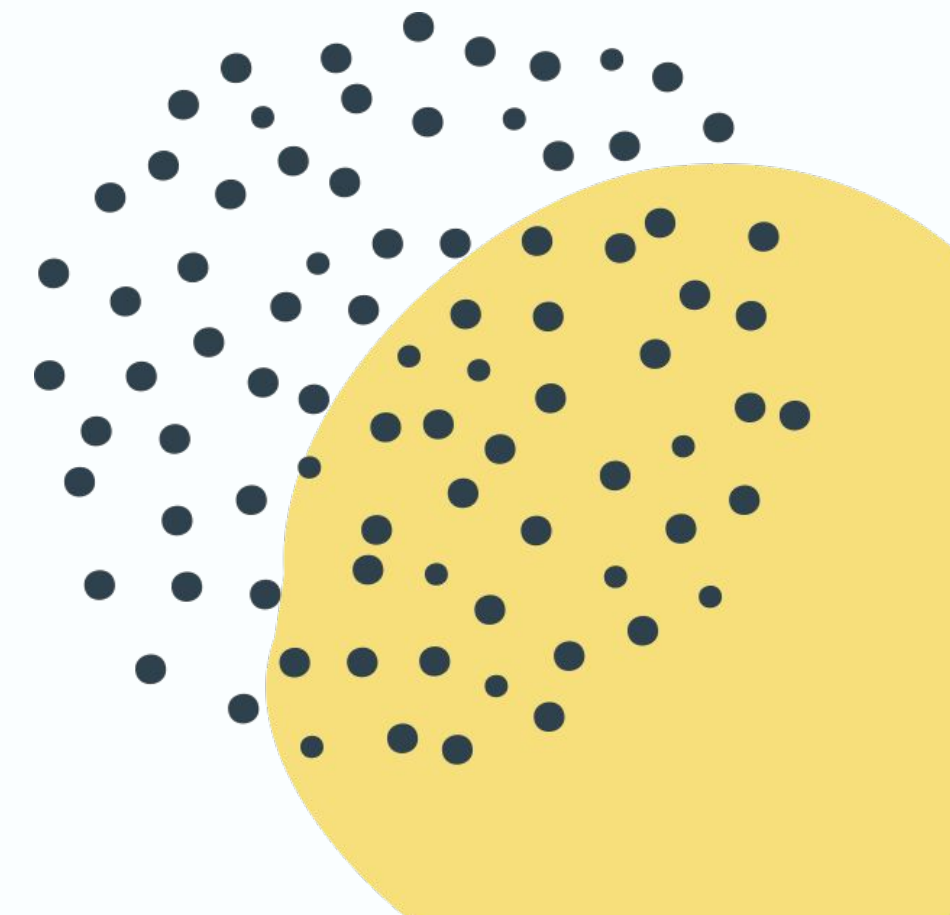


**Junior
Parent/Guardian
Night
Class of 2025**



Junior Class Officer Announcement

Junior Class Auction

What is our Goal?

Our goal is to raise \$50,000. Raising \$50,000 will make the Class of 2025 the most successful class in MHS history. With your help we know we can do this!

How can you help?

Donate auction times.

We are still in need of many items. Do you own a business? Can you provide a service? Do you have tickets to sports games? Will your favorite restaurant give you a donation? Do you have any connections with restaurants or hotels in Boston? Do you have a summer or winter home you might donate? Do you have airline miles you could donate? No item is too small. Please submit auction items by Friday, February 16th by filling out this Google form below.

Become a Class of 2025 Sponsor.

Our sponsorship site opened on February 1, 2024, and will run through February 29th. Families are encouraged to donate at any level. No donation is too small. **Our goal is to have 100% class participation.** If every family makes a donation, we can reach our goal. To become a sponsor us the QR code below

Bid on Auction Items

The Class of 2025 Junior Class Auction will be open from March 1 - March 10. We have already secured a number of fantastic auction items. Stay tuned for some sneak peeks!

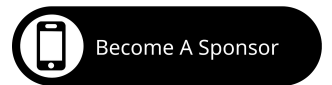
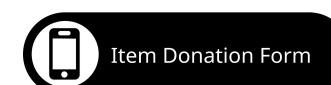
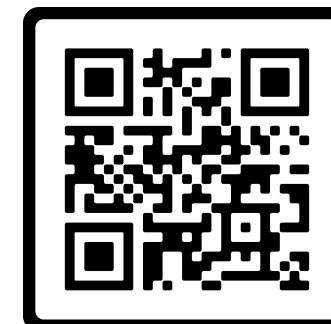
Join the Class of 2025 Junior Class Auction Facebook Group

Marblehead High School Class of 2025 Auction

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/758340196187094/>

Questions?

