

The Grapevine

A GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER



September 2017

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to this year's starter issue of *The Grapevine*. You may already know that this is an information service of our New Milford High School Counseling Department. *The Grapevine* has been a long-standing tradition here for our school, and both students and parents eagerly anticipate the information which it contains. It is available each month on our Website under Guidance/Career Center.

This year our **Counseling Staff** consists of the following individuals:

Ms. Erin Moriarty	Ext.1154	A-Co	Grade 9-12	Counselor
Mrs. Kelly Demichele	Ext.1156	Cr-G	Grade 9-12	Counselor
Mrs. Danette Lambiase	Ext.1151	H-K	Grade 9-12	Head Counselor
Mrs. Margaret White	Ext.1155	L-N	Grade 9-12	Counselor
Mr. Michael Savo	Ext.1152	O-Sc	Grades 9-12	Counselor
Mr. Rob Nathan	Ext.1153	Se-Z	Grades 9-12	Counselor
Mrs. Tracey Salvatore	Ext.1102	Secretary for Guidance Services		
Mrs. Cathy Neill	Ext.1101	Career Center Secretary		
Mrs. Dawn Wittich	Ext.1159	Social Worker		

Students have quickly settled into a good start to the year, so now the counselors will be focusing on other department services, such as college seminars, personal interest inventories, students' portfolio development, individual counseling, school and career planning, as well as a host of other initiatives.

Since the parent or guardian is the "primary" counselor of any student, our counseling staff is meant to support the efforts of students and parents in working together to plan the present and future directions of the members of our student body. This newsletter, therefore, becomes one of your communications links with the extensive services and activities of our Counseling Department. Have a great year!

Sincerely yours,
Greg P. Shugrue
Principal

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS -

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

9/9	ACT Test
9/12	Senior Workshops through Advisories
9/13	Open House
10/1	CSS Profile Available on College Board
10/1	Complete FAFSA Online at fafsa.ed.gov
10/4	Senior Parent Night
10/7	SAT Test
10/11	Financial Aid Night
10/11	PSAT Test (all 9 th 10 th and 11 th graders during school day)
10/11	College Application Workshops available for seniors in Rm.2112
10/16	Danbury Mall College Fair 5-8:30 p.m.
10/28	ACT Test
11/4	SAT Test
12/2	SAT Test
12/9	ACT Test
2/10	ACT Test
2/15	CT State Financial Aid Deadline for FAFSA
3/10	SAT Test
3/27	College Planning Night (all grades welcome)
4/14	ACT Test
5/1	Deadline for final college acceptance
5/5	SAT Test
5/19	Junior/Senior Prom (Amber Room)
5/30	Scholarship Awards
5/31	Senior Banquet
6/1	Senior Trip
6/2	SAT Test
6/9	ACT Test

UConn School of Engineering: "Women in Engineering Day" Thursday, September 28, 2017. Tour the campus and engineering buildings, meet female faculty and students, have lunch with current engineering students and learn about admissions. There is no cost for this program. Visit www.wie.uconn.edu to register for this event.

Questions? email ugprograms@engr.uconn.edu

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD: Students who participated in a volunteer service activity in the past year, can apply for a **2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award**. Go to <http://spirit.prudential.com> to access the online application and student/parent agreement. Deadline November 8. See Mrs. Neill in the Career Center for more information

IMPORTANT TEST DATES

PSAT for Freshman*/Sophomores/Juniors

Will take place on Wednesday, October 11, during the school day. More information to follow.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) will be given here at New Milford High School on **Wednesday, October 11, 2017**. This is a two-hour and 45 minute test measuring evidence based reading, writing and math. It is, actually, a short form of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) which most colleges use in their admission decisions.

***On test day freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9 that students learn in class which will be able to pinpoint the skills that need more attention and practice.**

Why bother to take the PSAT?

First, as a junior, if you do very well on this test, you may qualify for a National Merit Scholarship. In the past, several New Milford students have been semi-finalists or received letters of commendation. Many companies use the National Merit results for their scholarship programs, which could result in impressive financial rewards.

Second, PSATs are a good way to get practice for the SATs you will be taking in the future, and last but not least, your test scores can help you plan for college by indicating the degree of academic pressure you can live with.

DANBURY MALL COLLEGE FAIR-MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 FROM 5 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

NCAA NEWS: Student athletes planning to play Division I or II in college must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. You can register at www.NCAA.org . The NCAA requires official test scores to come directly from the ACT www.actstudent.org or SAT www.collegeboard.com . Scores on a transcript will not be accepted. Students must contact the testing agencies directly to request their scores be sent to the Eligibility Center - their institutional code is 9999. Students must also ask their high schools to send a copy of their transcript to the NCAA by **requesting this on the NCAA Website during the registration process**. The high school will then send transcripts electronically.

