

The Grapevine

A GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Attention Seniors: DO NOT REQUEST MID-YEAR GRADES ON NAVIANCE. *If you have received an email or letter request from your colleges to send your mid-year grades, please advise Mrs. Neill in person or by email, in the Career Center, as soon as possible. All selective schools, such as Ivy League, are sent out automatically.*

Parents of Juniors: Use www.collegeboard.org to help your child reach his or her important education and career goals. Here you can register for the SAT, do a college/career search and look for scholarship information. You can also try www.collegetoolkit.com and help your student find a career to match their interests. Perhaps your student is confused about a major – try mymajors.com to help find majors with the student's interests and achievements. **Juniors** will be taking the SAT in school this year on **Wednesday, April 5**. They may also want to take another SAT on either **May 6, or June 3**, here at NMHS. Or, if they wish to take the ACT, log on www.actstudent.org and register for the ACT on **April 8 or June 10**.

All of our students have been introduced to our guidance program “**Naviance**”. Students can log on by going to <http://connection.naviance.com/nmhsct> or click on the link available on our website. Then type in their username which should be **their email address** and their password if they registered. If your student forgot their password, have them see their counselor or Mrs. Neill in the Career Center. **Naviance** allows students to search colleges, look at community scholarships, request recommendation letters, start a college plan and keep track of applications.

Beginning this month the Guidance Department will be meeting with all **Juniors individually for 30 minutes** to go over next year's schedule and talk about their post-secondary plans. Parents are invited to attend these meetings if they wish.

Anyone interested in the Coast Guard Academy? *Check out the academy's AIM Program – a summer six day immersion program into cadet life. Applications open February 6. Go to www.uscga.edu the Academy Introduction Mission.*

Juniors should plan on taking the *SAT's in May*, or the **ACT in April**. Both these dates will be offered at NMHS. If the colleges that interest you require **SAT II's** (not all do) and you think you might take the tests in the subjects you are presently studying, **June** is the time to do this. Remember, each time you register for the SAT's you can send your scores to **four (4) colleges for free** – if you choose to wait, it will cost \$12.00 per school. The test dates and deadlines are as follows.

LOCATION	TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LATE REG.
New Milford H.S. ACT	April 8	March 3	March 4-17
New Milford H.S. SAT	May 6	April 7	April 8-25
New Milford H.S. SAT	June 3	May 9	May 10-24
New Milford H.S. ACT	June 10	May 5	May 6-19

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES: Students should check out the **Enrichment Programs** in Naviance which contain some pre-college course summer opportunities. Go to the College Tab and scroll down on the right and click **Enrichment Programs**. Type in a **keyword like *politics or law*** and see what appears. It may seem early, but in many cases there are application deadlines and sometimes the longer you wait, the more competitive the applicant pool.

ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS: *A letter will be sent after report cards which will state the number of credits already received and the number of credits needed for graduation. Please pay attention to this information and if you have any questions, contact your guidance counselor immediately.*

SENIOR SCOREBOARD: As of February 5, the following students have indicated college acceptance: **Christopher Agor:** Endicott, Ithaca, Misericordia, Sacred Heart, Western New England University; **Brooks Baldwin:** Liberty University, Western Connecticut State University; **Holly Barkal:** University of Bridgeport, University of Hartford, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Mount Ida, University of New England, University of New Haven, Western Connecticut; **Hunter Barron:** Colorado State University; **Fiona Brady:** University of Maryland, University of New Hampshire, Quinnipiac; **Evan Brofford:** Embry Riddle, University of Kentucky, Ohio State; **Emma Cafiero:** Keene State; **Ashley Carroccio:** University of Hartford; **Kyle Chaves:** Quinnipiac, Western New England; **Leah Cognato:** James Madison; **Kory Cyr:** University of New Hampshire; **Thomas Delaney:** University of Rhode Island, Roger Williams; **Conor Donadio:** Hobart & William Smith; **Jenna Donato:**

