

SENIORS

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College applications

Welcome, Seniors! You have reached your final year of high school, and the Guidance Counseling office is here to help you achieve your goal of attending a great college next year. Colleges prefer that applications are sent online. Please check application deadlines. Our goal is to have all applications completed and processed by Oct. 1, with at least one application in by the end of the first week of school. Thanks to those of you who have already done so. To those of you still working on your applications, please see your Counselor if you need help, and keep up the good work!

Letters of recommendation

If your college or scholarship applications require a letter of recommendation, obtain the Request for Recommendation form in the Guidance Counseling Office, or from the Counseling page on the Ladywood website. Please deliver these to your teachers and allow them two weeks to return the completed forms to the Guidance Department.

College representatives

Representatives from a variety of colleges and universities will visit Ladywood High School to speak with interested students. The names of the colleges and the dates of the visits will be posted in the Guidance Office, on ConnectEdu.net, and listed in announcements and newsletters. Make sure to check in the Guidance Office for dates of upcoming visits. The format for these visits is changing to better suit your needs, so stay tuned!

College fair

Schoolcraft College will sponsor a college fair on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, from 6-8 p.m. This is a great opportunity to visit representatives from a variety of colleges and universities. For more information, visit the Schoolcraft College web site, www.schoolcraft.edu.

ConnectEdu.net

The ConnectEdu.net website provides you with information you need to get started on your college search. The site is available to you anytime, anywhere via the Internet. It will help you get an idea of where you should start, as well as conduct your own college, scholarship and career searches. The link is on Ladywood's website on the counseling page. Please use your user names and passwords from last year.



Financial aid

Financial aid forms (FAFSA) for the 2011-12 school year will be available in November. Forms can begin to be submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov starting Jan. 1, 2012. Schoolcraft College and Ladywood will sponsor financial aid workshops for seniors and their parents as application deadlines approach. We will inform students when the date is announced. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the various sources of financial aid and some helpful hints for completing the forms. In the interim, students and parents can register for their required PIN numbers at www.pin.ed.gov.

Scholarship information

A scholarship newsletter is available to students. This is listed on the Counseling page of the Ladywood website as well as in the Scholarship Binder in the Guidance Office. You may also contact the individual colleges you are interested in about scholarships they offer, just call the Financial Aid offices for each college.

ACT/SAT testing dates

Test	Test date	Registration deadline	Late deadline
ACT	9-10-11	8-12-11	8-26-11
ACT	10-22-11	9-16-11	9-30-11
ACT	12-10-11	11-4-11	11-18-11
SAT	10-1-11	9-9-11	9-21-11
SAT	11-6-11	10-7-11	10-21-10

ACT/SAT Workshops

Feeling a little dreary about taking the SAT or ACT? Help is available through the ACT/SAT Preparation Workshops. For additional information, see the Guidance Counselors for specific locations and dates.

MyDreamExplorer.org

The MyDreamExplorer.org website provides you with additional college and career information and allows you to build your Educational Development Plan (EDP). Please continue updating this information using your usernames and passwords from last year. Print a hardcopy of your EDP this year to satisfy this graduation requirement by December 1, 2011. Please see your Counselor for assistance if necessary.

In closing

Remember, success is a journey, not a destination. We wish you the best of luck in your college application process.