

The Doane Stuart School

January 2017 College News

College Meetings for Juniors

Can you believe that senior year will soon be here? Ms. Bracken looks forward to meeting with all of the juniors and their parents beginning this month. She expects to meet with students at least twice before the beginning of the senior year. These meetings will help to provide information about standardized testing, preparation for the application process, and thoughts about visiting and applying to colleges. By the spring, each student will receive a long list of approximately 20 colleges that may meet the student's interests and abilities.

Meeting #1: Student Only

When: Before March

Purpose: Students should come prepared to discuss all that they feel Ms. Bracken should know, about their interests, achievements and challenges over the past couple of years and their thoughts and plans about the future.

Meeting #2: Student and Parent(s)

When: After Meeting #1, and sometime before April 1

Purpose: Meeting #1 will be discussed, as well as thoughts and ideas of the parent(s) about the long list of colleges. Ms. Bracken will craft a long list of colleges after Meeting #2.

Your meeting may be scheduled during the school day (when your son or daughter has a free period), before or after school. Please coordinate with your child to schedule the second meeting. Ms. Bracken can be reached at (518) 465-5222 x210, or by e-mail at kbracken@doanestuart.org.

Juniors – Register now for the May 6 SAT

All juniors should register online for the May 6 SAT. This is done at www.collegeboard.org.

During our meetings this winter, we will discuss Subject Tests. The recommended date for Subject Tests is June 3.

Eighth Grade Introduction to College Counseling

Members of the class of 2021 met with Ms. Bracken in December as part of their introduction to the Upper School. Students split into small groups to tackle college admission scenarios. Ms. Bracken was so impressed with next year's ninth graders, who already seemed to have a great knowledge base, and looks forward to working with them more next year.

SAT Class for the Second Semester

Juniors and parents, please remember that the SAT class will soon begin for second semester students! **The first practice test will take place on January 21.** If you need another copy of the schedule, please contact Ms. Bracken. Two additional practice tests will follow on March 4 and April 8. All tests take place at 18 Corporate Woods Blvd. (3rd floor), at the offices of the College Advisor of NY. The tests will last from 9:00 a.m. until 1 p.m.

College Sweatshirt Day

Thursday, February 2 is College Sweatshirt Day! This Doane Stuart tradition marks the last day on which seniors submit their college applications. All students are invited to wear a college sweatshirt or t-shirt, and come to school out of uniform.