Humboldt State University; **Jack Dwyer:** Franklin Pierce, Iona College; **Alison Falder:** Clark, Eastern Connecticut, Fordham, Ithaca, King's College, Ohio State; **Emma Faulenbach:** University of Redlands, University of Rhode Island; **Kelly Flynn:** Quinnipiac, Salve Regina, Western Connecticut State University; **Esteban Granda:** Iona College, Johnson & Wales, Seton Hall, St. John's University; **Anthony Harkin:** Pace University; **Alisson Haywood:** Concordia, Drake, Eastern Connecticut, Lesley, University of Maine Farmington, Merrimack, New England College, Quinnipiac, University of Tampa, Western Connecticut; **Trevor Hnyda:** Becker College; **Kelly Horten:** Salem State; **Angela Lian:** University of Connecticut, SUNY-New Paltz, Temple, Virginia Commonwealth; **Kira Joseph-Lim:** Dickinson; **Thomas Lebert:** University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Western Connecticut State University; **Stephanie Levy:** University of New Haven; **Megan Lynch:** University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, Quinnipiac, Western Connecticut State University; **Sam Maniscalco:** University of Virginia; **Emily McGuire:** Johnson & Wales, University of Maine, Plymouth State, Quinnipiac, Southern New Hampshire; **Samantha McGuire:** Flagler College; **Kevin McNulty:** Keene State, Plymouth State; **Morgan Melendez:** Stony Brook, Western Connecticut State University; **Kathleen Mickelson:** The University of Scranton; **Anika Mirabito:** University of Maine; **Helen Moore:** Central Connecticut, University of Hartford, Lyndon State; **Raquel Morehouse:** University of Delaware; **Abigail Myhill:** University of Maryland, NC State; **Vanessa Nepomuceno:** Sacred Heart University; **Allison Perrault:** Mitchell College, Southern Connecticut, Western Connecticut; **Michael Price:** Fordham, Marquette, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of Buffalo; **Nicholas Principi:** Belmont, Five Towns College, Mercy College, College of Saint Rose, SUNY-Fredonia; **Sophia Rago:** Coastal Carolina, University of Colorado at Boulder, Indiana University at Bloomington, Western Connecticut State University; **Justin Rajagopalan:** Champlain College, Iona; **Daniel Reyes:** Western Connecticut; **Liam Roberts:** Bryant University, Endicott, Quinnipiac; **Rachel Santospirito:** University of Rhode Island, SUNY Albany; **Hunter Seegers:** Iona, Loyola Maryland, Manhattan College, Siena; **Victoria Seiden:** University of New Hampshire, University of Rhode Island; **Kendall Stewart:** Quinnipiac, Springfield College; **Olivia Streaman:** Wentworth Institute of Technology; **Matthew Sweeney:** SUNY-Delhi; **Madeline Symon:** Bryant, University of Rhode Island, University of Tampa; **Gavin Titus:** University of Hartford, Nichols College; **Taylor Val:** Salve Regina; **Maxwell Vaughney:** James Madison; **Jenna Weber:** Dean College, Eastern Connecticut, Franklin Pierce, Mount Ida, Southern Connecticut; **Evan Willson:** Miami University Ohio, NC State, Penn State, University of Vermont; **Alexander Zevin:** Stony Brook.

Congratulations to those students reporting scholarships: Evan Brofford – ROTC Navy Scholarship; Gavin Titus: Nichols College- \$16,000/yr., University of Hartford - \$19,000/yr.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS: Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Baby Bundles Drive. Our pet food collection will take place the week of 2/13-2/17. Dog food, cat food, rawhides and cat litter will be collected and brought to the New Milford Animal Welfare Society. Also, we will hold a flower sale during all performances of the school musical, *Mary Poppins*. Reminder to seniors – all service hours and dues must be in by April 25th. Junior service hours are due May 1st.

FINANCIAL AID: Most colleges have financial aid deadlines between February 1 and March 15, so make sure you file your FAFSA forms by the deadline in order to be eligible for aid.

Financial Aid Information:

Any student applying for financial aid **must** fill out a **FAFSA** Form. The sooner it is sent in, the better your chances of receiving financial aid. Also, if your schools are listed in the **CSS Profile**, you must fill this form out online at www.collegeboard.com. Many students ask about **Merit Scholarships** from colleges. Some schools may not consider merit scholarships unless financial aid forms are filled out. Other schools may automatically offer merit scholarships based on the student's transcript. Check with the schools you are applying to and ask how they award merit scholarships.

Seniors are you reporting your college acceptances in Naviance to your counselor or to Mrs. Neill? If not, please do so - so we can enter your name here in the Grapevine.

SENIORS:

ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN NAVIANCE ONLY. THERE ARE NO PAPER COPIES. GO TO THE COLLEGES TAB AND SCROLL DOWN TO THE SCHOLARSHIP LIST AND CLICK ON THE NAME OF THE SCHOLARSHIP THEN DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION AND PRINT . PLEASE WATCH DEADLINES AND TRY AND GET APPLICATIONS IN BEFORE THE DUE DATE AS LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MUST BE ATTACHED THEN EITHER MAILED OR PICKED UP.

The following is information from the Key Club:

**BRAVE THE SHAVE
TO
FUND CHILDHOOD CANCER
RESEARCH**

Event will be held at the high school on March 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- We need people to shave their heads, or donate!
- The advisory that raises the most money wins a pizza party.
- Shavees sign up on our website and collect money from friends, family and coworkers and then take their turn in the barber chair at our event.
- It's fun, it's emotional, and it raises necessary funds for a crucially important cause.
- Get involved and you'll be giving hope to infants, children, teens and young adults fighting childhood cancers!

For more information go to
<https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/newmilfordshaves>
or contact Mrs. Lambiase @ lambiased@newmilfordps.org