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School Counseling Department

Administrative Assistant

Agenda

- Post-secondary plans
- Upcoming events
- Organizing the process
- SAT/ACT
- Letters of recommendation
- Brag sheet
- College essay
- Admissions policies
- College visits
- Interviews
- College Rep Visits
- Additional Info
- Naviance



Post Secondary Plans

- College
 - 2-year and 4-year
- Technical/Vocational schools
- Gap year
- Employment
- Military
- Post-graduate year



All students should set up a meeting with their school counselor

Upcoming Events

- **Junior Seminar 1**
 - MHS college process
- **Junior Seminar 2**
 - Exploring Naviance and reviewing transcripts
- **Junior Parent / Guardian Night**
 - Thursday, February 8th, 6pm - MHS
- **MHS College Admissions Panel - in school field trip for all juniors**
 - Wednesday, April 10th, Magic Block
 - *UMass Amherst / Syracuse University / Boston University / Quinnipiac University / Union College*



All seminars take place during MAGIC block with school counselors

Upcoming Events Continued

VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR

via NACAC

- Feb 18 | 1-6pm
- Mar 24 | 1-6pm
- Apr 21 | 1-6pm

IN-PERSON COLLEGE FAIR

@ Boston Convention Center

- May 2 | 9-12pm
- May 2 | 6-8:30pm
- May 3 | 9-12pm



NACAC COLLEGE FAIR
REGISTRATION PAGE

Senior Events

Fall 2024

- Senior Parent/Guardian Night
- Financial Aid Night
- Senior Seminars

Fall/Winter 2024

- College visits

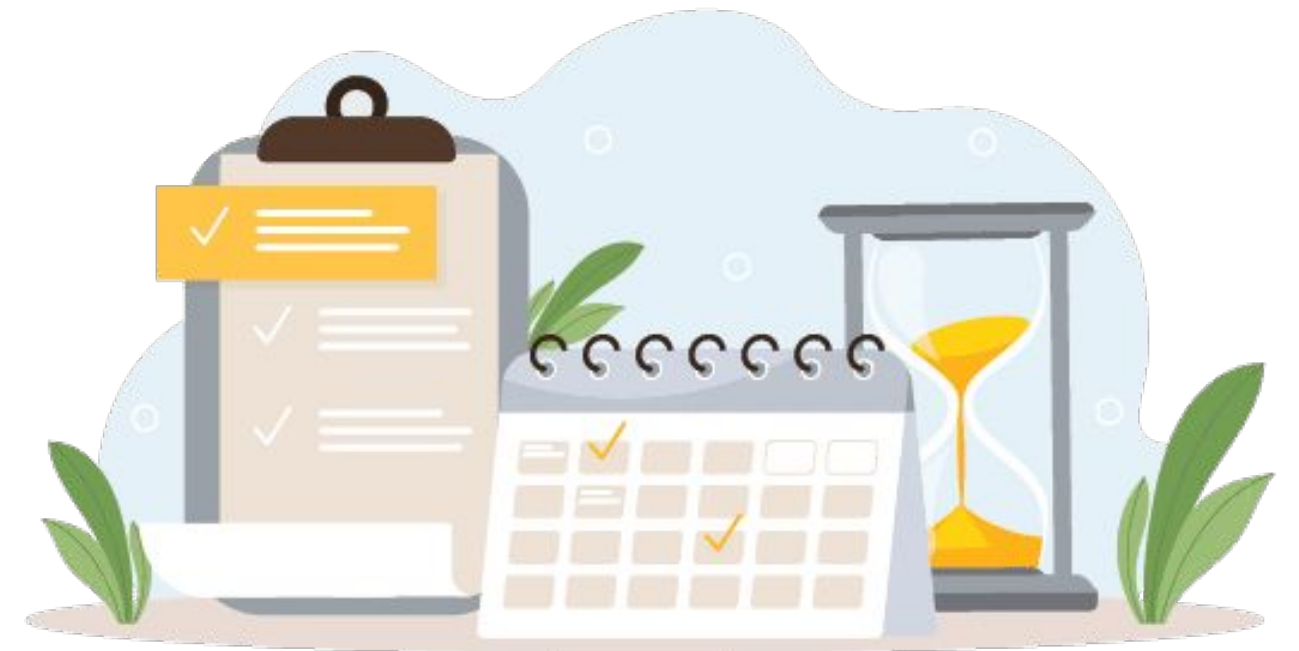
Spring 2025

- Scholarship Presentation



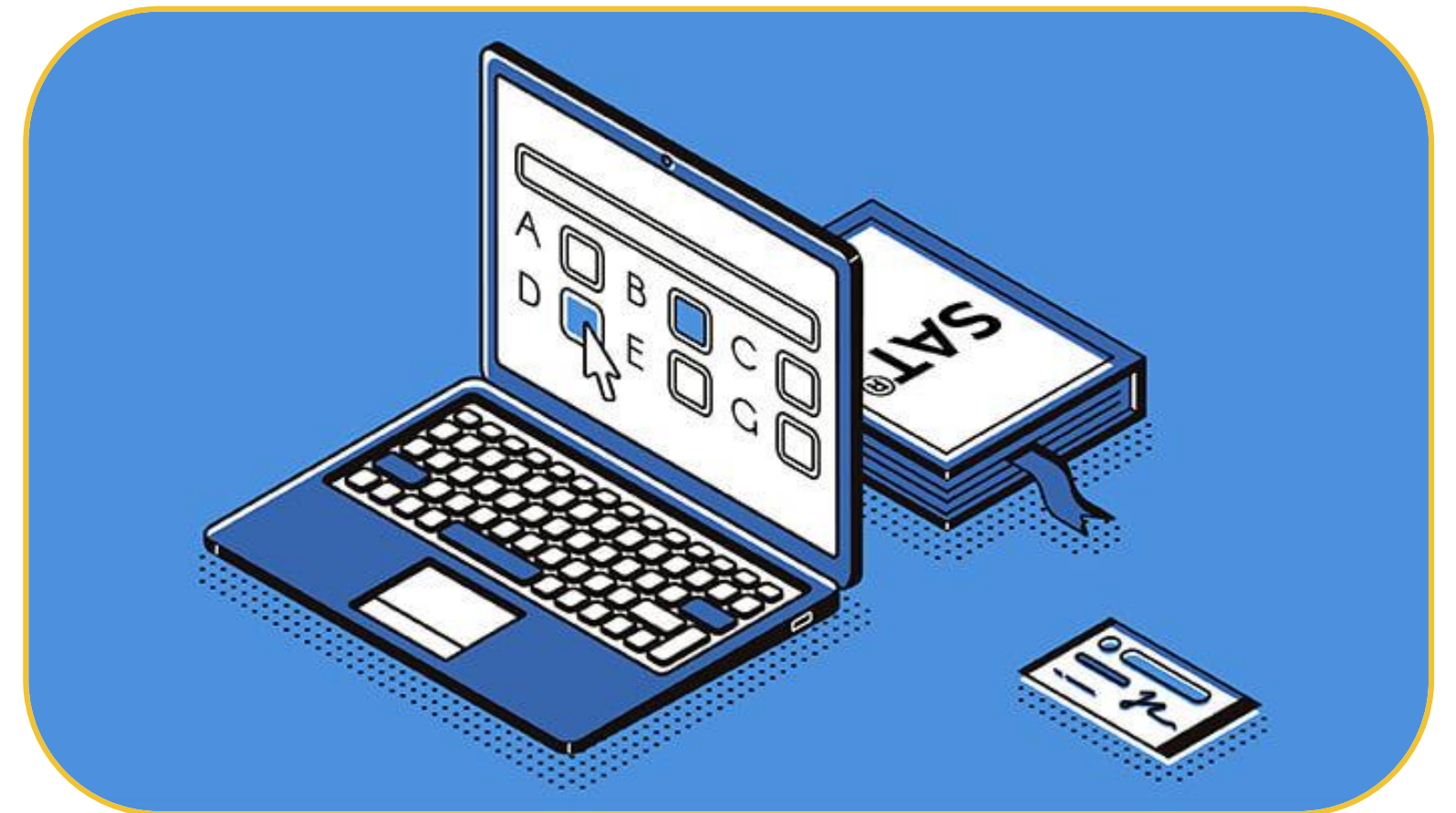
Organizing the Process

- Start early!
- Taking Ownership of the College Process
- Review our junior checklist
- Manage your time
 - Find a system that works for you
- Track application and financial aid deadlines
- Know application requirements for each college
 - Auditions, portfolios, interviews, testing, etc.
- Process is designed for all junior and senior students to do independently



SAT Info

- **Register at www.sat.org/register**
 - All tests are digital format
- **Test length and scoring**
 - Test used to determine college readiness
 - Evidence-Based Reading & Math
 - Score is out of 1600
 - 800 for Math & 800 for EBR
 - Test length is 3 hours
- **Students responsible for submitting scores**
 - Most colleges superscore
 - Consider the top score for each section
 - Required to submit full scores



