

# Post Graduate Department Newsletter



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## Welcome to the Post Graduate Department!

The Post Graduate Department is here to help students explore and develop their post-secondary plans for after graduation.



### Here are some things offered by our department:

- Career Inventories to explore interests and possible career options
- Applying to colleges, trade programs, vocational training programs, and technical schools
- Applying for scholarships
- Information about 2 and 4 year colleges, apprenticeships, volunteer opportunities, vocational and trade options, and the Armed Forces
- Employment opportunities
- College and Career Goal Planning
- Information on support services and accommodations at the post-secondary level
- Student and parent workshops on financial aid and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Career Day for students to meet and speak to professionals within their intended field.

## FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an online form that must be submitted annually by students to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid.

The FAFSA will be opening later this year in December

For more information and updates please check here:

<https://studentaid.gov/>

## Parent Workshops

October 22nd-  
Financial Aid Information Session  
6:00pm via Zoom

- How to create an FSA ID and the Role of the Contributor.

January 7th-  
FAFSA Workshop  
6:00pm via Zoom

- This will be a step by step guide on how to complete the FAFSA.

If you are interested in signing up for these workshops please contact Nancy Del Papa to register.

## What is the SAT?

The SAT is a standardized test that is used to gain admission to a 4 year college or university.

The SAT is not required for community college, but if your scores are high enough it may waive the need for placement testing!

## When should you take the SAT?

Juniors who are applying to 4 year schools will typically take the SAT during the spring/summer.

## What material is on the test?

The SAT covers the following subjects: Reading, Writing & Language, Math

Scoring: Scale of 400-1600

There is no essay required!

For more information please visit:  
[collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

## Upcoming Events

**4 Year College Group-** will meet weekly in October.

**Community College Transfer Presentation:** A representative from Brookdale Community College will be speaking about how to transfer from a 2 year school to a 4 year school.

**November 12-** Financial Aid Presentation for Seniors will provide students with an overview of all the financial aid options available.

**2 Year College Group-** will meet weekly in November.

**Trade, Vocational, and Apprenticeship speakers will be scheduled throughout the school year**

## Additional Information for Parents and Students

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services:  
<https://www.nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/>

College and Career Research Tool:  
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Working Papers  
<https://www.nj.gov/labor/youngworkers/find-a-job/working-papers/getstarted.shtml>

HESAA Financial Aid Resources  
<https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/FAFSA.aspx>

