# Preparing for your Senior Year!

Memorial High School

2021-2022

## Know who your Counselor is:

Ms. KapankeA-CMr. SambD-IMs. MossJ-MoMs. CorningMr-SnMs. HerbensonSo-Z



## Senior year to do list:

#### CHECK YOUR CREDITS!

If you are planning on attending a university or college, check the admission requirements - some schools require a 4<sup>th</sup> year of math.

#### SENIOR CONFERENCE!

You need to schedule in the fall a time to meet with your counselor. This is when we will go over grad requirements and assist with post HS questions.

It is <u>YOUR</u> responsibility to complete these tasks.

### **MHS Graduation Requirements**

- Every student must earn 23.5 credits to receive a Memorial High School diploma.
- Review your credits with your counselor to ensure you have not missed any requirements.

Senior Year Class Requirements:

English 12 or AP English = 1.0 credit

Econ or AP Econ = 0.5 credit

Psych or Sociology/AP Psychology = 0.5/1.0 credit

Minimum course load = 5.0 credits

## Advanced Placement Exams



### New test sign up in the fall.



Cost: \$95.00

Credits translated to UW-System: UWHELP.WISCONSIN.EDU

Test Dates and Information: apcentral.collegeboard.com <u>May 2-13</u>



Create an online account to retrieve scores

## UWEC Early College Credit Program

#### What is it and how can I get information about what classes I can take?

- Check out the UWEC course catalog. This includes a course list, pre-requisite information and information about how courses apply to degrees at UWEC. Find the catalog here: catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate
- High School students should focus on the 100 200 level entry courses.
- Students can also view course availability and schedule prior to being admitted by searching in CampS. Here is a link to instructions on how and where to search: <u>https://www.uwec.edu/kb/article/public-search-in-the-class-schedule/</u>

#### What is a pre-requisite?

• A pre-requisite (pre-req) is a requirement that must be met before taking a specific course. It is sometimes another course, placement test score or academic standing.

Additional information about application requirements and deadlines can be found on the other student page through UW-EC Other Student (uwec.edu) ACT a Second time? Summer dates

Test date: <u>July 17</u> Register by: <u>June 18</u>

## Important dates

- 8/1/2021 Students can start and submit applications online for fall semester 2022 at all 26 UW Campuses.
  - 10/31/2021 It is best practice to have all applications submitted prior to this date.



## **UW Admission Requirements**

### **Course preparation**

□ Core credits - need a total of 13 credits

English = 4 credits

Mathematics = 3 credits

Science = 3 credits

Social Science/History = 3 credits

Elective credits - need a total of 4 credits

□ Foreign Language - Minimum of 2 credits is required for admission to UW-Madison and Minnesota schools. Check your specific school for their requirements.

### ACT score

## **Application Process**

### □ Application fee

All UW campuses have suspended application fees for all undergraduate applicants effective December 11, 2020, for approximately the next two years. The following schools still have application fees:

UW-Eau Claire (\$25)

UW-La Crosse (\$25)

UW-Madison (\$60)

### □ Transcripts - Done through Parchment

□ ACT Scores - sent directly from ACT unless you coded in a school when you took the exam. SAT also accepted.

### Recommendation letters:

Most schools do NOT require them

UW -Madison DOES - 2 letters of recommendation



### **Campus Visits**

- Excellent opportunity to gain information about a school's educational programs, student life, and community.
- Take advantage of summer to take a tour. You don't want your first time on campus to be move in day!!

### Recommendation Letter Considerations

- Don't wait until the last minute! Give your person enough time to complete their letter.
- Show appreciation! It is extra work for staff members.
- Remember: It is not required to apply for all schools.



## Applying is Easy!



The UW system has an online application for all UW schools. Example: If you plan to apply to UW Stout, Eau Claire and LaCrosse, you'd use the UW system app.



Common App: This is an online application that is used for multiple private schools along with some larger competitive schools. Example: If you plan to apply to Harvard, USC, and UW Madison, you'd use the Common App

### Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC)



### Application process:

- An online application with a one time, non-refundable \$30 processing fee at the time of the application.
- □ High School diploma and ACT score
- □ Refer to the website for additional admission requirements for each program.
- Representative (Luke) will be here at Memorial in Student Services to help with questions.

www.cvtc.edu

### Post-Secondary representatives at MHS

Check the student services bulletin board for info! Questions to consider:

- What type of housing is available?
- How will my roommate be chosen?
- What is the average class size?
- What majors/programs do you offer?
- What is the average length of the program?
- When is your application deadline?
- When can I tour the campus?

## Xello (previously Career Cruising)

### Benefits of Xello:

- What will you find in Xello?
- Why explore Xello?

### Accessing Xello:

- Go to Memorial's homepage **ECASD | Home**
- Scroll down to Quick Links and click the Student Technology Resources tab
- Find Xello Student

### Types of Financial Aid

 Grants
 Scholarships
 Work study employment
 Federal Loans



## Financial Aid

- □ FAFSA- <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>
  - This is how you apply for loans, work study, grants etc.
  - Start with creating a pin number at <u>Create</u>
    <u>Account | Federal Student Aid</u>
  - Apply for aid in <u>October</u> of senior year.
- Check out FAFSA4caster
  - This site will help you understand your options for paying for college.
  - FAFSA4caster (Landing) FAFSA4Caster -Federal Student Aid
- Attend Financial Aid Night: Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm in the North Auditorium





Almost EVERYONE is eligible for some type of financial aid, but...

- YOU MUST APPLY TO FIND OUT!
  - And it 's free!
  - Never Pay to file the FAFSA!

You must file a new FAFSA every year that you will need aid in school.

## Scholarships

Scholarships are free money! Take advantage of as many as you can.

#### Where to find scholarship information?

- MHS homepage Student Services Scholarships & Financial Aid
- Paper Copies in Student Services (on back counter)
- Scholarship Board Near Student Services

#### Check out www.fastweb.com!

- Tips for Successful Scholarships Applications
- School Specific Scholarships

Red Flag: Do not pay to submit a scholarship application

## Additional Financial Aid Resources

- Local Resources:
  - UWEC Financial Aid Office 715-836-3373
  - CVTC Financial Aid Office 715-833-6252
- Wisconsin Educational Opportunity Program
  (608) 266-3390 (800) 441-4563
- Federal Student Aid Information Center 1-800-4-Fed-Aid (1-800-433-3243)
- Helpful websites for financial aid
  www.heab.state.wi.us/
  www.studentaid.ed.gov

## Internet Resources

MHS website - <u>www.memorial.ecasd.k12.wi.us</u> WisCareers - <u>www.wiscareers.wisc.edu</u> ACT - <u>www.actstudent.org</u> CollegeBoard - <u>www.collegeboard.com</u> FAFSA - <u>www.fafsa.gov</u> UW System - <u>www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu</u> WI Technical Colleges- <u>www.witechcolleges.org</u> WI Private Colleges- <u>www.waicu.org</u> UM - Twin Cities- <u>www.umn.edu</u> MN Colleges & Univ.- <u>www.mnscu.edu</u> MN Private Colleges- www.mnprivatecolleges.org



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

Stay safe and we will see you in the fall!