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You're Seniors!

Class of 2027

September is here. Preseason is in full swing. Mike's Cafe is stocking up on coffee. Your class schedule is set. The dining hall staff is eager to see your smiling faces. Add on a season of college applications, and you're in for a busy fall trimester!

Will colleges actually care about my senior year grades? YES. It is a common misconception that senior year grades don't count toward admissions, and that colleges only look at the grades from the first three years. Well, before any decisions are made, most colleges look at a minimum of the 1st trimester of senior year (we send these to every school you've applied to as soon as grades close), and they often require the second trimester, too.

Once I get accepted I can take it easy, right? No, not really. Read your acceptance letter. You'll probably see something along the lines of "Admission into XYZ College is contingent upon successful completion of an approved high school curriculum." If a college sees your grades slip too much, they reserve the right to rescind your acceptance. Keep in mind that "successful completion" is a subjective term, and each college may define it differently. With that said, we hope that you continue working hard in senior year, so that you are best prepared to start a new adventure at the college of your choice. We're rooting for you!

Checking In

September Meetings

It was great to see so many of your faces over the summer as you worked through your essay prompts, balanced your college lists, and asked application questions.

All seniors will need to set up a follow-up meeting in September so that I can know where you are in the application process (what progress you have made and what you still need to do) and support you with next steps. This will also help Lauren and me prepare your recommendation and know where you are with your essays. Please **fill out this short questionnaire** to update us on your college application process.

Welcome!

New to Solebury

We would like to extend a warm Solebury welcome to our new seniors. So, welcome Robin Freeman, Maxine Houghton, Ethan Levine and Star Mazenko. We are thrilled that you are part of our wonderful community, and we look forward to working closely with you throughout the college process.

Financial Aid Events

FAFSA and Financing

One of the top questions that parents frequently ask, especially with the uncertainty of the current economy, is "How can I afford to send my kids to college?" Too often, colleges are ruled out because of sticker shock. Looking at the high cost of tuition, room, board and fees can be discouraging. However, most colleges offer a comprehensive financial aid program to help combat these costs and make your college dream a reality.

We are thrilled to share that we will be offering the following programming:

- **Paying for College** — Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. *This virtual presentation will cover how to research, apply and fund a college education.*
- **Ready, Set, FAFSA** — Thursday, November 12, time TBD. *This hands-on workshop will support seniors and their families as they complete the 27-28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).*

Mark Your Calendar

Meeting Deadlines

If there's ever been a good time to stay organized, this fall is one of those times! Mark your calendar with these important upcoming dates:

September 4: Senior survey due!

September 11: Registration deadline for the October 17 ACT.

September 14: College rep visits begin. Sign up for at least 4 colleges in Scoir.

September 18: Registration deadline for the October 3 SAT. Boarders: sign up for transportation to the nearest testing center (Central Bucks, Doylestown) in Scoir.

Oct. 1: Deadline to request transcripts for college applications with a November 1 through November 20 due date. *Log on to SCOIR, go to the "My Colleges" page and drag the college from "Following" to "Applying" (and once you complete the application, drag the college to "Applied").*

Testing 1-2-3

SAT/ACT Scores

If your scores aren't where you'd like them to be, don't panic. Over 80% of the colleges in this country recognize that and have gone test optional. So while test scores are somewhat important, they are not the MOST important (strong grades in a strong curriculum is #1).

College Visits

Who's Coming to Campus?

We have a list of 80 colleges (and growing) currently scheduled to visit Solebury this fall. Visits typically run about 45 minutes. You may miss part of 1-2 classes but you will not be missing a full class. These visits can be really impactful, as you may meet the person who will be reading your application. **Their advocacy can make a difference, so come prepared with a smile and some thoughtful questions to ask.** Please log into SCOIR, scroll down to the calendar, and click "Register" for any schools you are interested in!

In the August newsletter, there is a list of guidelines for college visits. In-person visits will be in the carriage house. If the visit is virtual, we will provide links to registered students prior to the visit. All scheduled visits will be posted on SCOIR and in the dining hall.

