

UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

- ❖ **Sunday January 1, 2012** FAFSA can be filed and submitted to colleges.
- ❖ **Friday January 6, 2012** All remaining transcript requests are due for colleges with a deadline AFTER January 15, 2011
- ❖ **Thursday January 19, 2012** Mid-year transcript request forms are due.
- ❖ **FRIDAY January 20, 2012** – If you were given an Albert Shanker Scholarship it is due NO LATER than 1/20/12 to Ms. Wise.

1. **SUNY**– Students you should have completed, finalized and sent your portion (supplements) of the SUNY application. SUNY schools receive extremely large numbers of applications. **Please do not wait to submit your supplements as they are needed to review your applications.**
2. **Early Decision (not action) Acceptances** For those students who have been accepted to college via an early decision program, you are **required** to withdraw any submitted applications. This means if you submitted YOUR portion of the application to a college you must notify that college in writing that you have been accepted to another institution through an early decision (not action) program. In addition, you must give your counselor a copy of the withdrawal letter to retain in your college file. Please see your counselor if you have any questions regarding this process. There is a sample template on the guidance page of the HSAS website.
3. **Financial Aid** – a few tips for financial aid
 - Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and create a pin # so you are ready for January 1, 2012.
 - If your college requires the CSS profile you may fill that out now.
 - Make sure you know each college's FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE. Go to the college's financial aid page on their website.
 - Expect to file for financial aid by February 1, 2012.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FAFSA

- You can list up to ten (10) schools on *FAFSA on the Web*. Those schools will automatically receive your FAFSA results electronically.
- **Changing/Adding schools** – using your PIN # you can go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and select “Add or Delete a School Code” to make changes online or you can call the Federal Student Aid Information center (1-800-433-3243). If you call, you will need your **Data Release Number (DRN)**, which is located on your **SAR (Student Aid Report)**. ***Before you make any changes you must confirm that the initial 10 schools listed have received your financial aid information.***

4. **Mid-Year Reports** – Mid-Year Reports are required by most, not all colleges. CUNY does not require mid-year reports. Students may refer to the **Common Application** in order to confirm the many colleges that do require mid-year reports. **A REMINDER: MID-YEAR REPORTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2012.**

- ❖ HSAS will require that any student who wishes to send a Mid-Year Report fill of the Mid-Year Report Form which is in your college application procedures packet, available in the guidance office, and will be distributed in class after the vacation. On this form students will indicate the colleges where they used **The Common Application, SUNY APP or OTHER APP.** Please do not put any CUNY schools on this form.
- ❖ **(NEW UPDATE)** Ms. Harris and Ms. Wise will not need any stamps or envelopes for the mid-year reports. They will be sent electronically unless otherwise noted. Should we need additional information other than the HSAS Mid-year Report form you will be contacted.

VERY IMPORTANT

- ❖ Students, please check your **Naviance** accounts. Your accounts must be up-to-date with all colleges entered into “the college to which I am applying area.” This will ensure that all documents including mid-year reports are received by the colleges. If you did not apply to a particular college and DID NOT submit a transcript request form for that college, you may now remove that college from your account.

5. **Fee waivers for college applications** - Please refer to college bulletin #8 for detailed information regarding fee waivers.

6. **Overloaded websites** – While **The Common Application** is equipped to handle large volumes of applications DO NOT wait until the very last second to submit your application. It is possible that **The Common Application** website may become over loaded. As you know when many individuals are trying to access a website exactly at the same time it is sometimes difficult to gain access to the site. {Think about ordering concert tickets the same day they go on sale.}

7. **Upcoming items for College Bulletin #10**

- Requesting Lehman College Transcripts
- Acceptance letters (We will need to collect these)