COLLEGE ESSAY ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS THIS FALL:

Literacy Volunteers of New Milford will again be available beginning September 26, to assist our seniors with college searches, essays, applications or other forms as needed. With

parental permission, seniors may sign up to meet with a volunteer in the Career Center. Many seniors took advantage of this program the last few years and found the service invaluable. Pick up a permission form in the Career Center or Guidance Office.

SENIOR Workshops: The School Counseling Department is scheduling meetings with seniors beginning September 12, to discuss post high school planning. Naviance plays a big part in the college application process. Students can complete their resume, request teacher recommendations, have transcripts sent and make appointments to visit with college recruiters in the Career Center ----all on Naviance!

Any senior considering college should sign up now for the SAT and/or ACT.:

RULES FOR SAT/ACT TESTING SECURITY: All test takers must provide an acceptable photo ID during registration along with the photo on your Admission Ticket. YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR ADMISSION TICKET WITH YOUR ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID IN ORDER TO ENTER YOUR TEST CENTER....no ticket, no ID, no admission!!!! Follow directions on the College Board Website - www.collegeboard.com

Standby test-takers will not be admitted. Online requests for waitlist status may be possible until about five days before the test. Changes to test center, test date or test type will not be permitted on test day. They must be submitted about two weeks prior to test day.

When registering for the SAT our high school code is 070545

SAT I & II

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
NMHS	Oct. 7	Sept. 6
NMHS	Nov. 4	Oct. 5
NMHS	Dec. 2	Nov. 2
NMHS	Mar. 10	Feb. 9
NMHS	May 5	April 6
NMHS	June 2	May 3

REMEMBER-PLAN AHEAD!

Find out early whether the colleges you are interested in require SAT I or SAT II Test scores and what the deadlines are for receiving applications and test scores. Some colleges will accept the ACT in place of SAT II's. So, it might be wise to take at least one ACT in addition to at least one or two SAT's.

Select appropriate test date. It takes approximately five weeks to process your scores and get them to the colleges you designate...allow sufficient time. More

recently, students have been able to see their scores online approximately 2 weeks after the test.

Are you applying to college for early decision? If so, you should take the SAT/ACT in your JUNIOR year or at least by October of your senior year. Test scores from your senior year might not be reported in time for early decision deadlines.

If any of you are investigating colleges in the far west, the midwest or the southwest, you may need to take the ACT (American College Test). Check the requirements of the colleges you are applying to (some will accept SATs in place of ACTs), or the ACT in place of SAT II's. The ACT will be given on the dates below at NMHS.

ACT

TEST	DATE	DEADLINE
NMHS	Sept. 9	August 4
NMHS	Oct 28	Sept. 22
NMHS	Dec 9	Nov.3
NMHS	Feb. 10	Jan. 12
NMHS	April 14	March 9
NMHS	June 9	May 4

Keep in mind if you register for the SAT online - you need your social security number and/or date of birth and a major credit card. Go to www.collegeboard.com - By October 1, you can also register and complete the CSS Profile by using the same address and clicking on the Profile icon! Some schools require the Profile in addition to the FAFSA form. Check to see if your schools require the Profile. There is a registration fee plus individual school fees.

UCONN - OPEN HOUSE -SUNDAYS ON October 1, and OCTOBER 29, 2017 - 9:00-3:00 pm - Go to openhouse.uconn.edu to register online.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES:

Admissions officers from many colleges will visit the high school this fall to talk to students about their schools. Juniors and Seniors are welcome to attend these meetings (including parents). Students can view the list of colleges visiting the Career Center in Naviance. If a school is on your college list in Naviance you will automatically receive notification in Naviance indicating the date and time the representative will be visiting. You need to sign up in Naviance, print the confirmation and take it to your period teacher who should sign it giving you permission to attend. Any questions, please see your counselor or Mrs. Neill in

the Career Center

COLLEGE VISITS: Seniors/juniors should sign up in Naviance to attend one of the following visits, print out a confirmation and have their period teacher sign it giving them permission to attend then bring signed confirmation to the Career Center.

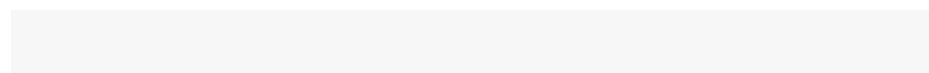
Scheduled College Visits in the Career Center (Check Naviance for updated visits or cancellations).

