



Simply Seniors

Class of 2019

January 14, 2018



Happy New Year!



2018-2019 SAT/SAT Subj.			
Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline	★ Scores available
Aug. 25, 2018	July 27, 2018	August 15, 2018	Sep. 7, 2018
Oct. 6, 2018	Sep. 7, 2018	Sep. 26, 2018	Oct. 19, 2018
Nov. 3, 2018*	Oct. 5, 2018	Oct. 24, 2018	Nov. 16, 2018
Dec. 7, 2018	Nov. 2, 2018	Nov. 20, 2018	Dec. 14, 2018
Mar. 9, 2019**	Feb. 8, 2019	Feb. 27, 2019	Mar. 22, 2019
May 4, 2019	Apr. 5, 2019	Apr. 24, 2019	May 17, 2019
Jun. 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 22, 2019	Jul. 10, 2019

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

* SAT Subject Language with Listening
** SAT only, no Subject tests

2018-2019 ACT Test			
Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline	★ Scores available
Sep. 8, 2018	Aug. 12, 2018	Aug. 26, 2018	Sep. 18, 2018
Oct. 27, 2018	Sep. 28, 2018	Oct. 14, 2018	Nov. 13, 2018
Dec. 8, 2018	Nov. 2, 2018	Nov. 19, 2018	Dec. 18, 2018
Feb. 9, 2019	Jan. 11, 2019	Jan. 18, 2019	Feb. 20, 2019
Apr. 13, 2019	Mar. 8, 2019	Mar. 25, 2019	Apr. 23, 2019
Jun. 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 20, 2019	Jun. 18, 2019
Jul. 13, 2019	Jun. 14, 2019	Jun. 24, 2019	Jul. 23, 2019

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>



Happy New Year, Seniors! Last year taught us love, it taught us patience, and it taught us pain, but now we're ready to say THANK U, NEXT and bring in 2019. It's the time of year when we can make a fresh start. **Come on down and share your New Year's Resolutions with us at the Guidance Office, and we'll give you snacks!**

We are back once again with your Senior newsletter full of important dates, resources, and tips to help you make the most of your last year of high school and to get you ready for graduation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop by the Guidance Office! As always, you can follow us on social media:



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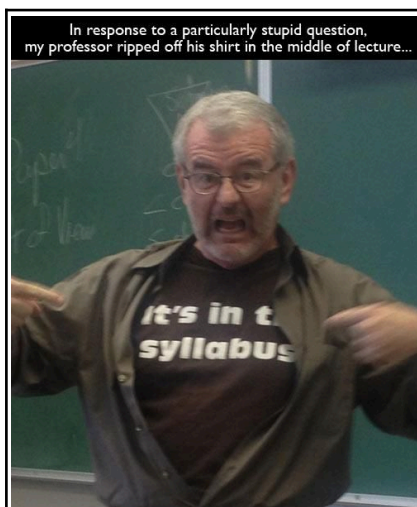


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Word of the Week



Syllabus

An outline of the important information about a course, which usually includes important dates, assignments, expectations and policies specific to that course. The accuracy, quality, and length of the syllabus may depend on how organized the professor is.

Pro-tip: You should save copies of all your syllabi, preferably in digital form. They're invaluable while you're taking the class, but you also never know when you need them later down the road! (As an example, you can ask Ms. Filio about the time an obscure syllabus from community college saved her from taking extra classes at university.)

WHS Events

- **Guidance Night:**
Wednesday, January 6,
6:30-8:30pm
- **MLK Day, No School:**
Monday, January 21
- **WHS Junior Future Planning Night:** Thursday,
February 7, 6-7:30pm

Guidance Night!

Come to Guidance Night for workshops to help everyone navigate the high school years! Sessions will discuss the following topics:

- Admissions 101
- College Admissions Testing
- Financial Aid 101
- Interviews 101
- Managing Stress in High School
- Preparing for Success: Study Skills for All Students
- Technology to Help You Succeed
- Understanding Disability Services at the College Level
- Understanding PSAT Results and Naviance
- Writing the College Essay

Important Financial Aid Links

- **FAFSA:** <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- **CSS Profile:** <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>
- **Selected scholarship search websites:**
 - <http://collegescholarships.org>
 - <http://www.collegescholarships.com>
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
 - <https://www.collegegreenlight.com>
 - <https://www.fastweb.com>
 - <https://www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search.aspx>
 - <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships>
 - <https://www.scholarships.com>
- **Scholarship Tips:** <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/scholarships>

What do YOU want to read in your senior newsletter?

Come down to guidance and let us know what information would be helpful!

Volunteering!

Make a difference!

Volunteering and community service opportunities will be posted here. Get your hours in!

Volunteering

- **Asperger/Autism Network** (Watertown): marketing, administrative, events, etc. [More info.](#)
- **Community Servings** (Jamaica Plain): help prepare meals and work special events. [More info.](#)
- **Cradles to Crayons** (Brighton): Volunteer at The Giving Factory Warehouse. [More info.](#)
- **Perkins School for the Blind:** Wide range of volunteer opportunities that involve both student interactions and non-student interactions. [More info.](#)
- **Watertown Boys & Girls Club:** Homework helper, coaching, front desk and administrative tasks, and event/fundraising help. [More info.](#)
- **Watertown Public Library:** volunteers needed; [apply online](#)
- **WCAC-TV:** high school sports announcers for WHS needed; contact Mr. Todd Robbins. [More info](#)

Scholarship Opportunities!