Free test prep at Khan Academy
www.khanacademy.org

ACT Info

- **Register at www.actstudent.org**
 - Available in digital or paper and pencil format
 - Colleges will accept either SAT or ACT
- **Students are responsible for submitting scores**
 - Some schools will superscore but not all
- **Test Length and Scoring**
 - Math, Reading, English, Science
 - Essay portion is optional
 - 3 hours and 35 minutes
 - (including essay portion - 40 minutes)
 - Scoring based on scale from 1-36



Test Day Reminders

Preparing for test day: SAT guidelines [here](#)

- *On test day, students must bring:*
 - Compatible / fully charged testing device
 - Charging cord
 - Admission ticket
 - Photo ID
 - Pencils
 - Calculator (or use the one in Bluebook)
 - Water / snack

Preparing for test day: ACT guidelines [here](#)

- *On test day, students must bring*
 - Admission ticket
 - Photo ID
 - Pencils
 - Calculator
 - Water / snack



SAT Dates

March 9 | registration deadline February 23

May 4 | registration deadline April 19

June 1 | registration deadline May 21



ACT Dates

April 13 | registration deadline March 8

June 8 | registration deadline May 3

July 13 | registration deadline June 7



[SAT/ACT Concordance Chart Information](#)

Test Optional

- Check college requirements
- Test optional vs. test blind
- Test optional college - check each major
- Sending scores vs. not sending scores
- Visit www.fairtest.org for more info



It's better to have scores and not need them than to not test

Letters of Recommendation

Teacher Recommendations

- All recommendations are confidential
- Pick a teacher from a major subject area from junior year (i.e. Math, English, Science, History or World Language)
- Ask teacher prior to filling out the Google Form
 - **Forms due May 10th**
 - Google Form – Primary Teacher
 - **Available on Friday, February 9**
 - Blue Paper Form – Secondary Teacher, if required
 - Follow up with Ms. Benman for secondary form
- Update teachers with application deadlines in the fall



Letters of Recommendation

School Counselor Recommendation

- School counselors write letters for each student
- Be sure to update the brag sheet in the fall

Outside recommendations

- Invite recommender through Common App
- Each college has a limit on how many they'll accept



Student Information/Brag Sheet

- Class of 2025 Available on Google Classroom
 - **Due by May 10th**
- Update over the summer
- Spend time working on it
- Counselor uses it to write students' recommendations



College Essay

- Common App essay prompts are available online at www.commonapp.org
 - Updated prompts available in the spring
- Many colleges will require additional supplemental essays/short answer questions
- Non-Common App schools may have different essay prompts
- Students should work on their college essay over the summer



MAKE IT YOUR OWN!

Admission Policies

- **Early Decision** Limited to applying to one school ED and EDII
Binding Agreement - Required to attend if accepted
- **Early Action** Can apply to as many schools through EA
Non-Binding agreement
Early application review and early notification
- **Restrictive Early Action** Non-binding
College specific, very few schools have this option
Students may only apply to one college REA
Can't apply ED elsewhere, check college requirements
Can usually apply EA to public schools

Admission Policies

- **Regular Decision** Apply by standard application deadline
Allows more time to prepare application
Usually notified by mid-April
- **Rolling Admissions** Applications reviewed as they come in
Decision issued as soon as application is processed
Submit sooner rather than later

College Visits

- Register on college websites
- Attend informational sessions and tours
- It is helpful to visit colleges while in session
- Speak with students about their experience
- See College Visit Questions handout on School Counseling website
- Attend In-Person & Virtual College Fairs
 - Keep your camera on
 - Be prepared to ask questions
- Students are allowed 4 absences/year to attend college or postsecondary visit



Interviews

- Types of interviews:
 - Informational
 - Evaluative
 - Alumni
- Dress professionally
- Make eye contact
- Always send a thank you note



Additional Information

- NCAA
 - Create account if interested in playing college athletics
- IEP/504 Plan
- Financial Aid
 - FAFSA / CSS Profile
 - Fall 2024 Financial Aid presentation
- Senior Seminars
 - Application Process
 - Common Application



Naviance

- Web-based tool used to research colleges and develop lists
 - Students apply to approximately 8 - 12 colleges
 - 2 safeties / 4 - 8 probables / 2-3 reaches
- GPA updated & uploaded to Naviance mid-year & end of year
- GPA updated *every quarter* senior year
- Primary parents/guardians will receive email with instructions to create parent/guardian Naviance account