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## HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Juniors:

This letter is being sent to inform you of the outreach of the guidance department to our juniors, as well as information about various upcoming evening programs for parents and students that are relevant to the college exploration and selection process.

In January, along with the presentation of PSAT results, the guidance staff met with all juniors in classroom settings to present a curriculum on the broad aspects of the college selection and financial aid processes. It really was a presentation that was designed to help them to get structured and organized so that they may begin to market themselves properly when applications will be processed during the first semester of senior year. During the week of March 3, each student also received a booklet on preparing for the SAT I and SAT II, as well as the registration booklet, which contains important information on the upcoming SAT exams that juniors traditionally take in either May or June of their junior year. Students are encouraged to apply on line and choose a test center. We also suggested that they take the ACT. In any event, we encouraged them to take at least one of both exams in order to present a balanced portfolio. Students can take these exams in the fall of senior year as well. Deadlines are critical, as tests centers fill up, and additional late registration fees are applied. Please refer to the registration booklet, which your son has received for complete information.

In addition, students were asked to complete the **Appraisal/College Portfolio** form, which is required of each student before he can meet with his counselor to begin the process. This document, which also requires a parent-written recommendation and student essay, was due on **March 3**.

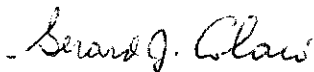
Once the Appraisal has been submitted, the counseling staff will meet individually with each student to review the document, interview the student, and come up with a mutually agreed upon tentative list of colleges that seem to be a good fit for the student.

By all means, we encourage you, the parents, to schedule an appointment with either Ms. Tinaj or Ms. Trombetta, preferably, but not necessarily, when the student meets with his counselor.

The college selection and placement process is challenging enough, but it can easily be demystified when the student, parent and counselor work as a team so that communication and process come together in a positive fashion. We certainly encourage and welcome your input in this very important phase of your son's life.

Please see the next page for upcoming information of some very important upcoming evening events for students and parents.

Respectfully,



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