

# SENIOR NEWS

## LATE SEPTEMBER EDITION:

### PRIORITY LIST:

1. Either sign up on your own at the College Board web site or see Mr. Page for assistance if you wish to take the **SAT** test again. The deadline is coming up soon for enrolling for the NOVEMBER test date. Choose a date and test location (Stearns, Katahdin, and Lincoln) are test sites for some, but not all test dates. Bangor offers all test dates. I recommend you take it in November, but there is October and December testing as well. You may also, if you are applying to highly selective colleges, need to take the SAT IIs.
2. Now that you have attended the College Fair in Orono, you will have had a chance to look at schools and decide where to apply.
3. If you have not already done so, please ask two teachers for letters of recommendation ASAP!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Make sure you give them a copy of your RESUME when you ask them.
4. Remind your parents to prepare copies of last year's taxes since you will need to do a **FAFSA** (financial aid form) prior to Thanksgiving. We will have our first financial aid night here on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the cafeteria at 6PM. Attached are copies of instructions on how to obtain a PIN number, something you will need to do as well as the parent who will be filling in your FAFSA information. You should all have a pin prior to attending the Financial Aid Workshops. We will have another FA Workshop in the library at 3:30 PM on Monday, **October 7<sup>th</sup>** for parents who could not make the first session. Remember to remind your parent to bring in copies of last year's taxes. You will also need to bring yours in order to fill out the FAFSA. **Region III will hold a FAFSA night on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM** for seniors who attend Region. This event will be held at the facility in Lincoln.
5. Prepare for filling out applications. Most colleges want your first quarter grades, so we encourage all four-year applicants to have all applications submitted no later than Thanksgiving (Nov 1- Thanksgiving being the key time). Unless you are applying for a health-related field, community college applications should be submitted no later than Christmas vacation.
6. Plan to meet with your SENIOR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR within the next three weeks. **MS. SMITH is your Counselor.** Her office is across from the office and

she is here everyday until noon. You can also schedule an appointment with her after school by contacting Mrs. Jandreau in the Superintendent's office.

7. Scholarships: MPA authorized scholarships come through the guidance office. You may also search via web sites such as **Fastweb.com** or use our scholarship book, which is in the guidance office. Most scholarships come in during the winter months starting in December.
8. I am available to assist you, as well, in deciding upon a career or a college of interest.
9. Don't forget to visit colleges of interest and sign up to meet with college representatives. The military seldom schedules visits and will have to be contacted via their specific web site or by contacting the recruiting station in Bangor.

### **CURRENT COLLEGE VISITATION LIST**

- SPT. 30.....UMFK AT 8:30
- OCT. 8.....USM AT 9:00
- OCT. 17.....HUSSON AT 10:15
- OCT. 22.....UMPI AT 10:30
- HALLOWEEN.....COLBY AT 9:15
- NOV.7.....UMF AT 10:45

PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO ANNOUNCEMENTS AS MANY COLLEGES ARE NOW CALLING TO ARRANGE VISITS AND THIS LIST WILL CHANGE CONSTANTLY.