Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

As a reminder, there is no school Monday, February 21. As of February 22, there is no more virtual instruction option. All students are expected to be in school for instruction. However, Covid protocols are still in place.

In preparation for the end of the year and final exams, students with a final grade of 93 or higher are exempt. Please see the policy <u>here</u>.

Local Scholarships have been posted on the <u>Counseling Website</u>! Check back often. Additional Scholarships will be added each week. So many opportunities!!!

These are good resources for National Scholarship Opportunities. This <u>website</u> is updated weekly. In addition, there is a list of National Scholarships on the <u>counseling website</u>.

Cathy Bielat, the Enrollment Coach from RVCC, will be here at North on March 29th for an Information session & March 30th for the Application session. The meetings will be in the Media Center from 9:43-10:38am on both days. Please bring your Chromebooks to both sessions.

During the information session, you will learn about what RVCC has to offer:

- Academic programs designed to transfer to 4-year colleges.
- Explore the campus with a virtual tour.
- Career programs that can prepare you for a job in a year or less.
- Special support services to help you make a successful transition to college.
- How to apply and options for paying for college.
- Each participant receives an RVCC goodie bag.

During the application process:

- Cathy will walk you through the RVCC application.
- By the end of the session, each student will have submitted their application. The fee is waived only if you attend the session.
- Students can expect to receive their student ID numbers by email within 72 hours, as well as an email with the next steps.

If you are interested, please see Ms. Fisher in the Counseling Department, she has a sign-up sheet.

Here is the link to RVCC's catalog if you would like to look at it before the sessions. <u>Link to RVCC catalog</u>.

RVCC will be hosting an on-campus Honors College/NJ STARS Info Session on **Wednesday, March 9th** at **6:00pm**. Students interested in learning more about both programs will be able to hear from both current (& former) Honors College & NJ STARS students talking about their RVCC/Honors College experiences as well as the transfer process (post-RVCC).

To learn about our program, please visit the Honors College page (including some videos that highlight various aspects of our program): https://www.raritanval.edu/academic-programs/honors-college.

For more information regarding NJ STARS, please visit:

https://www.hesaa.org/Documents/FactSheets/NJSTARS/FactSheetfor2021HSGrad.pdf . NOTE: Though this link shows the info for 2021 graduates-only, the same guidelines should apply for 2022 grads.

NOTE: With our Early Application deadline now over, we are currently building towards our General Application deadline of July 1st. As a reminder, we offer rolling admission between now & then, so if you have interested students, please encourage them to apply at their earliest convenience. Once applications have been submitted, students typically hear back within 7-10 of next steps (either a decision or interview).

Many colleges request mid-year or first semester grades. If your college requires this, the <u>Midyear Report</u> form must be completed and submitted to your counselor. Most mid-year reports can be submitted through SCOIR or email/mail. Please speak to your counselor if you have any questions.

<u>Transcript release forms</u> need to be handed in to your counselor, at least 10 school days before the application deadline. Before you hand in the form, please double check with your teachers that their letters of recommendation have been uploaded to Scoir. These forms need to be directly handed to your counselor. Do not email them, leave them on their desk, or their mailboxes.

Once your transcript and letters of recommendation have been sent, it may take a college up to 2 weeks to update your student portal. If your portal is showing that your supporting documents have not been received, please call the admissions office to inquire about your documents before contacting your counselor to send them again.

As you begin to hear decisions from schools, please indicate their responses in Scoir through the applied column.

Atlantic Health Systems' Children's Health and Goryeb Children's Hospital is proud to share the following program that will be offered free of charge that would benefit high school students. Our next Traditional and Non-Traditional Healthcare Careers Webinar series for students will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration is now open and students can register by clicking here. Please see Traditional and Non-Traditional Careers for details.

During each event, your students will have the opportunity to learn more about the Atlantic Health System as we highlight the diverse careers we offer and are encouraged to ask questions. Students can register to attend one or all of the programs.

Save the dates for the rest of the series:

- Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Previously emailed information is below.

If you have not completed your YouScience assessment in SCOIR, please spend some time exploring it. After completion of this assessment, it will generate a list of possible career pathways based on your responses. If you have not logged into your SCOIR account, email your counselor for an invite.

Students be sure to check out <u>What's YouScience</u>: <u>Discover Career Perfect for you</u> video and all that career tests can do for you!

For a list of colleges that accept Scoir, please review this <u>list.</u>

<u>FAFSA</u> (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now open. The sooner you complete the application, the better.

Many resources can be found on the North Hunterdon Counseling Website. Be sure to visit it frequently - https://www.nhvweb.net/counseling/

I hope you have a great weekend!