

SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS & NOTES

QUARTER 2 ~ PROGRESS REPORT 2023 - 2024

SENIORS

- * Applications for admission to post-secondary schools should be completed this month. After your applications have been submitted it is crucial that families file the FAFSA (available by December 31st) form online to qualify for financial aid: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>.

****By NH law, students who are eligible to graduate in 2024, must complete a FAFSA, or sign a waiver that will be sent to families through the ALMA alert system later this month.****

- * Colleges typically communicate with students through portals set up by the students, prompted by the schools, upon applying. These communications can include important admissions information as well as financial aid tips and deadlines.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Oberkotter Family Foundation Scholarship is now available. We highly recommend students apply for this scholarship as it is open to students who plan on attending a four year program, two year program or vocational program. Additionally, the award is \$3,500 and is renewable each year of college. We are hopeful that students can start working on the application over the holiday break as the due date is February 1st. The deadline for this application is strict and applications will need to be mailed in advance to ensure the scholarship arrives on time. Please review the information posted on the Oberkotter Scholarship website: <https://www.oberkotterfamilyfoundation.com/>

Lastly, Scholarship season will be upon us as we start the new year. Mrs. Watkins will email students and post scholarships to our school website. Also, she will give each senior a scholarship packet with local scholarship applications to complete. The packet will be handed out in February. Most local scholarships are due around April 10th driven by the FAFSA form that will be available by December 31st. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Watkins, jwatkins@sau85.org if you have any questions..



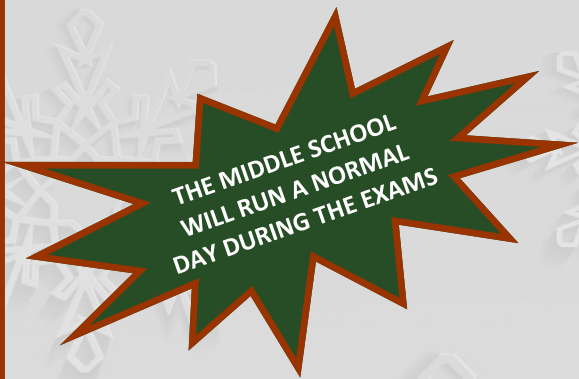
College of Saint Rose
Dean College
Keene State College
Norwich University
Southwestern University

St. Michael's College
University of Binghamton
University of Delaware
University of New Haven

Congratulations!

JUNIORS

- * Students who took the PSAT this fall should have received an email from the College Board directing them to access their scores on-line. Typically, the college board releases an access code and students are prompted to set up their accounts. These accounts should facilitate a relationship with the College Board that promotes college searches, SAT prep (via KHAN ACADEMY online) and easy online registration for the SAT as well as score sends. ALL junior students will take the SAT in a testing window (March 25 — April 5, 2024) later this winter.
- * After the holiday break Juniors will meet individually with their guidance counselor to start planning for life after high school. In the Junior year of high school, students begin to seriously investigate options and opportunities for their career and/or college placement. Outside of the individual meetings and potential job shadow opportunities, students can take advantage of the web based career pathways program – **XELLO**, using their Clever accounts.



MID TERM SCHEDULE	
TUESDAY, January 16th	Regular day period 1-5 <i>Period 7 exam (1:04 - 2:47)</i>
WEDNESDAY, January 17th	<i>Period 1 Exam (8:00 – 9:46)</i> <i>Period 2 Exam (10:02 – 11:45)</i> Make Up Period (12:11 – 2:47)
THURSDAY, January 18th	<i>Period 3 Exam (8:00 – 9:46)</i> <i>Period 4 Exam (10:02 – 11:45)</i> Make Up Period (12:11 – 2:47)
FRIDAY, January 19th	<i>Period 5 Exam (8:00 – 9:46)</i> <i>Period 6 Exam (10:02 – 11:45)</i> Make Up Period (12:11 – 2:47)

- * High school student attendance is only required for periods when students have scheduled exams beginning Tuesday, January 16th at 1:04.
- * Students who are tardy more than 5 minutes will not be allowed to take the exam during the scheduled period.
- * Any student who is absent during an exam period must have a parent (guardian) call the school before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. No make-up exam will be allowed without the permission of administration.
- * Students must stay in the room for the entire exam period.
- * Students on the school grounds who do not have an exam period must be in the cafeteria or library.
- * Lunch will be provided for high school students at 11:48 each day. Only students who have a make-up exam should be on school property after lunch.
- * Exam grades will count as follows (credit is only offered for passing final averages)



A group of students that made the **quarter one honor roll** enjoyed a Dartmouth College Women's Hockey game - December 1st.



Middle School
LEAH WILLIS
High School
ISABELLE CORREA



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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

- * 6th and 7th grade students completed two units of Second Step. Students learned about brain changes during adolescence, the importance of hard work and developing personal values. Additionally, 6th and 7th grade students completed a bullying/harassment prevention unit. 8th grade students have a weekly guidance lesson during advisory. Students have explored the importance of responsibility, effort and empathy. Currently, 8th graders are working on a service project and making holiday care packages for senior citizens.
- * Sunapee Middle School (8th grade) will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on March 6th. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents/guardians, policymakers, and the public. Your child may take a mathematics, reading, or science assessment. In addition to subject-area questions, students voluntarily complete NAEP survey questions. These questions provide valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and outside of the classroom. More information about NAEP survey questions is available at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents> under the section **"What Questions Are on the Test?"**

