



Lewiston-Porter Central School District

Aiming Higher

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Dear Senior,

We hope you have been enjoying your summer! As we prepare to welcome you back to school, we felt it was important to provide you with information regarding college planning and applications.

SENIOR REVIEWS

In September, each senior will meet individually with their School Counselor to discuss what diploma they will be earning, total number of graduation credits, college applications and future career goals. In addition, we will discuss letters of recommendation, scholarship opportunities and college admissions tests.

Below are the standardized tests scheduled to be administered at Lewiston-Porter High School in the Fall.

SAT Test Date	10/05/2024	Registration Deadline	08/13/2024
SAT Test Date	05/03/2025	Registration Deadline	04/04/2025

Students will need to register and create an online account. **If you already have created an account with College Board or Act Student, it is important that you DO NOT create another account. If you have forgotten your username or password, use the contacts made available to you via their respective websites to recover your account information.** Through your account access, you will be issued an admission ticket for the test date you are registered for, and you will be notified once your scores are available. The website information is listed below. Online registration is the quickest and easiest way to register. In addition to registering online, you will find test preparation information, as well as valuable college planning information that will help you in your college research.

SAT online registration:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html>

School Code: 336090 Test Center Code: 33008

Please note: students with disabilities that have been approved for test accommodations should enter their SSD Eligibility Code when prompted.

Please note that some colleges will require official test scores to be sent by College Board directly and will not accept them as recorded on your transcript. You will have the option to send up to four free reports when you register for the SAT and/or ACT. There is a charge of \$15 for scores sent after the test date.

In addition, some colleges/universities have optional tests. It is important you check each individual school to see if this is the case.

COLLEGE VISITS

Each college/university has their own protocols and procedures for campus visits and tours. We encourage you to contact the admissions department of the schools you are interested in applying to. This is the best way to facilitate a visit or tour.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT ATHLETES

If you plan on competing in Division I or Division II college sports and want to be eligible to be recruited by colleges, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> and notify your School Counselor as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID

Beginning in October, scholarships will be posted on the Lew-Port website under the Counseling Center. Seniors should check for new scholarship postings on a weekly basis on our website, the digital kiosk located outside the Counseling Center and their Lew-Port email. Applications will be available in the Counseling Center for pick up and on the webpage for all posted scholarships.

Parents and their senior students are reminded that the expected date to start filing for financial aid is October 1, 2024. ***You should start filing your child's financial aid application at that time.*** Both parents and students need to establish a PIN ID (step 1) and then file their financial aid application (step 2) at the www.FAFSA.gov website. Be sure to write down your PIN IDs and passwords.

No matter what your income, **all students and families should file the FAFSA application.** Some colleges may not process an application until they have the FAFSA determination of need, as well as what aid your child qualifies for, in their possession. The FAFSA website provides phone numbers and video instructions if you encounter any problems or have questions as you are completing the form related to your specific circumstances.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

By September/October, you should be ready to finalize your list of prospective colleges. Be sure your final list includes a balance of schools---safety, target and reach. Your Counselor can assist you in making this determination, as well as help you in any other way you may need. If you are applying Early Decision or Early Action, note the deadlines for these dates as they will come very quickly.

COLLEGE PLANNING RESOURCES

As always, the School Counselors serve as an excellent college and career planning resource for students. In addition, our webpage (lew-port.com/page/649) has many valuable resources to help students and parents with research regarding college and career planning.

Naviance is our college and career planning software program, which is designed to help make planning easy and fun for students and parents. Naviance can be accessed via the high school webpage under “Quick Links” and the High School Counseling Center’s webpage. If you do not know your login information, please see your School Counselor.

Please contact your School Counselor if you have any additional questions or concerns with the college planning and application process. We are always here to help.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

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