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Dear Junior Parents & Guardians:

We are sending you this letter as a follow-up to the February Email to parents and as an update for the Class of 2011 with regard to college/post high school planning.

**SAT/ACT information:** It is recommended that college bound students take **BOTH** SAT and ACT at least once each, then try to improve their scores a second time on whichever test they scored higher on the first time. Most selective colleges also require students to take *SAT Subject Tests*. We have a listing in Guidance from *College Board* of schools that “require” and “recommend” *SAT Subject Tests*. Students should also check with the schools to which they may apply to see if they require *SAT Subject Tests*. Students wishing to register for the 2010/2011 tests may do so online (*w/credit card*) for SAT’s at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and for ACT’s at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). **The High School Code Number for UHS is: 222 – 155.** Free Study Guides for SAT’s, ACT’s, and SAT Subject Tests will be available in the Guidance Office when students report back to school next fall. For students wishing to register through the mail, Registration Forms for 2010/2011 tests will also be available in the Guidance Office in the fall. The testing schedule for the 2010/2011 school year is as follows:

DATE	TEST (S)	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE + \$24.00 FEE (SAT) + \$21.00 FEE (ACT)
September 11, 2010	ACT	August 6, 2010	August 20, 2010
October 9, 2010	SAT / SAT Subject Tests	September 10, 2010	September 24, 2010
October 23, 2010	ACT	September 17, 2010	October 1, 2010
November 6, 2010	SAT / SAT Subject Tests	October 8, 2010	October 22, 2010
December 4, 2010	SAT / SAT Subject Tests	November 5, 2010	November 19, 2010
December 11, 2010	ACT	November 5, 2010	November 19, 2010
January 22, 2011	SAT / SAT Subject Tests	December 23, 2010	January 7, 2011
February 12, 2011	ACT	January 7, 2011	January 21, 2011

**My College QuickStart** is an easy-to-use, online, personalized college and career planning kit for all students who took the **PSAT (Preliminary SAT)**. My College QuickStart is available using the access code printed on the student’s PSAT Score Report at: [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart), and it can be utilized throughout high school. This useful tool incorporates responses students provided when they took the test and presents personalized information in four main parts:

1. View questions and answer explanations with **My Online Score Report**.
2. Get a personalized SAT study plan with **My SAT Study Plan**.
3. Find colleges with **My College Matches**.
4. Take a personality test and find compatible majors and careers through **My Major & Career Matches** and **MyRoad**.

We recommend that members of Class of 2011 get out and visit college campuses during the summer. **Campus visits & tours** can be arranged by calling the admissions offices at the respective colleges or universities. Juniors should also be looking at college websites online and calling admissions offices for college catalogs and applications. ***FOR STUDENTS APPLYING TO COLLEGE THROUGH THE MAIL, THE SUMMER IS THE IDEAL TIME TO CALL FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS SO THAT STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEM READY TO FILL OUT WHEN THEY COME BACK TO SCHOOL IN THE FALL. FOR STUDENTS APPLYING ONLINE, LINKS FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE FOUND ON THE SPECIFIC COLLEGES' WEBSITES AND SHOULD BE BOOKMARKED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.***

On Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Uxbridge High School hosted a postsecondary planning presentation called ***“College Planning Night”*** for students and their parents. Joanne Dashiell, from the *Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA)*, was here to outline the college admissions process. The program is designed to help students and their parents get off to the right start as they begin their postsecondary education planning. It is highly recommended that parents sign up for *MEFA’s* Parent Assistance Services at: [www.mefacounselor.org](http://www.mefacounselor.org). This website is an excellent resource for college planning assistance. If you were unable to attend ***“College Planning Night”*** on March 11<sup>th</sup> and would like a copy of the seminar packet, please call the Guidance Office. *MEFA* will also be hosting a ***“College Financial Aid Night”*** at UHS in early December (date TBA). We will have this date finalized by the end of the summer.

**College Fairs:** Tentative plans are in place to give members of UHS Class of 2011 an opportunity to go on a field trip to the Sutton High School College Fair on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. A senior class meeting will be held in early September to deliver more specific information regarding the trip. Some other upcoming college fairs of note include:

DATE & TIME	EVENT
Thursday, July 8, 2010 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Brown University Summer College Fair</b> Olney-Margolies Athletic Center Providence, Rhode Island
Sunday, September 12, 2010 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>NEACAC College Fair</b> University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth Dartmouth, Massachusetts
Sunday September 19, 2010 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>NEACAC College Fair</b> Western New England College Springfield, Massachusetts
Sunday October 3, 2010 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>NEACAC College Fair</b> Northern Essex Community College Haverhill, Massachusetts

Students who are looking into employment (rather than college) after graduation should research careers and occupations. Developing a resume for the job search process should be an objective at this point in time. The following link is a useful resource for creating a resume:

[http://www.uxbridgeschools.com/pdf\\_info/uhs\\_guidancecelebrate.pdf](http://www.uxbridgeschools.com/pdf_info/uhs_guidancecelebrate.pdf). Reviewing options for technical schools and the military is also encouraged. All students are encouraged to explore and pursue some form of postsecondary education to increase their future employment opportunities.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's guidance counselor. Our Email addresses and extensions are listed at the top of this letter. The UHS Guidance Website can be found at: [http://www.uxbridgeschools.com/uhs\\_guidance.shtml](http://www.uxbridgeschools.com/uhs_guidance.shtml). We look forward to helping your sons and daughters as they pursue their post-secondary goals. Please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer,

UHS Guidance Staff