

MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of October 15, 2018

Senior Students and Parents: Don't Forget to Complete the FAFSA



GROTON, CT - Congratulations are in order for some of our seniors who were accepted to several colleges and universities across the country. Now the decision comes down to best fit and usually the complete financial package. The true financial package will not be completed until the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form has been completed by the student and parent. Here are the next steps towards discovering the true financial package from your college/university of choice:

1. Your FSA ID

An FSA ID is a username and password that you can use to log in to certain US Department of Education (ED) websites. Each student, and one parent of each dependent student, will need an FSA ID to complete the FAS+FAFSA process on fafsa.gov.

2. Know your Social Security number

As crazy as it sounds, this is sometimes the step that blocks students from starting the application. Look for your card today!

3. Your Driver's License

If you do not have a driver's license, don't worry, you can just skip this step.

4. Your 2017 Tax Records

This is one of the biggest changes to the FAFSA process in recent years. The 2019-2020 FAFSA form now requires you to report income information from the earlier tax year. On the 2019-2020 FAFSA form, the student and parents will report 2017 income information versus this year's 2018 income. **You cannot use your 2018 tax information.** If your income has drastically changed, you must contact each school directly to explain your case.

5. List all of the schools you are interested in attending

Whether there is a slight chance of you applying or being accepted, you should list the school on the FAFSA form. Do not wait until you have been accepted. This will delay the vital financial information that the college needs in order to offer you the package that you need to make a decision.

College Board SAT Day at MSMHS - October 24th



On October 24th, all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade MSMHS students will be taking the College Board PSAT standardized exam. In addition, MSMHS is paying for all fees associated with each exam.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take a similar exam to the one taken on Khan Academy last week. For juniors, this year's PSAT scores count towards the National Merit Programs. Last year, Maria Grillo was named a winner of the National Merit Scholarship Program.

PSAT results provide detailed feedback on student performance, allowing teachers to see how well each student is performing in key academic areas. Moreover, students and parents can see how their skill levels compare to other students nationally. Results should arrive in December 2018.

PARENT TEACHER SIGN-UPS ARE NOW OPEN

Parents wishing to sign-up for Parent-Teacher Conferences being held on October 24th and 25th are now able to sign-up for individual 10 minute conferences in the Great Hall. Parents/Guardians who are unable to sign-up in person can have their student sign-up for them if they are unable to get hear. Time slots for Parent-Teacher Conferences are between 2:20 to 5 pm on Wednesday, October 24th and 5:20 to 8 pm on Thursday, October 25th.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15th

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
B Day	A Day/ Advisory	B Day	A Day	B Day/ Advisory

Check the website for times and dates when all of the MSMHS Clubs and Teams meet. Get involved!

NEXT PTO MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24th AT 6:30 PM

Officer Elections—Please Email Dr. Spera if Interested

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24th

College Board PSAT Day

All 9th, 10th, & 11th will take the PSAT

College Exploration Day for Seniors

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Thursday, November 8th