



From the COUNSELOR'S CORNER *February 2021*

	Class	Math	Science	Art	Health
9-10	Phonics	Phonics	Math	Phonics	Math
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99-100	Phonics	Math	Math	Phonics	Math

COURSE SCHEDULING FOR 2021-2022

Course scheduling for next year is already on the horizon. Before the next school vacation, we will meet with students at all grade levels to discuss course scheduling. Be on the lookout for information on graduation requirements, teacher recommendations, changes to next year's offerings, etc. There will be opportunities for students (and families) to meet with me one-on-one to address questions or concerns about their individual schedules.



UPDATE ON PANEL OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICERS

On February 2nd, 2021, Tahanto hosted several College Admissions Representatives in a Zoom panel discussion for our Juniors and their families. Assumption, BC, UMA Amherst, Merrimack, Plymouth State, QCC, and WPI were in attendance. We covered the admissions process, senior year course selection, standardized testing, essays, letters of recommendation, the impact of COVID, and more. We were thrilled that the vast majority of our students did tune in despite the snowstorm, half-day, remote learning day! If you missed the 90 minute conversation or would like to review any portion of it, it was recorded and will remain posted to our Counseling website. [Watch Video Here.](#)



MEETINGS WITH JUNIORS

Throughout the month of February, I met with groups of students by cohort in the Class of 2022. In the auditorium, we discussed many aspects of the postsecondary planning process. The variety of paths students may take following graduation, the process to finding and achieving that goal, the steps in applying to college, senior year planning, and more were covered. The importance of information gathering, organization, and communication were stressed. Resources, including a Junior “To Do” List, that can be found on the Tahanto School Counseling website were highlighted. The value of Naviance, including the Junior Questionnaire under the “About Me” and Surveys section was explained. I look forward to meeting individually with Juniors this Spring.



ESSAY PROMPTS FOR 2021-2022 RELEASED

The Common Application, with over 900 member institutions released their [Essay Prompts](#) for the next application cycle. The release comes with the good news that most options remain the same as the previous year, including the open-ended “Topic of Your Choice” selection. The question about solving a problem has been eliminated, while a question focusing on gratitude has been added. Junior students can begin writing today!



VIDEOS AND RESOURCES ON COLLEGE PLANNING

Over vacation, Holy Cross hosted 5 separate 30 minute general information Advisory Seminars geared towards Juniors and their Families concerning the college application and selection process. Click on [Junior Advisory Seminars](#) to watch them at your convenience.

For even more information on the Road to College and what is involved, view the [College Guidance Network's video archives](#). This group of industry professionals have been producing programming throughout the pandemic to support students and their families.



NATIONAL VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

More than 500 institutions will be participating in a National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) virtual college fair series hosted throughout the spring. Events will be offered on February 28, March 21 and May 7 from 1 - 7 p.m. EST. For more information or to register for the event, students may visit virtualcollegefairs.org/events.

The College Board is also hosting virtual college fairs this spring, called BigFuture™ Days. Connect directly with college admissions representatives and current college students. Explore colleges in a way that's not overwhelming. Ask questions and take action on key college planning steps. Register at cb.org/bigfuturedays.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY!

If you are a senior who is still contemplating college, know that you have not missed your opportunity to apply. There are many schools with March 1 and later application deadlines, and others with rolling admissions which accept students throughout the summer. Additionally, several colleges have kept open their applications beyond their posted deadlines this year, in light of the challenging circumstances that the pandemic has provided. Be sure to see me if you need help with this process.

QCC APPLICATION AND DECISION DAY

On Friday, March 19, 2021, Seniors will have the opportunity to work directly with an Admissions Representative from Quinsigamond Community College. Students will receive information about QCC programs, get help completing applications, and can earn an on-the-spot conditional acceptance to QCC! Students who would like to get a jumpstart can [find the QCC application here](#). Please let me know if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, so I can have your transcript ready and schedule an appointment time for you.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The [College Board Opportunity Scholarships](#) program is now open for students in the Class of 2022. It guides students step by step through the college planning process. For each step that a student completes, they'll earn a chance at a \$500 scholarship. When they complete all six steps, they'll earn a chance at \$40,000. [Juniors Sign Up Today](#) and take the first step by [building a college list on BigFuture™](#).

As Seniors receive their acceptance letters, (Don't forget to update Naviance with any results!) questions about how to pay for college loom. Remember to regularly check on Naviance for active Scholarships, many which are local and often reduce competition, increasing one's chances of being awarded free money! One example is the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, which serves as an umbrella for a number of scholarships. [Apply HERE!](#) Other places close to home for scholarship searches include employers, unions, local libraries, cultural groups, and religious organizations. For safe and reliable online search engines, [Fastweb](#) and [College Board](#) are great places to start.



SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

The Association for Pre-College Program Directors is proud to present the 2021 Summer Pre-College Program Fairs, a series of virtual events that provide students, families, and education professionals the opportunity to learn about academic summer programs at top US colleges and universities.

At each fair, attendees may:

- Visit virtual booths, where you can ask questions via text or video chat with summer program representatives.
- View helpful webinars on how to choose a summer program and how to make the most out of a summer program experience.

Registration is **FREE** to attendees. You are invited to visit the Virtual Fairs website at <https://www.summerstudyintheusa.org/virtualstudentfairs> for complete information on dates, times, and which institutions will be represented at each event. Virtual Fairs will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00pm Eastern
- Saturday, April 10, 2021, 11:00am – 1:00pm Eastern

You are also encouraged to visit [SummerStudyintheUSA.org](https://www.summerstudyintheusa.org), where you can search participating programs by student grade level, financial aid, academic interests, and more.

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