

# SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

## GUIDANCE NEWS & NOTES

QUARTER 2  
2023-2024

### SENIORS

Seniors should now:

- Have all applications completed
- Begin filling out local and state scholarship applications (information available through the guidance web page, please see Mrs. Watkins with your questions.)
- Start working on the **NEW FAFSA** form- <https://studentaid.gov/> and notify guidance once completed



Students **not planning** to matriculate to higher education should complete a waiver, previously emailed by the guidance department, AND available through ALMA at their earliest convenience

For **FREE** assistance with this form please contact Moira Valenti at:  
Senior Education and Career Counselor  
Phone: 800-525-2577 x564  
Granite Edvance  
(formerly The NHHEAF Network)  
3 Barrell Court • Concord, NH 03301  
[www.graniteedvance.org](http://www.graniteedvance.org)

### 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 18, 2024 . All seniors will receive a folder with local scholarships open to all seniors.
- 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 \$7 million. More information at <http://www.nhcf.org/scholarships>.

### RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Baylor University	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Dartmouth College	Roger Williams University
Emmanuel College	St. Josephs College
Endicott College	St. Lawrence University
High Point University	St. Michaels College
Husson College	University of New England
Maine College of Art and Design	University of New Hampshire
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science	Utica University
Montana State University	Wentworth Institute of Technology

### NAEP 2024

Sunapee Middle School (8th grade) will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on March 6th. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents/guardians, policymakers, and the public. 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. If you would like your student to opt out of this assessment please contact the testing coordinator (Myles Cooney - 603-763-5615, [mcooney@sau85.org](mailto:mcooney@sau85.org)), prior to March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTHS

#### HIGH SCHOOL

NOV-KATELYN CLAUS

DEC-GABRIELLA SOTO



#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOV-XINGHUA WU

DEC-EMMA BERUBE



**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SPELLING BE WINNER**

**Zoe McClelland !**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Middle School Valentine's Day Activity Night  
February 9th

Career Fair-Guidance Event  
Keynote: Jeff Johnson NIKE employee #1  
February 23rd

Winter Break  
February 26<sup>th</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup>



### JUNIORS

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/interview 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 (March 25<sup>th</sup>-April 5<sup>th</sup>) using Khan Academy
- Consider senior year course selections in March
- Complete a Job Shadow/interview as outlined by the Guidance Department
- Attend the Junior College Planning Night to be held in April

### SAT (MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>-APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>)

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.

#### Highlights

- The New Hampshire SAT test day window is March 25-April 5, 2024. Actual test day TBD.
- The SAT will be given at school during regular hours and will be free to all 11th-grade students.
- Free practice at Khan Academy.
- If you would like your student to OPT out of the SAT please contact the testing coordinator Myles Cooney-603-763-5615, [mcooney@sunapeeschools.org](mailto:mcooney@sunapeeschools.org), prior to March 8<sup>th</sup>.