

# Williamsburg High School for Architecture & Design

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Dear 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student,

Senior Year is finally here! This is a very exciting time for both of us but there is lots to do. Deadlines will be extremely important! Be organized, have fun, and ask for help! ~Ms. T

### SAT REGISTRATION DATES AND DEADLINES

- Students planning on taking the SAT must register at register at <https://sat.collegeboard.org>
- Test Fee: \$54.50 (with essay)
- Fee waivers are available to qualified students in the guidance office.

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
November 4	October 5	October 25
December 2	November 2	November 21

### ACT REGISTRATION DATES AND DEADLINES

- Most colleges/universities do not require for you to take the ACT's if you have already taken the SAT's. There are a few exceptions. Please see your guidance counselor.
- Test Fee: \$56.60
- Fee waivers are available on a limited basis.
- For more information and to register go to <http://www.actstudent.org/>

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
October 28	September 22	September 23 – October 6
December 9	November 3	November 4 – November 17

### SENIOR GUIDANCE CONFERENCE

Individual guidance appointments will be conducted during the next several weeks. During the conference we discuss Academic Senior Contracts, current transcript, college planning and applications. **You are required to bring your completed College Wish List, Resume and Recommendation Form.** Please make sure you attend your scheduled appointment. Students who miss their appointments will be placed at the end of the list.

**IMPORTANT – DO NOT SUBMIT ANY APPLICATIONS WITHOUT REVIEW!!!!**

### CUNY APPLICATION – [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu)

- The application is \$65.00 (for up to 6 school choices). CUNY Application must be submitted **ONLINE** only. Please have a money order of \$65.00 when you are ready to apply. Fee waivers will be available for **ANY** student that qualifies. Bring in your 2016 tax forms, budget letter or other proof of income. Please refer to the CUNY application worksheet in your packet for step-by-step instructions.

### SUNY APPLICATION – [www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu)

- The application is \$50.00 for each school; some students may qualify for a fee waiver (free) for UP TO 4 SUNY schools. SUNY application must be submitted **ONLINE** only. Many SUNY schools participate in the Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))

### SAT COLLEGE BOARD FEE WAIVERS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

If you have taken the SAT's you may qualify for additional fee waivers (UP TO 4). The list of all participating schools is listed on the website [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

### FINANCIAL AID – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

The FAFSA application will be available effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. Students must use 2016 Tax Forms only. Please do not submit this application without a guidance counselor reviewing it. FAFSA Night with NY Cares is November 15<sup>th</sup>. FAFSA should be submitted no later than February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

College scholarships are a convenient way to pay for college and are given for academics, athletics, hobbies, ethnicities, etc. Just start searching. I like the website: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [jlvcollegecounseling.com](http://jlvcollegecounseling.com). Scholarship information will be posted in the guidance office and/or the "seniors" page on the school website.

Turn Over for More Information

## **RECOMENDATIONS**

Colleges need help deciding if a student has the character and ability to function successfully at their institution. A strong teacher and/or counselor recommendation can bring a student to life for the admission committee and may be the decisive factor for students with weaker grades or test scores.

- Complete the *Recommendation Request*. Bring the completed form to your senior guidance meeting.
- Select 2 -3 teachers or former employers to write you a recommendation. Given the recommendation request from. **REMEMBER TO BE MINDFUL! People who write letters need at least a two week notice! A late request will result in either a hastily written letter or no letter.**

## **TIPS/REMINDERS:**

1. Most CUNY schools do not require recommendation letters or personal essays, except for specialized programs, Baruch and Hunter.
2. Two-Year Schools/Community Colleges do not require SAT scores.
3. You are expected to apply to college no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. December 20<sup>th</sup> is the final deadline. Those who apply after this date may be subjected to being WAITLISTED for college.
4. Senior dues are approximately \$175 -See Ms. Nelson in ROOM 230A for additional information

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 13 <sup>th</sup>	SUNY Potsdam Presentation
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	MIT Presentation
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	College Fair Field Trip @ Aviator Center
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	SUNY New Paltz Presentation
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Berkeley College Classroom Presentation/Workshop – Gov't classes
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Monroe College Trip
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monroe College Application Day (AT WHSAD)
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Alfred State presentation
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	FAFSA Night
November 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior Photos