

# **Senior Update- Week of August 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Each week, on Tuesdays, a Senior Update is created and posted on Edline. Students/Parents-Guardians need to just open their edline (as they would normally to sign in to get grades). As soon as it opens (before you even sign in) it will say Senior Update. The update covers four basic areas:**

- What seniors should be working on for the week,
- What College Representatives will be available at Prout during senior lunch periods,
- What Open House/Informational Sessions will be held at various colleges,
- Scholarships offered to seniors.

**It is CRITICALLY important that students/parents-guardians read these updates every week. Many times, when the updates are not read, significant information, dates for scholarships, financial aid, etc. area missed.** There is also a hard copy of each week's Senior update posted in the main hallway outside the guidance office.



**If you/parents-guardians have any questions/confusions/concerns, etc., PLEASE leave a written note in my basket just outside of my office. Please do not say “I couldn't get in to see Miss Hoyt” – when students leave me a note, I ALWAYS get back to them quickly – but without a note, I have no idea students need to speak with me.**



## SAT I and II Dates

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Must Register By</b>
October 1st	September 9th
November 5th	October 7th
December 3rd	November 8th

## ACT Dates

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Must Register By</b>
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	September 16th
December 10th	November 14th



- **National Portfolio Days** – These are extremely important sessions for students with an intended major in any form of visual arts (such as illustration, design, painting, etc.) At the sessions representatives from many art colleges attend; student go to each “booth” and have their portfolios evaluated. This is to benefit students as the reps indicate to the students where their portfolios are strong, what else they should add, etc. It is NOT the individual schools evaluating you as they would when you send in the finished portfolio to the colleges with your application. The following dates are for evaluations closest to our location: Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in Hartford, CT at The Hartford Art School (which is located on the University of Hartford campus)..... Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in Boston, Mass. at The Hynes Convention Center.... Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in Purchase, NY at SUNY Purchase University. For more specific information, go online to the National homepage at: ([www](http://www.Portfolioday.net)).  
[Portfolioday.net](http://www.Portfolioday.net)



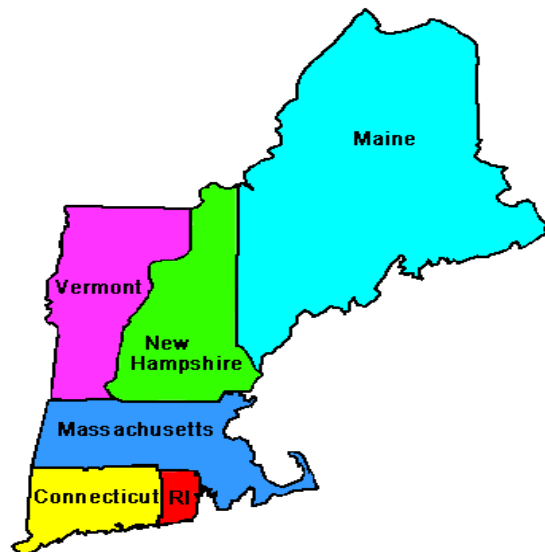
- **Music/Theatre/Dance/Musical Theatre Auditions** - For students with an intended major in any of the above fields, we need to begin working on setting up your auditions. Please make a meeting with me to go over the procedure for this – especially since “prime” audition dates fill up very quickly.

## **Things Seniors Should Try To Work on This Week**



- \* Register for SAT Is and/or ACTs \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Be mindful of having score reports sent to colleges – **Students have nine days before or after the test date to get the four free score reports** \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Give me scrap copies of applications, supplements, essays, etc. – leave in the box on the guidance office table \_\_\_\_\_ **Pick the corrected ones up the next day in the other box on the guidance office table**
- \* If using the Common Application, sign up for, and attend the morning modeling workshops in the Language Lab (the sign up sheets are on the door of the guidance office) \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Call schools and try to arrange interviews (Once you do this, set up a meeting with me to practice for the interview/get your interview packet from me – I need a few days advance is possible) \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Create a login an FASTWEB.com and complete the student/parent-guardian questionnaire \_\_\_\_\_
- \* If planning on playing a division sport in college, we sure to (if not already done), sign NCAA folder in Mrs. Decesare’s basket, if Division I and/or II, register with NCAA online, create Athletic Packet, have SAT I scores sent to NCAA.

