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Hello Class of 2017!

Summer is coming to a rapid close and the much-anticipated senior, and final year, of high school is right around the corner! There are many things to look forward to in the coming year, and I would like to take this opportunity to outline a few things to help prepare you for post-graduation plans.

As summer ends, I encourage you to begin thinking about what you would like to do with your future. I have included a separate sheet with some questions to help you think about your future and goals. Be ready with the answer to some of these questions, as they will help to lead you down the next path and for us to begin getting you to your goal!

Included in this mailing is a list of what you can expect during each month of your senior year. I encourage you to take a look at it and keep it in a safe place. Although we will do our best to stick to this timeline, you will find we will accomplish some things earlier or later. I will be visiting Senior Seminar classes throughout the school year and we will begin dissecting the college application process, along with armed services and employment preparations, and breaking down the to-do list step by step.

I encourage you to set up an appointment with me to start talking about your future and to ensure your senior schedule is where you need, and want, it to be. I will be back in the office on Monday, August 29th. If you would like to touch base prior to that, please send me an email.

Bookmark the High School Counseling website (www.lphscounseling.weebly.com) to find information about college representative visits, college application links, test dates, “to-do” lists, resume writing, college essay tips, scholarship information, links for Financial Aid and much more. Also, follow us on Twitter @lphscounseling for announcements and fun tips!

*Upcoming 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.

Watch the mail for **College Application Information** explaining the process and offering tips and resources.

**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.

**Financial Aid Night will be October 12, 2016 at 6:00PM in the MHS Library**. *This process is changing for the 2017 year, so it is crucial to attend this informational session for all information pertaining to the changes.*

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. Senior year is not meant to be a burden, but a year full of memories and excitement, let’s continue to make this another memorable and fun year!

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

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