Staley 'SOAR'ce
Senior Edition

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **NACAC National College Fair**
- **Testing Dates for ACT & SAT for Fall 2015**
- **Senior Parent Night**

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The Senior year is one that will be filled with many questions to ask and tasks to complete. Shortly after school begins, the Staley counselors will begin meeting with Seniors. During the week of August 24th, counselors will visit will all Seniors and present college planning information in their Falcon Time Homerooms. During the month of September, counselors will meet with Seniors in small groups or individually to discuss college and career plans, their personal plans of study, options for education after high school, college planning and applications, sending transcripts, scholarship information, career guidance, etc.

As your student begins to complete college applications and/or scholarships, it is very helpful for you and your student to use the following process:

1. **Fill out college applications <u>completely</u>, many colleges prefer applications completed online. Do not wait to apply even if you are not sure of where you will attend; many schools have early scholarship deadlines. Apply online when possible to potentially avoid an application fee.**
2. **If you need letters of recommendation, you must give the person a <u>2 week</u> lead time. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! Many applications and scholarships require counselors to complete sections or require a letter of recommendation from a teacher or coach. If a 2 week lead time is not given, it can not be guaranteed that you will receive the information you need before your deadline.**
3. **Unless noted otherwise, you will be responsible for mailing your own application & supporting documents for colleges and/or scholarships. Please have everything organized so you only have to do one mailing to each school or organization.**
4. **You must complete a Transcript Release Form in order for us to send your transcript. Only the top portion of the form needs to be completed. As you begin to select your schools of interest, Seniors will need to complete a Transcript Request Form with Mrs. Lewis. Please allow 7-10 days for Mrs. Wiggins to process time for your transcript. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REQUEST YOUR TRANSCRIPT.**

We are excited to be working with your Seniors this year and look forward to assisting them with their post-secondary journey.

Mrs. Wheeler Freshman & Alternative Programs Mr. Lundien A-GK

Mr. McNeely GL-N Ms. Grossman O-Z

Check the Staley Counseling Website regularly for information, tips, and updates!

<u>www.sthscounseling.weebly.com</u>

Below are the testing dates for the ACT Exam for the Fall of 2015. You can register online at www.actstudent.org. The Staley High School code is 261658. The testing site code is 230120. The cost of the exam is $39.50, payable at the time of registration. Please be aware that if you are wanting to take the September 12th exam, the registration deadline is August 7th.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	*(Late Fee Required)*
September 12, 2015	August 7, 2015	August 8 – 21, 2015
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	September 19 – October 2, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7 – 20, 2015

Below are the testing dates for the SAT Exam for the Fall of 2015. You can register online at www.collegeboard.org. The Staley High School code is 261658. The testing site code for Staley is 26162. The cost of the exam is $54.50, payable at the time of registration.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	*(Late Fee Required)*
October 3, 2015	September 3, 2015	September 22, 2015
November 7, 2015	October 9, 2015	October 27, 2015
December 5, 2015	November 5, 2015	November 23, 2015

NACAC Kansas City National College Fair

Kansas City Convention Center
301 West 13th Street
Sunday, Sept 27th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Monday, Sept 28th from 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Over 100 colleges & universities will be attending
Register at www.gotomyncf.com

*** COLLEGE VISTS ***

Representatives from colleges across the area and the country will visit Staley High School this year! Information will be emailed to the address on file in PowerSchool and will be available on our website. **www.sthscounseling.weebly.com**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Some universities in Missouri & Kansas (examples: University of Missouri: Columbia, Northwest Missouri State University) will **no longer consider ACT scores received from high schools as an official record**. ACT scores for these schools now **must come directly from ACT**. Please check with the admissions office of the university that you are applying to verify if an ACT record received from Staley High School would be considered official. If it must be received from ACT, you must indicate where you want your scores sent during your ACT exam registration. If you request it from ACT at a later date, a fee will apply.

Senior Parent Night

Please mark your calendars for our College Planning event. It will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 7 PM for Seniors and their parents. Please watch for additional information in the September Staley 'SOAR'ce or call Student Support at 413-4103.

NCAA Parent/Student Workshop

Staley will be hosting an NCAA Clearinghouse Workshop for Staley families on Wednesday, September, 30th at 7 PM. For more information, call Mrs. Bowling at 413-4118.