- **i-studentadvisor.com** – This is an AWESOME website to gather specific information about colleges all over the United States, Europe, and other parts of the world. It is very reliable, thorough, and extremely helpful.
- **The New England Regional Education Program (also known as The Apple Program)** – If the public schools in Rhode Island (URI, CCRI, and RIC) DO NOT offer your intended major, you are able to attend a “sister” public school in Maine, NH, VT, CT, and Mass) for in state tuition. This is a tremendous savings for students. There is a booklet outlining the entire program on: <http://www.nebhe.org.programs-overview/rsp-tuition-break/overview>



- **URI Talent Development**

**Program** – The university has a special application program for students of color, students who have not performed to their ability (for a variety of reasons), for students who have experienced emotional and/or physical challenges. Any interested students should pick up a URI booklet (in front of the auditorium). If any students/parents-guardians are interested after reading the information, let me know and I will ask a Talent Development URI representative to come to Prout to speak with a group

## **Open Houses/ Informational Sessions**



**As mentioned previously, students should make every effort to attend “official” open houses/informational sessions. Colleges record these visits and deem the student in the “serious” category. When the colleges look at the student as “serious”, it really helps towards acceptances. Even if students have already made a summer visit to a school, they should still attend other sessions.**



- **Fitchburg State University** –

Informational tours/sessions are held on campus Monday through Fridays at 1:00pm and on Saturdays at 11:00am. Official open houses will be on: October 15<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and November 19<sup>th</sup>. The university also has special sessions for the following specific majors: Communications Media – every Tuesday at 10:30am ....Education – every Tuesday at 10:30am ....Industrial Technology – every Tuesday at 3:15pm ....Nursing- every Thursday at 3:15pm. For more specific information, contact the school at:

<http://www.fitchburgstate.edu/enrollsrv/campusvisits.cfm>

- **Northeastern University**

**Engineering Sessions** – Every Wednesday the university has session specifically for students interested in an engineering/engineering-related major. The sessions begin at 10:30am in 110 Behrakis Center (Admissions Visitors Center). The school will have a special day for females interested in engineering/engineering-related majors on October 28<sup>th</sup>. For more specific information about any of the sessions, contact the school at: <http://www.coe.neu.edu/coe/about/visitoptions.html>

- **University of New Haven** – The school is hosting open house sessions on: September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The sessions begin at 8:30am. If students want to have an interview, they need to contact Heather Brown at: [habrown@newhaven.edu](mailto:habrown@newhaven.edu) – or call at: 1-800-342-5864 ext. 7322

- **UMass- Boston** – The school is hosting an open house session on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30am. For more specific information, contact the school at: <http://www.umb.edu/openhouse>
- **Lehigh University** – The school is hosting an open house specifically for students interested in an education major on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00pm. For more specific information, contact Donna Johnson at: 1-610-758-3231
- **Lyme Academy of the Arts** – The school is hosting an open house session on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00am. Interested students need to register to attend by calling: 1-860-434-5232
- **Smith College** – The school is hosting an open house on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. For more specific information and to register, contact the school at: <http://www.smith.edu/admission/ada/novopenhouse>
- **Colby-Sawyer College** – The school will hold an open house session on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 9:00am. For more specific information, contact the school at: 1-800-272-1015 – or [admissions@colby-sawyer.edu](mailto:admissions@colby-sawyer.edu)
- **Maine Maritime Academy** – The school is holding open house sessions on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and also on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The sessions begin at 8:30am. For more specific information, and to register to attend, contact the school at: 1-800- 227-8465 – or at: [admissions@mma.edu](mailto:admissions@mma.edu)

- **Ringling College of Art and Design** – The school is hosting open house sessions on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more specific information, contact the school at: <http://www.ringling.edu/AdmissionsEvents.383.0.html>
- **Villanova University** –The school is hosting open house sessions on the following dates, for the following intended majors: Business (Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and also September 25<sup>th</sup>) ....Liberal Arts (Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>) ....Engineering (Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>)...Nursing (Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>) ....Sciences (Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>). To register for a sessions, contact the school at: <http://www.1.villanova.edu/villanova/admission/visit/openhouses.html>
- **Curry College** – The school is holding open house sessions on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and also on November 6<sup>th</sup>. For more specific information, and to register for a session, contact the school at: <http://www.curry.edu/about-curry/news-and-events/upcoming-events-index/fall-open>
- **Johnson State College** – The school is hosting open house sessions on October 15<sup>th</sup> and also on November 5<sup>th</sup>. For more specific information, contact the school at: 1-802-635-1219 --- or at:jscamissions@jsc.edu