Upcoming Test Dates

ACT® | October 17

Registration closes September 11 for the October 17 ACT. Register here

SAT® | October 3

Registration closes September 18 for the October 3 SAT. Register here. *If you are a boarder, transportation will be provided to the Central Bucks High School on October 3. Sign up in Scoir.*

"Score Choice"

There is an SAT Policy called "Score Choice" where students can choose only to send scores from certain sittings of the SAT or individual Subject Tests when multiple are taken on one day. Our opinion of this is that since colleges only consider the highest scores anyway (either mixing and matching highest individual scores from different sittings or using the highest combined score from one sitting), then it is not necessary to spend the extra money to withhold scores.



Important Dates

September 12- 9th Annual HBCU Expo
BCCC Bristol, 10am

October 1 - Bucks County Regional College Fair BCCC Newtown 6:30-8pm

October 1, 6:30-8pm -PACAC Regional College Fair, Bucks County Community College

October 1 - The 2026-2027 FAFSA is expected to be available

October 22nd., 7pm- Paying for College Webinar

November 12th- Ready, Set, FAFSA!

The following colleges are currently scheduled to hold visits through the end of September:

Mon Sep 14, 9:15AM - **St. Lawrence University (NY)**
Mon Sep 14, 11:30AM - **Bard College (NY)**
Mon Sep 14, 12:15PM - **Bucks County Community College (PA)**
Mon Sep 14, 1:30PM - **Purdue University (IN)**
Tue Sep 15, 10:00AM - **University of Vermont**
Tue Sep 15, 11:30AM - **Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)**
Tue Sep 15, 12:15PM - **Delaware Valley University (PA)**
Tue Sep 15, 1:00PM - **Elon University (NC)**
Tue Sep 15, 1:45PM - **Drexel University (PA)**
Wed Sep 16, 10:00AM - **Moravian University (PA)**
Wed Sep 16, 11:30AM - **Bentley University (MA)**
Wed Sep 16, 1:00PM - **University of Scranton (PA)**
Wed Sep 16, 1:45PM - **Northwestern University (IL)**
Thu Sep 17, 9:15AM - **Villanova University (PA)**
Thu Sep 17, 10:00AM - **Denison University (OH)**
Thu Sep 17, 11:30AM - **Monmouth University (NJ)**
Thu Sep 17, 12:15PM - **Lehigh University (PA)**
Thu Sep 17, 1:00 PM - **New York University**
Mon Sep 21, 9:15AM - **Connecticut College**
Mon Sep 21, 1:45PM - **University of Richmond (VA)**
Tue Sep 22, 9:15AM - **Bryn Mawr College (PA)**
Tue, Sep 22, 11:30AM - **Arcadia University (PA)**
Wed Sep 23, 10:00AM - **Clarkson University (NY)**
Wed Sep 23, 1:45PM - **University of Massachusetts (Lowell)**
Thu Sep 24, 9:15AM - **Carnegie Mellon University (PA)**
Thu Sep 24, 10:00AM - **Iona University (NY)**
Thu Sep 24, 11:30AM - **Gettysburg College (PA)**
Thu Sep 24, 1:00PM - **Lynn University (FL)**
Fri Sep 25, 11:30AM - **Binghamton University (NY)**
Mon Sep 28, 9:15AM - **Oberlin College (OH)**
Mon Sep 28, 1:00PM - **Washington College (MD)**
Tue Sep 29, 1:00PM - **Dickinson College (PA)**
Tue Sep 29, 1:45PM - **Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ)**
Wed Sep 30, 10:00AM - **Smith College (MA)**
Wed Sep 30, 10:45AM - **Christopher Newport University (VA)**
Wed Sep 30, 1:00PM - **Widener University (PA)**
Wed Sep 30, 1:45PM - **Haverford College (PA)**

*Please note that this list is subject to change.

Final Thoughts

Just Ask!

As you ease into this new and exciting season, please know that the college counseling office door is always open. Whether you need help figuring out how to self-report your grades, want to discuss the pros and cons of applying Early Decision, or could use another set of eyes on your supplementals - just ask.

Please don't forget to take a few minutes and fill out the survey! We are wishing you a wonderful first week of classes and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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