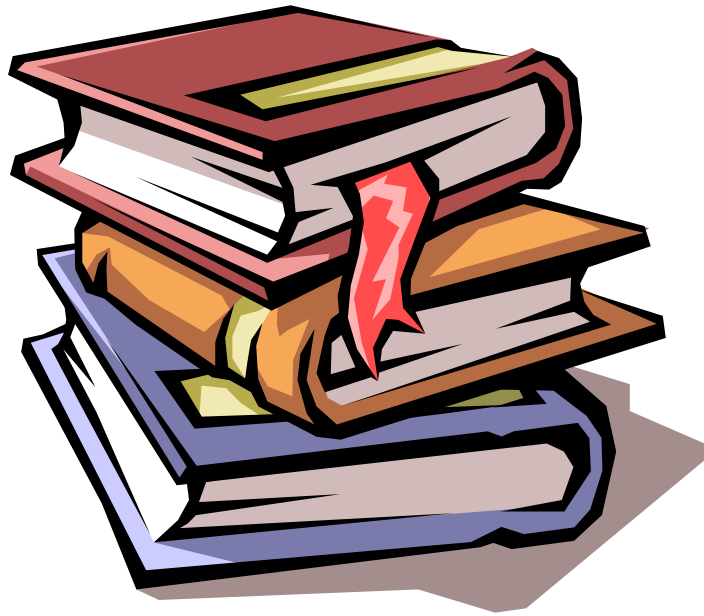


*Guide to Guidance
for
12th Grade Students*



*Kingsway Regional High School
Guidance Department*

Introduction

Your senior year is finally here. This means high school is coming to an end, and so is one of the milestones in your life. It is almost time for you to take the next step and begin a new chapter in your adult life. We hope that all of your efforts and hard work pay off for you. Our advice - don't underestimate the importance of your senior year. It is in your best interest that you focus on your senior year and finish strong.

Please feel free to contact your counselor directly with any questions or concerns you may have.

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12th Grade Student Planner

As soon as senior year begins there are things that you will need to do right away:

- **Sign up for the SATI/SATII** – If you are considering taking the SATI/SATII in October of your senior year – keep in mind the deadline to register is early in September. There are other test dates in November, December and January as well. However, it is to your advantage to take the SATI/SATII as early in your senior year as possible. When you register, list the schools that you would like to receive your official score reports. You can list up to four schools for no additional charge. College admission offices require that these official score reports come directly from ETS. If you fail to do so, you must contact the College Board to have the scores sent, which involves a fee per school. Check the College Board's website for more information and to register for the SATI/SATII. The website is www.collegeboard.com.

TIP: Still need to prepare for the SAT? Gloucester County College runs SAT prep classes in the evening. For further information contact the Division of Lifelong Learning at 856-415-2217. The office is located on the 2nd level of the College Center building.

- **What is the ACT?** The American College Test is an alternate assessment accepted by colleges and universities for admission. For information and deadlines to register check out the website www.act.org.

- **Letters of recommendation** – If you did not get your letters in your junior year, you must request them early in your senior year. Two teacher recommendations should be sufficient.

- **College Rep visits** – The Guidance Office receives requests from various schools to visit Kingsway in order to meet with interested seniors. These visits are scheduled throughout the fall. Announcements are made during homeroom. You must sign up in advance to participate. Take advantage of this valuable opportunity to make personal contact with a representative from the school. In addition to obtaining applications and catalogs, you will be able to participate in a small group information session. Also, it gives you the chance to learn about different schools from outside this area that might not otherwise be known. A schedule of all schools visiting Kingsway is available in the Guidance Office.

- **Attend our fall “College Application Information Night”** – This program presented by the Guidance Department is for seniors planning to apply to college. It is open to both seniors *and* their parents. The program will outline step-by-step the procedure for submitting applications. Later in the fall we will host a “Financial Aid Night” which also outlines step-by-step what you and your parents must do to apply for financial aid. These two programs are a must!

- **GPA/Rank** – Your GPA is an average of *all* the grades you received since your freshman year. Rank in class is based on your GPA. You will need to know your GPA and class rank for your college applications. This information can be obtained from your counselor at any time in your senior

year. GPA/Class rank is recomputed at the end of the first semester of senior year and then again at the end of senior year.

- **NCAA** - Students who plan to participate in Division I or II athletics in college must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. You can do this on-line at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. A printout of the “Transcript Release Authorization” should be given to your counselor so that he/she can submit your transcripts.

- **Don’t procrastinate** – You will find that there are deadlines that you must meet at various times throughout the year. Your best bet is to stay on top of things as best you can so you don’t miss out on opportunities. Be organized!

- **Look for the scholarship newsletter in homeroom** – The Guidance Office publishes a scholarship newsletter periodically throughout the year announcing any scholarship opportunities for seniors. There are several editions published throughout the school year. The first issue is published in September.

- **Think on-line** – The Internet can be your greatest tool in the college process. Don’t be fooled - colleges want to see applications submitted on-line. It cuts down on their work and your processing time by three to four weeks. A little known fact is that some colleges will waive application fees for those who apply on-line. Therefore, it is to your advantage to use technology!