

# Senior Newsletter

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Counseling Center



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### Seniors:

Can you believe that your senior year is almost half over? Some of you have already made some critical decisions about your future and some of you still have some items that need your attention. The Counseling Center has a wealth of information for parents and students. If you have any questions, please contact us. We look forward to working with you throughout the year!

### Graduation:

Our number one concern for our seniors is graduation! As parents, if you have concerns about your senior's progress or grades, please talk with their teachers. Doing this regularly will ensure there will be no surprises at semester time. If you are not utilizing Skyward to access your student's grades and progress, do so. It really is a great resource. If you need assistance, contact your student's counselor!

If you have not ordered your cap, gown & tassel, go to: [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or call 1.800.567.8367 to place your order.

### College Applications:

Now is the time to get your applications into the college(s) of your choice. If you are thinking about a vocational or technical school, it is especially important that you get your application in early, as there are waitlists to get into some selected fields. If you delay too long, you may miss out! Colleges and Universities prefer that you submit online applications.

### Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA):

It is preferred that you apply online for the 2022-2023 FAFSA. The URL for online application is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Click on the FSA ID icon on the top tool bar. This will take you to another page, click on CREATE AN FSA ID NOW. Students and parents are required to use a FSA ID. It will be used for your entire college career. We want to stress the importance for all students to submit the FAFSA. Colleges need this information to determine financial aid packages. Please note that some scholarships may also require the FAFSA.

### ACT Test:

Due to COVID-19 many colleges are waiving the ACT requirement. In the recent past, it was recommended that all students planning on attending a four-year college take the ACT test. Check with the college you are going to! Test fees are \$85.00 – w/Writing, \$66.00 – w/o Writing. Register for this test at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). When registering, be sure to request to have your scores sent to perspective colleges. Some schools will only take scores directly from ACT. This is free at the time of registration, but requesting scores later will cost \$16 per request. Late registration fee is \$36.00.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee</u>
2/8	1/10	1/11-1/17
4/4	2/28	2/29-3/13
6/13	5/8	5/9-5/22
7/18	6/19	6/20-6/26

### **College Visitations and Contacts:**

If you have not yet visited or contacted post-secondary institutions, you need to do so soon. Most have virtual visit dates scheduled. You may contact them by phone or internet to find out their schedule. It is also important that you visit the campus to get the feel or where you will be living next year. Many colleges make appointments to come to DLHS to visit with students. Please listen to announcements and look at the message board for dates & times.

### **Official Transcripts:**

These may be requested by coming into the Counseling Center and signing up on our transcript request clipboard. You can call the Counseling Center, ext: 2320 or email your request to: [kjohnson@detlakes.k12.mn.us](mailto:kjohnson@detlakes.k12.mn.us).

Transcripts are sent out within 24 hours of request.

### **Requests for Recommendations:**

Some colleges may ask you to submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor.

These requests should be made at least 10 days in advance from when you need them. Please submit a resume or information sheet to the person you are requesting a recommendation from, as it helps that person to write a better letter.

### **Attendance:**

It is **very** important that you attend school every day! If you do miss school, it is your responsibility to contact your teachers for any missed work. In addition, proper verification is required for all absences; a parent note or call or an appointment card from the clinic or medical provider. If you have questions regarding your child's attendance, please contact: Justin Messer (ext 2304).

### **Concurrent Enrollment classes:**

Make certain that your 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedule is set. All enrollments in concurrent classes should be finalized soon.

### **School References:**

DLHS Address: 1301 Roosevelt Ave.  
Main Office phone: 218-847-4491  
School Code: 240-625

### **Selective Service:**

The law requires males to register with Selective Service within one month of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is a prerequisite for obtaining federal student loans, federal employment, and job training benefits. Register online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) or at your local post office. The counseling office also has information for you to pick up.

## **Scholarships:**

We now put all scholarship opportunities on our counseling center webpage. To access, go to: [www.hs.dlschools.net](http://www.hs.dlschools.net), click on Student Services and choose scholarships. All scholarships that come through the counseling office are posted here, so check frequently!!

### **Dollars for Scholars Scholarship**

***Senior Meeting - February 17***

***~Applications due March 18***

***~Awards Ceremony May 2***

*Dollars for Scholars is not only a great way to receive local money from local donors for your college expenses, but it's also a great way to market yourself for other outside scholarships!*

***More updates coming soon!***