great deals" this month and next.

There will be an upcoming bus trip to New England College on Tuesday, November 15th. If interested, stop in or email Mr. Dolphin in Main Guidance. Space is limited, so let Mr. Dolphin know if you're interested).

Oh, yes! The money game for college —already your blood pressure, respiration and temperature are rising as your feet get "colder." It is a daunting aspect of the pride and excitement in the overall joy of sending your son or daughter off to university life. Things are especially "tight" this year in terms of college loans and other financial issues. Breathe easier...there will be special, timely **Mini-Course nights in November and December** concerning scholarships, loans, all facets of financial aid (see next page for details).

The Money Game

In the meantime, perhaps now more than ever, we all advise parents to sit down with their financial advisors to look at all the private financing options. Your financial planner may come up with some unexpected, brilliant strategies to finance junior's tuition, room and board. In addition, our old friends at NHHEAF (New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation) can still be of some help, even though the present economic "downturn" has impacted their personnel, services and loan resources. They are a nonprofit, "no fee" organization whose mission is to aid NH students and families with all facets of "making college happen." Either on-line at www.nhheaf.org, or by phone at 1-800-525-2577 x 119, they are a ready resource. So, put away those scratch tickets and cancel the trip to Foxwoods for now. "Help is on the way!" (Why is that familiar?) Seriously, visit their website and avail yourself of the excellent resources available to you and to your Senior. They will also arrange personal appointments to discuss your unique family needs.

NHHEAF

Website: www.nhheaf.org

Phone: (800) 525-2577 x 119



Post-Secondary Mini-Courses for Senior Parents

Thursday Nights
6:30-8:00 pm, LHS Cafeteria

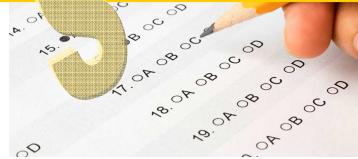
The LHS Guidance Department will hold 3 more free mini-courses this fall/winter for Senior Parents. All Post-Secondary Mini-Courses will be held on Thursday nights, 6:30-8:00pm at LHS in the Cafeteria. There is no need to sign up in advance for these classes — just show up!

October 13th: “The College Essay” - How to create a useful college essay and understand its use in admissions today. Successful essays from past students will be reviewed and highlighted. Michael Conneally, House 4 Guidance Counselor, former high school English teacher at Trinity and Londonderry High Schools, and an adjunct English college professor, will be the presenter.

November 10th: “Financial Aid 101” - Parents will learn the comprehensive aspects of the Financial Aid process and important terminology to navigate accessing proper aid for their senior.

December 15th: “The Financial Aid Scene: How to Complete the F.A.F.S.A. and the CSS Profile and More” - This session will be a step by step process on proper completion of the FAFSA and CSS Profile (required by many private institutions). Also included will be information to begin to understand the financial aid packages and how to deal with your student’s financial aid advisor. Karen Collins, NHHEAF, is the presenter.

SAT'S



SAT Test Dates	Regular Registration	Late Registration
November 5, 2011*	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2011	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2011	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2011*	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2011*	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

*This is a Londonderry High School test site

Register online at www.collegeboard.com

Please note that there is an additional fee for late registrations



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Colleges Visiting LHS

Each fall, representatives from several colleges visit with interested seniors from Londonderry High School. The colleges scheduled to visit *at this time* are listed at right. Please note that there may be additional and/or rescheduled visits after the posting of this newsletter. There will be an *updated* list posted outside of the Main Guidance office for your senior to check out periodically.

Unless otherwise noted, all college visits will be held in the Main Guidance Conference Room. Your senior must get permission from his/her teacher prior to attending.

<u>Date</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Period</u>
10/3	Coastal Carolina	C
	Rivier College	D
	UNH	E
	Northeastern	F
	Colorado State University	G
	Thomas College	G
10/4	Rochester Institute of Tech	F
	Bay State College	G
10/5	Merrimack College	H (1:15pm)
10/6	Suffolk University	C
	University of Southern ME	D
	Gordon College	F
	University of Alabama	H
10/7	Franklin Pierce University	C
	University of Maryland	D
	UMass-Amherst	E
10/11	St. Joseph's (ME)	C
	WPI	F
10/12	Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	G
10/13	Endicott College	F
	St. Anselm College	H (1:15pm)
10/17	Roger Williams	F
	Mount Ida College	G
10/18	Southern NH University	C
10/19	Mount St. Mary (NY)	E
10/20	Western New England College	D
	NHTI	E
10/26	Castleton State College	E
10/27	College of the Holy Cross	E
10/31	Dean College	F

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Random Reflections

Enjoy the season, even if we're still hearing daily of the "travails" of our economy. Embrace the near-at-hand, the simple, and the beautiful. The last of the country fairs is upon us – go enjoy one. Close the cottage, store the boat, rake the leaves, pick the apples and stop to smell the fall air laced with wood-smoke. Wood piles take shape as the evenings come earlier. Take time, and be very, very well.