



# CHELMSFORD

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hello Seniors & Senior Parents,

Some timely info for you...

## **THIRD TERM GRADES CLOSE ON APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Keep working hard to make sure your grades are where you want them to be. If you are struggling in any classes, be sure to talk to your teacher and/or counselor. You must pass 60 credits your senior year in order to graduate.

Remember, your grades still matter, as colleges have been known to rescind offers, reduce merit aid, or have you start college on academic probation...not great outcomes. Though senioritis may be setting in, you need to keep working. Your grades still count!!

## **ADMISSIONS DECISIONS:**

By now, most of you have received your admissions decisions. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work over the last year. Applying to college is an exciting, yet stressful time and we are proud of all you have accomplished! Remember, for those of you who received disappointing news, whether or not a college accepts you does not define who you are. It just means that your application didn't fit into that college's model for next year. While you may not attend your first choice school, you will end up at a place where you can learn and grow.

## **WERE YOU WAITLISTED?**

If so, check out this information from Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/making-a-decision/what-to-do-if-youre-wait-listed>

## **FINANCIAL AID INFO:**

Now that you know where you're accepted, how do you understand your financial aid packages? Check out College Board's Free Webinar: *It's Time! Comparing Financial Aid Award Letters and Making the Best Decision for You* at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents/webinar-its-time-comparing-financial-aid-award-letters?excmpid=FB-ST-BF-1> This webinar will provide you with the information and tools needed to analyze your award letters and to understand the financial impact each might have.

## **ARE YOU CONSIDERING APPEALING A FINANCIAL AID DECISION?**

If so, plan to join MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority) for their Financial Aid Appeals and Paying for College in 2021 webinar on Thursday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. To register, or for more information, go to: [https://mefa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_C3vojjQ8RNS4uvbD-04M5g](https://mefa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C3vojjQ8RNS4uvbD-04M5g)

### **THINKING ABOUT ENROLLING IN A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM?**

**Middlesex Community College** will be holding a virtual **Admissions Open House** on Saturday, April 10th at 10 a.m. To register, or for more information about MCC go to: <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/admissions/openhouse/openhouse.aspx>

### **YOUR NAVIANCE ACCOUNT:**

Finally, don't forget to keep your Naviance account up to date by going to your Colleges I'm Applying To list, click on the pencil and indicate the result so we can collect the data for future CHS seniors.

Have a great weekend!

CHS School Counseling

### **Important Dates:**

April 9: Term 3 Grades Close