- **Saint Anselm College** – The school is holding open house sessions on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and also on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Sessions begin at 8:30am. To register, contact the school at: 1-603-641-7500
- **Champlain College** – The school is having open houses on September 17<sup>th</sup> and also on October 15<sup>th</sup>. To register to attend a session., contact the school at: 1-802-860-2700
- **Eckerd College** – The school is holding an open house on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. To register, contact the school at: 1-727-867-1166 – or at:  
<http://www.eckerd.edu/admissions/visit/open-house.php>
- **Connecticut College** – The school is having an open house on Monday, October 10th. For more specific information, contact the school at:  
<http://www.conncoll.edu/admission/11183.htm>
- **College of the Holy Cross**- The school is holding open houses on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and also on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Sessions begin at 9:30am. Advance registration is required. Go online at:  
<http://admissions.holycross.edu/visiting/fall-open-houses>

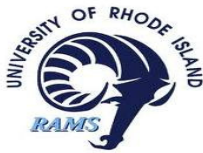
- **Skidmore College** – The school is having open houses on the following dates, for the following intended majors: General (October 10<sup>th</sup> and also November 11<sup>th</sup>)....Dance (October 29<sup>th</sup>)...Studio Art (October 29<sup>th</sup>) ...Science/Math (October 30<sup>th</sup>) ...Theatre (November 19<sup>th</sup>). For more specific information, go online at:  
<http://cms.skidmore.edu/admissions/openhouse/index.cfm>

## **Scholarships**



**Seniors need to really focus on applying for scholarships. Every little bit of money helps towards the college expenses. As previously mentioned, students need to do a scrap copy of the scholarship applications and drop off for me to correct – I would be VERY happy to work with students on any essays, and especially on any scholarships related to writing poetry, short stories, etc.**

- **URI Centennial Scholarship** – URI provides a special scholarship called the Centennial Scholarship. The amount has been less and less in the past few years; however, it still helps towards the cost of attending URI. **To be eligible just for consideration for the scholarship (in other words, even if students have all the following criteria, it does not automatically mean they will receive anything of the Centennial Scholarship) the following is needed: a GPA of at least 3.4, class rank in the top 25% of the class, and a combined critical reading and math SAT I score of 1200 or a composite ACT score of 26, demonstrated community service and extra-curricular activities. The student MUST have all the above.** There is no separate application or indication on the regular common application for URI to point out a student wants to be considered for the scholarship. When the Uri admissions counselors review all the applications, they separate the students who have the above criteria and then decide who will receive what from there. In the past two years, students deemed recipients of the Centennial have received from \$500 to \$4,000.



- **The National Poetry Quarterly** – The publication is sponsoring its annual poetry scholarship and publication contest for seniors. The award is for \$500 and , just as important, publication in the national journal. The poetry submissions must be twenty lines or less and previously unpublished. For more specific information, writing guidelines, and instructions for submission, go online at: [http://highschoolpoetrycontest.com/to\\_enter](http://highschoolpoetrycontest.com/to_enter)

- **Young Naturalist Scholarship** –

This scholarship involves designing, carrying out, and writing about an original scientific investigation. Awards include cash and also an all expense paid trip to New York City to the museum. The written submission is due on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. For more specific information, guidelines, and format for writing up the research project, go online at:

