**NHS Guidance Department – College and Career Planning Schedule**  
**SY 2018-19**

9/10-9/20 – **Senior Credit and Graduation Requirement Checks.** By the week of the 24th, each student will be handed a packet that includes a "Senior Credit Review Form" and a "Diploma Verification Form". These will need to be completed, signed and returned by **October 9th**.

9/10 – **First College Admissions Representative Visit** – Our first of many visits with a college admissions counselor that comes to the school and meets with students in a smaller and more personalized setting. It allows the students a chance to speak to the admissions departments of the schools they are really interested in and the admissions staff to get to know those students as well.

910 –**Ongoing** - The Guidance Counselors will begin meeting with their seniors over the next month to ensure they are on track and working towards completing their applications and thinking through what the right college might be for them. We encouraged students to come down and make an appointment as well, especially if they are considering early action or early decision.

9/17 -9/24 – **Senior College Seminars**. The purpose of these presentations is to review what was covered in spring during the Junior Seminar and to ensure that students are successfully logging on to Naviance and connecting that to the "Common Application". In addition, the presentations will include information about application timelines, requesting teacher recommendations, using Naviance to compare colleges and other important information regarding the application and acceptance process. This year we are breaking the presentation into two sessions to allow students time to process the information and come to us with questions.

9/24 - **6:00 pm - Senior College Night** for students and families at the High School. This presentation will cover some of the same material the reviewed in their Senior Seminar, but will also touch upon other important information regarding the search, application and acceptance process. The next day we will post links to a video of the presentation as well as to links to Naviance videos which will help students and families to navigate that website.

10/4 – **College Fair** at the High School during the school day. Currently we have over 75 colleges and universities coming and are anticipating even more will accept over the next week or so.

10/16 – **7:00 pm –College Financial Seminar (MEFA) night** at the High School. A representative from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority will do a presentation on understanding and applying for financial aid. We are also part of the Attleboro Area College Planning Series. Please see below in the "On-Going/To be Scheduled" Section for more information on other seminars you can attend.

12/4 – **College 101 Seminar - 6:30 PM** – It is presented by Bristol Community College in conjunction with Bridgewater State. This presentation covers college from "soup to nuts" and will provide valuable information for our underclassman. More information to come on this seminar in the late fall.

2/27/19 - **Opportunities Fair** – This is run in conjunction with the Attleboro Area School to Career Partnership and geared towards Juniors and Seniors who are interested in exploring different post-secondary opportunities such as community colleges, military, technical schools & programs, and jobs (both full and part-time). This is a field trip that is run during the school day.
4/3/19 - Credit for Life Financial Literacy Event - This is run in conjunction with the Attleboro Area School to Career Partnership and is for the entire Junior Class. The fair educates students on the real life salaries of different careers and is a simulation of what it would be like to work through a budget at the age of 25 based on their monthly net income.

On-Going/To Be Scheduled

1) We will be starting a "Guidance Google Classroom" over the next few weeks. The purpose of the classroom is to allow us to communicate directly with the senior class regarding college related events, remind them of deadlines and to sign up for appointments with college admissions representatives when they come to the High School.

2) This year we have renewed our commitment to the Attleboro Area College Planning Series with Bristol Community College, Bridgewater State University, Attleboro Public Schools, North Attleboro Public Schools and Bishop Feehan. This partnership allows students/families from all four high schools to attend any of the "College Financial Seminars" that are being offered in the area. There will also be other seminars at either BCC or Attleboro High School such as "Primer for First Generation College Students", "College Planning for ESL/ELL Students" and "FAFSA Days". Please go to the link below for a full schedule of events.

http://www.bristolcc.edu/collegeplanningseries

3) We are currently working on a very "comprehensive college guide" that we hope to have up on the website this fall. We were lucky enough to have the good folks at Newton North High School share their guide with us. They took well over a year to develop this guide and have allow us to utilize their document as a "template". However, the very nature and complexity of the guide will require more time for us to customize for Norton and our students. We will get this out as soon as we are able to.

4) Social Media and NPS Website – We are working with on updating the website as we develop our Powerpoints and receive updates from Naviance on their new system. We can also be followed on Twitter - @NHS_SSC. Also check under the Senior Section of the Student Support Center for more information and helpful links related to college applications.

5) Finally....we have created a Google calendar which shows you where the last three years of Norton High School Graduates have attended college. Click on the link below and this will take you to the map. When you click on a "pin" it will give you the name, location and link to that college.

Norton High School College Acceptance Map