



Guidance News from Mrs. Campman's Office

HALFWAY THROUGH SEMESTER 1

You are getting close, Seniors! It's hard to believe that you're already a quarter of the way through your last year as a high school student. Those of you who are college-bound should keep this information in mind:

- Apply to your chosen colleges as soon as possible. Many schools offer rolling admission, which means that they will review applications and notify applicants of their decision within a few weeks from the submission. The sooner you apply, the better.
- If you are applying to schools through either sendEDU, the Coalition, or the CommonApplication websites, use vcampman@loyalsocklancers.org when asked for my contact information. This is the email associated with all of my application accounts. If you need help with this, please see me.
- **AVOID SENIORITIS!** Colleges and programs will be looking at your senior year grades and they DO matter! Please be seeing your teacher directly if you are having major difficulty in a class. It is likely they will have valuable, specific feedback to help you feel more successful.
- Also—let me know when you hear back from schools please! :)

FAFSA AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

All students and their families who are seeking financial aid must complete the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fasfa.ed.gov. This application became available on October 1 and will also incorporate Pennsylvania State Aid through **PHEAA** (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency).

Mrs. Marla Kane (our PHEAA representative) will be in to help students and their families complete their FAFSA on **Thursday, November 29** during the school day. Either the student or a parent/guardian must sign up in the Guidance Office to attend.

Pennsylvania College of Technology is also offering two free FAFSA Completion Sessions. You can attend on either **Saturday, November 10** or **Thursday, January 24**. You do not have to be planning to attend Penn College to take advantage of this opportunity. Sign up at: <https://www.pct.edu/admissions/financial-aid>

INFORMATION ABOUT PRIVATE LOANS

ELMSelect (www.elmselect.com) is a website for students to research private educational loans. Students will input the school name and program type, and then they will receive results with loan options. The results will also display the loan rates, the total costs and fees, the estimated monthly payments, and the estimated number of payments needed in order to pay off the loan. **Be sure to do the research before a final decision is made on any private loans needed to pay for your education!**

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Please see the LTHS Counselors' website for information and details about scholarships that are shared with our office. Make sure to check often! LTHS-specific scholarships will also be added to these newsletters when details are received (usually in January). Students should also be creating an account on the free scholarship database found at: www.fastweb.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Most students **will** receive financial aid.
2 out of 3 full-time undergraduate students receive financial aid in the form of grants or scholarships. If you're not bothering to apply for scholarships because you don't think you could win, you're wrong.
Fastweb.com has more than \$3.4 billion worth of scholarship money available in its database, and this number grows daily!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, November 8

Mock Interviews

Seniors who are in Senior Seminar during periods 3, 5, or 7 will have their mock interview this day.

Friday, November 9

Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 15

Mock Interviews

Seniors who are in Senior Seminar during periods 4, 6, or 8 will have their mock interview this day.

November 21–23 & 26

No School;

Thanksgiving Break

December 21

Pearls of Wisdom;

Early Dismissal

December 24–

January 2

No School;

Winter Break

FOLLOW THE SCHOOL COUNSELORS ON TWITTER:



Follow **@LTHS_Counselors** on Twitter for daily information from the High School Counseling Office. This will give you access to information regarding college/military visits, scholarship opportunities, and important dates for your senior year timeline.

SENIOR MOCK INTERVIEWS:

Seniors who are currently enrolled in Senior Seminar are scheduled to have their Mock Interviews on either **Thursday, November 8th** (periods 3, 5, and 7) or **Thursday, November 15th** (periods 4, 6 and 8).

To give you some advanced notice, please know it is required that you wear professional interview clothing for your mock interview. See Mrs. Campman or Mr. Van Fleet if you have questions or anticipate any difficulty obtaining such attire for your interview.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS - UPCOMING DATES:

SAT:

- **December 1, 2018** - Late Registration Deadline: November 20, 2018

ACT:

- **December 8, 2018** - Late Registration Deadline: November 19, 2018

** Please consider taking the SAT or ACT again if you are not happy with your score, or if the college of your choice typically accepts students with higher scores. Earning a higher score could mean more scholarship opportunities, too.

- Register for the SAT at www.sat.org/register. LTHS is a testing site for all dates.
- Register for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. LTHS is **not** an ACT testing site.

SENDING TEST SCORES:

When a student registers for the SAT, they may request to send their scores to four institutions/programs at no additional charge. There is a \$12.00 fee for each additional score report sent. However, if students are not planning to re-test and want to send scores from a previous exam, they will need to send their scores through their account on www.CollegeBoard.org.

REPRESENTATIVES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Representatives from colleges, universities and the military will be visiting LTHS to meet with interested junior and senior students. If you would like to participate in any of these meetings, please sign up in the Counseling Office.

Date of Visit:	Time of Day:	Representative:
Monday, November 5	Lancer Period	Mansfield University
Wednesday, November 21	Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (must get pre-approval to attend due to school absence)	Empire Beauty School
Tuesday, November 27	Lancer Period	Shippensburg University