

Postings
From New Trier's Post-High School Counseling Office
For the Class of 2018
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Because we know some of you will be leaving shortly for senior project, this month's newsletter includes information about wrapping up the process; ***remember, though, regular, rolling or early action admission candidates have until May first of the senior year to make the decision about which colleges to attend!***

- You should be hearing from all of your schools by the middle of next month. Please check your email account regularly. Some colleges notify you by having you create your own log-in on their main webpage under an area called "Already Applied."
- If you have any questions about your options or just want to talk about the decisions, please see your post-high school counselor.
- Financial aid packages, known as award letters, may be sent or emailed to admitted students or may accompany your acceptance in late March or April.
- You have until May 1, 2018, to notify the school you plan to attend. If you have heard from all of your schools and your decision is made, you may wish to accept enrollment by submitting a down payment on your fall term fees, or the enrollment deposit, at that college. You have until May first to decide which college is right for you. **Please deposit to only one college or university.**
- If you submitted refundable *housing* deposits and wish to recoup that money, contact the admission office to see what the procedure is at that college. *Enrollment* deposits are generally nonrefundable, but there may be some exceptions.
- If you know you will not be attending some of the colleges where you were admitted and want to notify them before May first, you can easily contact them by:
 - Logging into your Naviance account
 - Going to "colleges" and then "colleges I'm applying to"
 - Click on the name of the college you are not attending
 - Click on "communicate" and choose either our representative or the admission office
 - It is perfectly acceptable to indicate that while you are grateful for the chance to have considered their school, you will enroll at...and name the college. Admission officers like to know who their competition is.
- Remember, too, to notify the teacher or teachers who spent their personal time writing letters of recommendation for you of your final college choice.

- **If you are waitlisted:** you must deposit somewhere so you have a place to go, unless you have arranged for a GAP year. Colleges have until August 1 to contact you and resolve their wait lists. Some schools, however, might work through their lists by an earlier date.
- If you are trying to win a spot from a waiting list and have great third quarter grades or new honors or awards, you may wish to send an email to update the college admission office and let them know that you are still very interested. If your wait-list school is your first choice and you can pledge yourself, it's also good for the college to know that if you are admitted, you will enroll.
- Should you be offered a spot in the freshman class from a waiting list, you may either accept or decline. Chances are that you will only have a day or two to make up your mind, so if you or your parents should stay up-to-date with your home phone and cell phone messages on a daily basis.
- Once you have been taken off a wait list and accept a spot in the freshman class, please contact your post-high school counselor so that a final, official, high school transcript can be forwarded to the school you will attend. *Additionally, contact the original school where you deposited to let them know you will not be enrolling; then they can refer to their wait list to offer a spot to someone, too!*
- Your admission is contingent upon successful completion of the schedule of courses you listed on the application, or that was listed on your high school transcript. Any changes to your academic schedule must be approved by the college or university you plan to attend. Most colleges also expect you to complete the second semester at the same general level of achievement you demonstrated previously.
- At the end of the process, you will complete a yellow final transcript form in advisery so that New Trier knows where you will attend and where to send your final transcript. In order to maintain accurate records on Naviance, we hope you will submit transcript request forms for those college that did not require them in the process. **Most importantly, if you are attending a school that did not initially require a transcript for your consideration, a final transcript can only be sent after you complete a request form in the post-high school counseling office.** Thank you in advance for the accurate and truthful reporting of decisions from colleges on the end-of-the year form.
- Senior project participants should be ready, as soon as they know, to communicate with their respective post-high school counselor to let them know where they will enroll, so New Trier can send the final transcript to the proper place.
- Remember, your post-high school counselor is here to help. Feel free to discuss any aspect of the process with your counselor.