

Senior Update- Week of October 24th



- **Thank You Notes** – Just a gentle reminder: when students know that individuals have finished the recommendation letters/forms for them, students should send each person a *Hand Written* thank you note. These individuals have invested a great deal of time and effort in writing the recommendations. It is the appropriate thing to do to show your appreciation. One teacher commented on how really happy and appreciative he was that a student sent him a nicely done written note.... It REALLY means so much to the individual when students take the time to recognize the efforts of others.
- **SAT Scores** – Miss Hoyt is once again NAGGING seniors about being sure to have “official” scores sent out to those schools requiring they be sent. She can not stress how vitally important it is to do this. When schools (as mentioned many times

before) require official scores, they **WILL NOT EVEN START TO PROCESS** the student's application without having received the SAT Scores. Schools know students will be taking SAT II Subject Tests (if needed) later on – but the SAT Is need to be to the school for them to process and make decisions about acceptance.



- **Blocking SAT Scores** – A reminder that if students want only (or all) SAT Scores **BLOCKED** from their school transcript, they need to indicate that to Miss Hoyt when we are packaging the applications. This will then be clearly highlighted on the monitoring sheet so that the scores do not go out. Without students letting Miss Hoyt know, the scores will automatically go out.

- **New SAT Scores** – If students received scores (on Thursday online) for October SATs and those were better than other scores, they need to go back into the Common Application and change that information. Remember that on the Common Application, students should put down the **BEST** critical reading, **BEST** math, and **BEST** writing of any tests taken (and not necessarily one the same testing date).



• Colleges Processing

Application Materials – Please be aware

that it takes colleges between two and three weeks to process application materials. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE MATERIALS HAVE NOT ARRIVED AT THE**

COLLEGE, ARE MISSING, ETC. It means that usually colleges have a person inputting materials that have been sent online only about once a week – the hard copy materials usually take about the same amount of time to let admissions counselors “SEE” what materials have been put into a student’s file. Many times (although we have spoken with colleges about this) colleges automatically generate a generic letter that gets sent out to everyone who they have on record as applying. **If you get any correspondence (e-mails, letters, calls, etc.) about “missing” parts of your application, please DO NOT panic; instead, just leave me the correspondence and I will contact the school and track things down. Students/parents should not call the colleges about this – colleges do not like this during this busy time for them.**

Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



- **November 1st Application**

Deadlines - **If Miss Hoyt has already checked your printed/completed common application and you have a November 1st deadline, you should submit it as early as possible this week.**

If we have a scheduled meeting this week, Miss Hoyt will be sending out the hard copy materials by the November 1st postmark deadline – but it is always better to get the online application submitted as soon as possible. If anyone needs help/wants Miss Hoyt to walk you through the submitting, please let her know as soon as possible and she will help you.

If any seniors feel like they are getting overwhelmed and have not had enough time at meetings, Miss Hoyt is very willing to meet students/parents as early as they would like before school – just let her know.



If anyone has any extra yarn he /she would like to donate – Miss Hoyt could use it for a community service project with hospice and the homeless. Any yarn- any color, amount, or weight (with the exception of rug yarn) – would be greatly appreciated !



- **Curry College** – Miss Hoyt has received two application fee waivers from Curry College. She will give them to the first two seniors who ask for the waivers.
- **Mr. Disla** – Mr. Disla has informed us that he is still very willing to write recommendations for students. His Prout e-mail is still in effect – so interested students should contact him at: sdisla@theproutschool.org

Open House/ Informational Sessions



- **Bay Path College** – The school is hosting an overnight open house session on November 10th through the 11th. To get more specific information, and to register to attend the overnight, contact the school at: 1-800-782-7284 ext. 1331- or online at: www.baypath.edu
- **Northeastern University** – The school is hosting a special open house day for female seniors who are applying to Northeastern with an interest in/intended major in engineering. The special session is on Friday, October 28th. To register to attend, students need to e-mail at: r.reisberg@neu.edu

- **Case Western University** – The school is hosting an open house on November 11th. For more specific information, contact the school at: admission.case.edu



- **Plymouth State University** – A representative from the school will be at Prout during senior lunch periods on Thursday, October 27th. Plymouth will also be having on campus open house sessions on Monday, November 7th and Monday, November 14th.
- **Gordon College** - A representative from the school will be at Prout during senior lunch periods on Tuesday, October 25th.
- **University of Notre Dame** – The school is having an informational session on Thursday, October 27th beginning at 7:00pm at Hendricken High School Library – 2615 Warwick Avenue, Warwick
- **Ithaca College** – A representative from the school will be at Prout during senior lunch periods on November 22nd.

