

# Senior Newsletter

August, 2019

## Essay Seminars & Common Application Workshops

**Where:** Location: Winnetka Campus, Room W321

**When:** Essay seminar 10:30 -11:45 AM, CA workshop from 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

**Dates:** Tuesday, August 6, Thursday, August 8, Tuesday, August 13 or Thursday, August 15

**Essay Seminar:** Get a jumpstart on your college essays. Preview essay prompts, get brainstorming tips, and learn the overall do's and don'ts for how to approach your application essays.

**Common App Workshop:** Create your registration log-in, complete approximately half of the main application, and learn how to navigate the application and its sections. Allow yourself more time during your senior year to spend on academics, and become more confident in completing other college applications.

**Congratulations to Mr. Conroy and Ms. Donley on their much deserved retirement!**

**We are happy to welcome Ms. Ecklund and Ms. Graf to our team. They will be available to begin meeting with their respective students and families the week of August 5.**

Ms. Ecklund will be working with the Garton, Kelsh, Koulentes, Loris and Serpa adviseries, and can be reached at [ecklundh@newtrier.k12.il.us](mailto:ecklundh@newtrier.k12.il.us) – 847/784-2237 starting August 5.

Ms. Graf will be working with the Burns, Hall, Lombardi, Napoleon, Sollie and Taylor adviseries and can be reached at [grafk@newtrier.k12.il.us](mailto:grafk@newtrier.k12.il.us) – 847/784-2239 starting August 5.

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**Parents:** We are still accepting Parent Recommendation Forms! Please email, mail or drop it off in the PHSC office. A blank copy can be found under the “document links” section of our webpage: [www.newtrier.k12.il.us/phsc/](http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/phsc/)

**Students:** Your post-high school counselor will be visiting your advisory throughout first quarter to cover many of these topics in greater detail, but as a preview...

## Scheduling appointments

- To make a summer appointment, please check your counselor's availability on the summer calendar on the New Trier post-high school webpage. Call 847/784-2234 to schedule. The office is open weekdays between 8-noon and 1-3 PM.
- Once you know your class schedule, call 847/784-2234 during office hours to set up an appointment with your post-high school counselor for the fall. Please do not email your post-high school counselor for an appointment.

## Transcript requests

- A transcript request form must be completed for each college to which you apply.
- Request forms will be available on the front desk of the PHSC office after the College Application Processing Night (see details below).
- *Seniors do not use any online request forms – those are for alumni only.* Your post-high school counselor wants to see you to make sure you are using the correct forms, and walk you through the additional steps that may be required for some applications.

## Teacher Recommendations

- Consult your PHSC binder (p. 9-12) for full details
- Check with your PHSC before inviting teachers to your applications
- Do not invite teachers to your applications before checking in with them, unless your teacher has instructed you otherwise.

## Upcoming ACT and SAT dates

- The registration deadline for the September 14, ACT is August 16.
- The registration deadline for the October 5, SAT is September 6.
- Instructions on reporting scores to colleges will be covered at the upcoming College Application Processing Night (see below).

## Fall College Rep Visits

- Update your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list in Naviance. As colleges schedule visits to New Trier, an automatic notification is emailed to you for any schools listed in your account.
- A full list of all currently scheduled visits is listed in Naviance and on our webpage by clicking on "View All Events" under "Upcoming Events" [www.newtrier.k12.il.us/phsc/](http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/phsc/)
- To attend a visit during a scheduled class period, you must pre-arrange any absence with your teacher. It is up to the teacher to decide if you can be excused.
- *There is no penalty if you are unable to attend a college rep visit.* If you are unable to attend, the contact information for each visiting representative can be found in Naviance.

### Upcoming Fall Events

**College Application Processing Night** – Thursday, August 29, from 7:00-8:30 PM, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka Campus. Please join us in this “kick-off to college” event outlining the application process and admission updates. Seniors and their parents are invited.

**New Trier Financial Aid Night** - Thursday, September 26 7:00-8:30 PM in the Cornog Auditorium, Northfield Campus. Designed for students and parents to learn more about the need-based financial aid process. Scott Seibring, director of financial aid at Illinois Wesleyan University, will present the process and some of its idiosyncrasies.

**CHOICES Fair** for students with learning differences; parents also welcome. Tuesday, October 22, 2019, from 6:00-9:00 PM at New Trier, Northfield Campus. The first breakout session begins at 6:00 PM. College fair runs from 7:00-9:00 PM. This is a regional program sponsored in coordination with other area high schools. College admission and college disabilities services counselors will be available to students and their parents.