August 26, 2016

Dear Class of 2018:

Summer is rapidly coming to a close and your junior year is right around the corner! I would like to take this opportunity to outline a few things for the upcoming year.

We hear it all the time “the junior year is the most important year”. Well, although there is some truth to this, it is really the culmination of your entire four years spent in high school that count and matter. As we start the second half of your high school career, it is important to begin thinking about what you see for yourself post-graduation. Are you thinking about college? Armed services? Employment? Based on how you answer these questions, we will continue having discussions and prepping for what will need to be accomplished during your senior year.

I am including in this mailing a list of what to expect monthly for your junior year of high school. I encourage you to keep this some place safe and where you can see it, as the year will fly by. Although we will do our best to stay within this timeline, you will find we will accomplish some things earlier and some later.

I encourage you to set up a time to talk with me about your future plans. I also encourage you, and your parents, to use the High School Counseling Website ([www.lphscounseling.weebly.com](http://www.lphscounseling.weebly.com)) and Twitter (@LPHSCounseling), as these are valuable resources for information regarding tests, high school courses, college information, parent programs, letters, financial aid/scholarship information and much more.

*Important Dates to Remember*

**Locker Day:** Tuesday, August 30th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

**First SAT Test:** Saturday, October 1, 2016

 Registration Deadline: September 1, 2016

**First ACT Test:** Saturday, September 10, 2016 (next one Saturday, October 22, 2016)

 Registration Late Deadline: August 19, 2016

**College Representative Visits** begin in September. Check with the Counseling Office and Counseling website to obtain the schedule.

**College Night at the SUNY Plattsburgh Fieldhouse will be on Wednesday, October 5th from 6:30PM-8:30PM**. Over 400 colleges and universities will be in attendance.

**PSAT’s will be administered to all Juniors on October 19, 2016.** This test will be offered to all juniors *free of charge*. An announcement will be made to sign up in the Counseling Office.

**Financial Aid Night will be October 12, 2016 at 6:00PM in the MHS Library**. *This is geared to seniors and their parents, but with the changing process, all families are welcome to attend.*

I look forward to navigating this process with you and your family. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time or to stop in and see me to address concerns. I encourage you to use me as a resource and allow me to help alleviate stressors associated with this process.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Mrs. Hammaker

Mrs. Connie Hammaker

chammaker@lpcsd.org

518-523-2474 ext. 4018