• **Performing and Visual Arts**

College Fair – There will be a special college fair for all students with an interest in majoring in any fields related to the performing or visual arts. It is on Wednesday, November 2nd in Boston at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont Street, Boston, Ma. For more specific information, call: 1-617-426-5000.- or online at: <http://www.nacacnet.org/EventsTraining/College Fairs>. The fair is from 6:00- 8:00pm. Schools participating at this time will be:

Berklee College of Music, The Boston Conservatory, Carnegie Mellon University, Chicago College of Performing Arts, Eastman School of Music, Emerson College, The Hartt School, Ithaca College, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, New England Conservatory, Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Purchase College- SUNY, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Vanderbilt University



• **Hofstra University** – The school is having an open house sessions on Saturday, November 19th beginning at 9:00am. Other earlier sessions are on Tuesday, November 8th and Friday, November 11th – these sessions start at 10:00am. For more specific information, contact the school at: hofstra.edu/admissionevent – or call at: 1-800-HOFSTRA – If interested students are not able to attend those sessions, there are also group tours Monday through Saturday.

- **C.W. Post University** – The school is offering an open house session on Sunday, November 6th beginning at 10:00am. For more specific information, and to register to attend, contact the school at: 1-516-299-2900 – or online at: ([www](http://www.liu.edu/cwpost/yes)).liu.edu/cwpost/yes

Scholarships



A reminder: Once college applications are sent out for a student, he/she needs to make an appointment with Miss Hoyt (through Mrs. DeCesare) for us to begin aggressive work on scholarships. There are numerous of scholarship opportunities for every student, for every level of academic and talent ability.

- **Ithaca College** – The school is offering its annual Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholar Program. “The scholarship is open to academically talented students from ethnic and racial backgrounds that have been historically underrepresented in the US higher education”. A booklet with more specific information and guidelines is available in the guidance office.
- **Susquehanna University** – The school is offering merit based scholarship opportunities for students applying to the college. For more specific information and guidelines, go online at: www.susqu.edu/finaid
- **Case Western Reserve University** – The school is offering full tuition scholarship awards for students applying to the school with an intended major in dance, music, or theatre. It is also offering scholarships of \$10,000 for students who will participate, but not major, in dance, music, theatre, and art studio on campus. For more specific information and guidelines, go online at: admissions.case.edu

Academic Advantage – This is a tutoring organization in Warwick that helps students with their academics. The company is offering an \$500 scholarship to seniors – **students DO NOT have to be clients of Academic Advantage to apply for consideration.** Scholarship applications are available in the guidance office

• **DAR Good Citizens**

Scholarship Program – Once again, the

Narragansett Chapter of the DAR is sponsoring its annual program. Awards range from \$520 to \$5,000. The criteria involves: “dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism”. Prout is allowed to nominate one senior (male or female) for the scholarship. Once that student has been nominated, the next step is for him/her to write an essay on a topic presented by the DAR organization. Any interested students must present Miss Hoyt with an updated activity/awards sheet, an a two paragraph “essay” on how he/she embodies the above qualities. Miss Hoyt will then submit the materials to the administration who will select the student to take the DAR essay and move on to the next step in the process. **Activity/awards sheet and two paragraphs need to be given to Miss Hoyt no later than Thursday, November 10th**



* **Horatio Alger Scholarship** – **The application must be submitted by October 30th**. Criteria includes: demonstrated involvement in activities, GPA of at least 2.0, and demonstrated community service. For application guidelines, and submitting procedures, go online at: (www). horatioalger.org/scoalarships