

# SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

## GUIDANCE NEWS & NOTES

Quarter 2 ~ 2019-2020

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Quarter 2 Honor Roll Event

**\*\*Tubing at Arrowhead\*\***

**February 8th**

**NHMEA**

#### Solo & Ensemble Festival

**February 8th**

#### SMHS College and Career Readiness Fair

**February 21st**

**Winter Break**

**February 24th-February 28th**

### SENIORS-CLASS OF 2020

Seniors should now:

- ◆ Have all applications completed
- ◆ Have FASFA's near completion if not already completed (remember deadlines for financial aid are not negotiable)
- ◆ Begin filling out local and state scholarship applications (information available through the guidance web page, please see Mrs. Watkins with your questions)

Now is the time to get working on scholarships



### SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

Visit the SMHS guidance webpage for a list of local, regional scholarships. The website will be updated weekly as new scholarships become available. Mrs. Watkins is available to help with the application process.

- ◆ The Sunapee Middle High School Application will be due on April 15, 2020. All seniors will receive a folder with local scholarships open to all seniors. The folder will be handed out in English class the week of February 17th.
- ◆ All seniors should complete the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation online application. The NHCF's common online application is completed just once and determines eligibility for NH Scholarships totaling over \$500,000. You can start the application on February 1st! More information at <http://www.nhcf.org/scholarships>

**\*\*PLEASE STOP BY GUIDANCE TO LEARN MORE AND PICK UP APPLICATIONS\*\***

### Proposed School Project



Please visit [https://www.sau85.org/capital\\_improvement\\_projects](https://www.sau85.org/capital_improvement_projects) for more info.

### RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

**Fairfield University**

**Franklin Pierce University**

**Seton Hall University**

**State University of New York**

**University of Maine**

**University of Massachusetts**

**University of New Hampshire**

### JUNIORS-CLASS OF 2021

Junior meetings with Mr. Cooney will be completed by the February break. Juniors will meet one on one to start planning and researching post-secondary opportunities, and to plan for the JOB SHADOW experience as part of the Senior Project.

Students considering college should:

- ◆ Develop a list of potential schools
- ◆ Make plans to visit potential schools in April
- ◆ Review results from the PSAT available online
- ◆ Prepare for the SAT
- ◆ Consider senior year course selections in March
- ◆ Complete a Job Shadow as outlined by the Guidance Department
- ◆ Attend the Junior College Planning Night to be held in April

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### TECHNOLOGY DATA PRIVACY

Common application, the web based tool often used by students to complete their college applications, has refused to sign the statewide Data Privacy Agreement. As such, the guidance department is notifying you of this complication. Please contact the guidance office if you would like our office to **cease working with** the common application on behalf of your student. There are still two more reporting segments required by most colleges and universities. Going forward, junior students will have to create accounts at home and through their individual emails, to be in compliance with new state standards.

College Board, the company that administers the SAT which is the NH State accountability measure and a key piece of consideration for college admissions committees, has refused to sign the statewide Data Privacy Agreement. As such, the guidance department is notifying you of this complication. Please contact the guidance office if you would like our office to notify College Board and the State of New Hampshire that your student's information and score **should not be** shared with any entity other than the Sunapee High School and State of New Hampshire. Otherwise, please understand that the information your student provides on the SAT is able to be shared with colleges, universities, scholarship committees and any vendor college board might work with.

## SAT (March 25th)

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) will use the SAT as the statewide assessment test for juniors. Students in the 11th grade will take the test for free March 25, 2020. The state-sponsored test will not include the SAT Essay, which is optional, but SMHS has arranged to pay for the essay to provide students and families with valuable feedback on their aptitude and achievement in this area.

### Highlights

- The New Hampshire SAT test day is March 25, 2020.
- The SAT will be given at school during regular hours and will be free to all 11th-graders.
- SMHS will arrange for students to take the optional written portion of the SAT free of charge.

### Free Practice from the College Board

The SAT Suite of Assessments website offers sample questions, printable full practice tests, and more resources to help students get familiar with the SAT.

### Free Practice at Khan Academy

All students can access Khan Academy's world-class personalized SAT practice resources for free. These interactive resources complement and reinforce the work already happening in classrooms with official SAT practice questions and full-length tests. Teachers and students will also receive detailed information on student progress to guide next steps. To take advantage of these resources, create your free accounts now. Sign up for both a **College Board account** and a **Khan Academy account** to personalize your practice.

### Free Practice on Your Phone

Download the free college board app, **Daily Practice for the New SAT**. Answer a question a day on the app and get immediate feedback.

## COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS FAIR

SMHS will be hosting a College & Career Readiness Fair on February 21st. We are excited to have college and career representatives speak with our students about the many educational and career opportunities available after graduation. Students will have a chance to hear from college representatives, business leaders, military personnel, and educational training experts on a host of topics that will get students thinking about their future plans. The purpose of the event is to provide information to students that will assist in future goal setting and planning. Please feel free to contact the guidance office with any questions.

## GRADE 8 AND 9

The morning of February 21st the Guidance Department, as part of the annual "Guidance Day", will be taking the 8th and 9th grade to Newport High School to learn more about the Career and Technical Education opportunities available through the regional partnership. This field trip will be chaperoned and facilitated through the Sunapee bus resources. If you **do not want** your 8th or 9th grade student to attend this event, please contact the guidance department at your earliest convenience and we will make alternative arrangements for your student.

## COURSE REGISTRATION

The course registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin in late March. Students will be orientated to the materials during their English class and corresponding forms and materials will be sent home for parental signatures. Please mind the deadlines and call the guidance department with any concerns or questions you might have. A copy of the Program of Study can be found on the guidance web page as a resource.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Sunapee's Mock Trial team finished 3rd in the state in the NH Mock Trial Invitational on Dec. 7th at Souhegan High School. Junior Sean Moynihan also won distinction as a top attorney at the competition that day. The mock trial team will compete in the state competition on Feb. 8th & 9th.

### **Middle School Geography Bee Winner**

**Annaliese Rowell**

### **Recent Students of the Month**

#### **High School**

**Jack Holobowicz & Izabelle Serrentino**

#### **Middle School**

**Amena Martinez-Paris & Emily Sevene**