See Naviance for more information. You know you want that sweet college money!

- **Henry David Thoreau Scholarship:** \$20,000 tuition scholarship for Environmental Studies for MA high school seniors who are committed to safeguarding the environmental welfare of future generations. **Deadline to apply is February 1, 2019.** Apply at www.thoreauscholar.org
- **Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship:** \$30,000 tuition scholarship and a multi-faceted experience designed to not only address the financial needs of minority students who aspire to attend college but also to guide them through the process of higher education. **Deadline to apply is February 1, 2019.** Apply at <http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/>
- **Elsie Frank Scholarships:** offered to Massachusetts high school students who will enroll in a 2 to 4 year college or technical/vocational school in the 2019-2020 academic year who has demonstrated leadership in improving their school's climate for LGBTQ youth. All students are welcome to apply: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, or straight. **Deadline to apply is February 15, 2019.** Apply at <https://gbpflag.org/elsie-frank-scholarship/>
- **Red Pine Scholarship:** four-year renewable scholarship for low- to middle-income students in Massachusetts who have demonstrated academic excellence. **Deadline to apply is February 15, 2019.** Apply at <http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/red-pine-scholars-program>
- **Yawkey Foundation Scholarship:** up to \$25,000 four-year renewable scholarship for low-income students in Massachusetts who have engaged in a meaningful, sustained mentoring relationship through a program or with an adult role model. **Deadline to apply is February 15, 2019.** Apply at <http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program>
- **FLAG Flag Football Scholarship:** Up to \$5000 for a high school student (LGBTQ+ identity not required) who has made high school and/or community sports programs safer and more inclusive of LGBTQ student-athletes. **Deadline to apply is February 15, 2019.** Apply at flagflagfootball.com

Miscellaneous Opportunities!

Enrich your life!

Jobs, interesting events, internships, and other enrichment opportunities will be posted here. Stop by Guidance if you have any questions or need assistance with these events!

- **USA Gap Year Fairs:** learn more about gap year options and speak with gap year organizations, experts, and alumni. Three sessions available - Jan 12 in Boston, Jan 13 in Andover, Jan 14 in Brookline. For more information and to register, [click here](#).
- **Boston University Winter Visit Day:** Friday, February 22, 2019. For more information and to RSVP, [click here](#).

Senior Quote

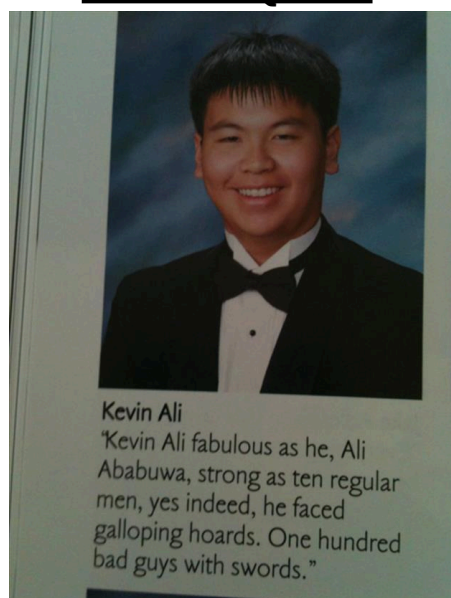


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<https://quotesgram.com/inspirational-senior-quotes-for-yearbooks/>

- **Seton Hall University Challenge:** Scholarship and award for students interested in addressing one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030.
Deadline to apply is March 3, 2019. Apply at www.shu.edu/go/UNchallenge
- **Rockland Trust Scholarship:** Ten scholarships of \$2500 each for students who live within the Rockland Trust's service area and falls in the top 50% of their graduating class. Awards will be based on academic, community service, and extracurricular achievement.
Deadline to apply is March 11, 2019. Apply at <https://www.rocklandtrust.com/about-us/explore/scholarships>
- **Cambridge Savings Bank Scholarships:** The Robert M. Wilson Music Scholarship is for graduating high school seniors moving on to post-secondary education with a focus on music. The Kevin J. Fitzgerald Scholarship is for deserving high school graduates attending college and pursuing any area of study. Scholarship amounts vary.
Deadline to apply is March 29, 2019. Please see Guidance for application procedures.
- **Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Scholarship:** Three scholarships of \$1000 each for students who have demonstrated altruistic services to the community. Requires a resume of community service and two recommendation letters confirming the service record.
Deadline to apply is April 1, 2019. Please see Guidance for application procedures.
- **Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship:** Renewable four-year scholarships to students with financial need who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others, and a consistent history of part-time work, grit and passion for overcoming obstacles and/or achieving future goals, and leadership qualities.
Deadline to apply is April 3 (Priority) or May 1 (Regular), 2019. Priority deadline is only available to students who have already received financial aid information from the school they are planning to attend. Apply at www.phillips-scholarship.org