Colleges Scheduled:

Keene State College	Mon September 11, 2017	9:00 AM
Green Mountain College	Mon September 11, 2017	10:45 AM
Castleton University	Wed September 13, 2017	10:45 AM
Saint Anselm College	Wed September 13, 2017	1:00 PM
Becker College	Wed September 13, 2017	1:30 PM
University of New England	Thu September 14, 2017	1:30 PM
Saint Joseph's College-ME	Fri September 15, 2017	11:30 AM
Sacred Heart University	Mon September 18, 2017	8:00 AM
Husson University	Mon September 18, 2017	9:30 AM
SUNY College at Geneseo	Wed September 20, 2017	9:00 AM
Curry College	Fri September 22, 2017	8:00 AM
Simmons College	Fri September 22, 2017	9:00 AM
The University of Scranton	Mon September 25, 2017	10:00 AM
Monmouth University	Mon September 25, 2017	10:30 AM
University of Massachusetts, Boston	Mon September 25, 2017	11:00 AM
SUNY Oswego	Mon September 25, 2017	12:45 PM
Lasell College	Tue September 26, 2017	10:30 AM
Manhattan College	Tue September 26, 2017	11:00 AM
Wheaton College MA	Tue September 26,	1:00

	2017	PM
University of Southern Maine	Wed September 27, 2017	9:00 AM
University of Connecticut	Wed September 27, 2017	12:30 PM
Roger Williams University	Thu September 28, 2017	10:30 AM
Springfield College	Fri September 29, 2017	9:30 AM
University of Maine	Fri September 29, 2017	11:30 AM
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Fri September 29, 2017	12:30 PM
State University of New York at Albany	Fri September 29, 2017	1:00 PM
Stonehill College	Mon October 2, 2017	8:00 AM
New England College	Mon October 2, 2017	8:30 AM
Hartwick College	Mon October 2, 2017	10:30 AM
Western Connecticut State University	Tue October 3, 2017	8:00 AM
Sarah Lawrence College	Wed October 4, 2017	12:30 PM
University of Rochester	Wed October 4, 2017	1:30 PM
Albertus Magnus College	Thu October 5, 2017	9:30 AM
Lynchburg College	Tue October 10, 2017	10:30 AM
Rochester Institute of Technology	Tue October 10, 2017	11:15 AM
Siena College	Tue October 10, 2017	12:30 PM
The Culinary Institute of America- NY (Main Campus)	Wed October 11, 2017	8:00 AM
Syracuse University	Wed October 11, 2017	8:30 AM
Purchase College State University of New York	Wed October 11, 2017	9:30 AM
Wagner College	Wed October 11, 2017	10:15 AM
Suffolk University	Wed October 11, 2017	11:00 AM
Ursinus College	Wed October 11, 2017	11:30 AM
Endicott College	Wed October 11, 2017	12:30 PM
University of Hartford	Wed October 11, 2017	1:00 PM
University of Colorado at Boulder	Wed October 11, 2017	1:30 PM

Marist College	Thu October 12, 2017	9:00 AM
Utica College	Thu October 12, 2017	10:30 AM
Gettysburg College	Thu October 12, 2017	11:00 AM
Roanoke College	Fri October 13, 2017	8:00 AM
University of Saint Joseph	Fri October 13, 2017	9:00 AM
University of Maine at Farmington	Tue October 17, 2017	9:30 AM
Western New England University	Tue October 17, 2017	12:30 PM
University of Rhode Island	Tue October 17, 2017	1:15 PM
Boston University	Wed October 18, 2017	10:00 AM
Bryant University	Wed October 18, 2017	12:30 PM
Emmanuel College	Fri October 20, 2017	10:45 AM
Merrimack College	Mon October 23, 2017	9:30 AM
Muhlenberg College	Tue October 24, 2017	11:30 AM
Hofstra University	Fri October 27, 2017	1:00 PM
University of New Haven	Tue October 31, 2017	1:30 PM
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Wed November 1, 2017	9:00 AM
American University	Wed November 1, 2017	10:30 AM
Washington College	Thu November 9, 2017	1:00 PM



SCHOLARSHIPS: Local area scholarships like, **Thrift Mart, Lions Club, etc., are not available until after January** – they will be announced and posted in Naviance. Students can log onto **Naviance** and click **Scholarships** – you will note the deadlines and can contact Mrs. Neill in the Career Center regarding updates.