<http://www.amnh.org/nationalcenter/youngnaturalistawards.select.html>



- **Courageous Persuaders**

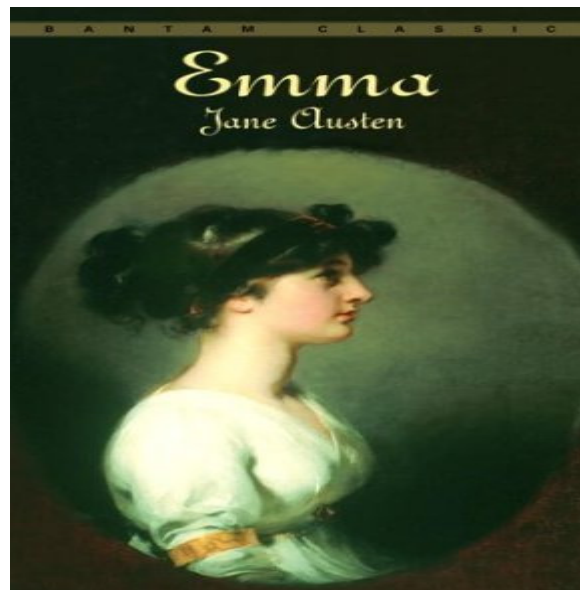
**Scholarship** – The scholarship involves creating a TV commercial “targeted at middle school students to warn them about the dangers of underage drinking”. The submission is due no later than February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. For more specific information, and submission guidelines, go online at:

<http://www.courageouspersuaders.com/contest.htm>

- **Civil Rights Defense Fund**

**Scholarship** – The NRA Civil Rights Defense organization is sponsoring its annual essay scholarship contest. The theme/prompt for the essay is: “The Second Amendment to the Constitution- Why is it important to our nation”. The deadline for essay submission is December 1<sup>st</sup>. For more specific information, writing guidelines, and submission details, go online at: <http://www.nradefensefund.org/contests-scholarships.aspx>

- **The Signet Essay Contest** – The Penguin Group Publishing Company is again sponsoring its annual essay writing scholarship contest. This year’s novel to write on is Jane Austen’s, *Emma*. Entries are due no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. For more specific information, reading guiding questions, submission details, and essay prompts, go online at: <http://us.penguin.com/static/pages/services-academic/essayhome.html>



- **Joe Martin Scholarship** – The Bank of America is offering its annual scholarship program. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. To be eligible, students must be dependents of Bank of America employees. For more specific information and application, go online at: [http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/ondex.cfm?template+fd\\_joemartin](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/ondex.cfm?template+fd_joemartin)
- **The American Legion Oratorical Contest** – The organization is once again sponsoring its annual oratory scholarship contest. Several of our Prout graduates were very successful in winning scholarships in this program. For more specific details, go online at: <http://legion.org/oratorical.topics>
- **The American Legion *Need a Lift*** – The American Legion has an extremely valuable booklet – *Need a Lift* – of hundreds of scholarships for dependents (child and/or grandchildren) of veterans. The book can be downloaded/ reviewed by going to: <http://pdf/needalift.org>



- **APIASF Scholarships** – This group is an organization granting various scholarships for students who are of Asian and/or Pacific Islander Americans. To obtain more specific information on the different scholarship opportunities offered by the group, go online at: <http://apiasf.org/scholarships.htm>
- **United States Institute of Peace**
  - The organization is once again offering its essay scholarship contest for seniors. The submissions are due no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The topic prompt for this year’s contest is: *“The Impact of New Media of Peacebuilding and Conflict Management”*. For more specific information, writing guidelines, and application submission formats, go online at: <http://www.usip.org/academy/national-peace-essay-contest-high-school-students/2011-2012>



- **Air Force Sergeants Association**
  - The organization is sponsoring scholarships for students who are dependents of an active Air Force person or veteran. Dependents of member of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve are also eligible to apply. For more specific information, and to obtain an application, go online at: [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org)



- **32<sup>nd</sup> College Television Awards** –

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation sponsors a film/video contest each year. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000. The new guidelines for this year are going to be published soon. For more specific information on the program, go online at: <http://www.emmysfoundation.org/college-tv-award-gala>

- **Scholastic Art and Writing**

**Awards** – Scholastic Magazine and the Young Writers

Alliance are once again sponsoring their annual scholarship awards program. Starting on September 15<sup>th</sup>, students can start submitting their works. The areas in the arts category architecture, comic art, ceramics and glass, digital art, design, drawing, fashion, film and animation, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, video games. The categories for writing are: dramatic script, humor, journalism, personal essay/memoir, persuasive writing, poetry, novel writing, science fiction/fantasy, short story. For more specific guidelines on all the categories, go online at:

<http://www.artandwriting.org/Awards/Categories>

