

Dear Parents of the Class of 2013:

Believe it or not it is College Search time! It is with great excitement that we reach out to you to share some of things the Guidance Department has done and is planning for your child relative to the college search. It is a process of information as well as elimination. Making a well informed decision takes time. It really must be a collaborative effort between parents and Guidance to ensure a well informed decision is made. With that in mind we have teamed up with an exclusive independent college coaching service called **POSSIBILITIESU** to provide your son or daughter with the most comprehensive search and streamlined process as possible. **This unique opportunity to be a pilot school was too good to pass up! For \$15 per student this year's juniors will receive two years' worth of resources. This service provides students and families with video resources, text reminders, a tracking system and a personal matching program. More information will be posted on the website soon. Sign up and payment will be collected starting at Parent/Teacher Conferences December 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Additionally, to date your child has attended two college mini fair programs and taken the PSAT exam twice. Both of these are important pieces in the admission puzzle. November 17<sup>th</sup> juniors attended a "Making the College Search Count" assembly. The guest speaker outlined the key components that colleges consider important; grade point average, course rigor, and testing, in addition to extracurricular activities. Your child left with a number of handouts and a large dose of encouragement to begin conversing with you. The time line below reflects what else you can expect for the remainder of this school year.

- **January:** Senior Course Selection. This makes a huge impression on colleges.  
**Deadline for signing up for POSSIBILITIESU**
- **February:** Coyle and Cassidy SAT Prep Class begins.
- **March:** Practice ACT Writing sample given  
MEFA Parent College Education Night Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- **April:** Class of 2013 College Assembly  
ACT Plus writing administered at Coyle
- **May:** SAT I Reasoning test administered at Coyle  
The student's BRAG SHEET is completed in conjunction with the English Department in preparation for asking for recommendations. (Student's will also complete their college essays as a senior English assignment.)

Information such as rank in class and cumulative grade point average will be available at the start of senior year. Our current school profile is posted on the school website and is a useful tool in explaining these items. A current copy will be sent with every application we process. We are in the electronic age so hence most applications are submitted electronically. Do not fear we will help! COMMON APPLICATION Help Sessions are run during the month of September.

As you can see there is a lot of information to digest. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. We look forward to assisting you with this very important decision.

Sincerely Yours,  
The Guidance Department