

MATTITUCK HIGH SCHOOL
Guidance Department

July 24, 2018

Dear Senior Parents:

We hope you are enjoying the summer. This letter includes important information regarding the college application process for 2018-19.

All seniors received college application guidelines last year and will again at the beginning of this, their senior year, detailing standardized testing deadlines and fees. Please see the enclosed testing schedule and free test prep options available to MHS students. **Please take special notice of the deadlines for the newly offered August SAT and September ACT, which have registrations deadlines before school begins. We strongly recommend that students register online at www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org well before the posted registration deadlines to ensure they test in their first choice test center.**

If your son/daughter will be playing a sport in college on the Division I or II level, the student must file an NCAA Clearinghouse Release form. These forms are available online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. When registering for the SAT or the ACT, the prospective student/athlete should make sure to release the scores to the NCAA clearinghouse.

Most parents are aware of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); however, there is an additional financial aid form required by many colleges that helps determine institutional need. ***The CSS Profile Guide is available at <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>***. This guide includes instructions on how to apply via the web. A list of colleges requiring this form is available on their web page. Now, both the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov) and the CSS Profile can be completed beginning in October. Both of these financial aid applications will look at the two prior year's financial data rather than waiting for the current year to end. **Detailed information on the financial aid process including information on the NYS Excelsior Program is forthcoming in a separate letter/email in October.**

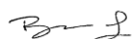
All seniors will be writing personal statements for college applications as part of the English 12 curriculum. Each student will receive guidelines for writing effective essays. **Essays are an important piece of your student's application.** Guidebooks with sample essays are available for borrowing from the guidance department.

Much of the important Guidance/College Application information will be available throughout the year on our website, www.mufsd.com/guidance. Please visit the guidance page to review information concerning application deadlines, essays, recommendations, scholarship lists and standardized testing. You can also access these sites for important information and additional links to informative college admissions and financial aid sites.

In addition to our school website, there is a wealth of information on Naviance, the web-based college application system. All Mattituck students and parents have a Naviance account. We will be using Naviance for the processing of applications and for important communications. If you have not yet registered as a parent, we have included in this mailing another copy of your registration code so you may access this all-important site. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the guidance office for assistance.

Lastly, we hope that you and your child have a successful year as you proceed through the college admissions process. The Guidance Office will be conducting group sessions with seniors within the first two weeks of school and inviting the students to make individual appointments to discuss their post-secondary plans. Please contact your child's counselor if you would like to set up an appointment to discuss your student's plans or with any questions or concerns that may arise throughout the year.

Sincerely,



Brian M. Lynch
Guidance Coordinator

SAT and ACT Prep -Now Available on Naviance

Mattituck High School is pleased to provide students with a free opportunity for SAT/ACT test preparation. This online prep is available through a link on Naviance Student to Method Test Preparation and is available to all MHS students with a Naviance account. Students can access the test prep page by logging onto their Naviance account and clicking on the link on the home page for **SAT-ACT Test Prep (MTP) or by using the link.**

<https://app.methodtestprep.com/login>

Accessing Method Test Prep on-line allows students to do SAT and ACT test preparation activities at their convenience. These activities include:

- Listening to audio explanations of test questions
- Accessing strategy guides for each test
- Completing full-length practice tests
- Receiving hundreds of practice questions
- Reading easy explanations for every question
- Tracking strengths on each test
- Receiving valuable test-taking tips
- Taking practice quizzes to boost knowledge

**NEW YORK STATE STANDARDIZED TEST DATES
MATTITUCK HS CEEB CODE: 333-070**

SAT I: Reasoning Test SAT II: Subject Tests

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
August 25, 2018**	SAT I & SAT II	July 27, 2018(late deadline Aug. 15 th)
October 6, 2018	SAT I & SAT II	September 7, 2018
November 3, 2018*	SAT I & SAT II	October 5, 2018
December 1, 2018	SAT I & SAT II	November 2, 2018

***Please note that the November SAT test date is held at Mattituck. Students should register early if they wish to take the test at Mattituck High School.**

**** Limited testing centers on Long Island.**

ACT / ACT with Writing

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
September 8, 2018	ACT	August 03, 2018
October 27, 2018	ACT	September 21, 2018
December 8, 2018	ACT	November 2, 2018

NO STUDENT SHOULD MISS TAKING THESE TESTS BECAUSE OF AN INABILITY TO PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE. IF YOUR FAMILY'S INCOME FALLS BELOW A FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED FIGURE, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE WAIVER. SEE YOUR COUNSELOR IMMEDIATELY IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT QUALIFY.

IF YOU QUALIFY FOR SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS OR EXTENDED TIME FOR TESTING, YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR ELIGIBILITY CODE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. SEE YOUR COUNSELOR IMMEDIATELY IF YOU WILL BE TAKING EITHER THE SAT OR ACT.