

# HAMMOND

## College Counseling Senior Bulletin August 2007

1. If you have not already done so, call the **Office of College Counseling** and speak to Ms. Sylvia Easler (Registrar) to schedule an appointment to meet with Mrs. Bickley. One or both of your parents should plan to attend with you. You must bring your copy of the *College Information Guide* you received last semester during your first family meeting with Mrs. Bickley and your resume.
2. If you are planning to apply *Early Decision*, *Early Action*, or *Early Notification*, you must let Mrs. Bickley know by the end of August.
3. It is your responsibility to check SAT II requirements for each college to which you are applying. Register for SAT II's as needed.
4. Seniors should plan to take the SAT on October 6. Registration deadline is September 10. Hammond's school code is **410533**. You *must* enter this code for Hammond to receive your scores.
5. Your first college application is due by October 1. See page 107 in your *College Information Guide* for other deadlines.

*Please note: Applications must be submitted to the Office of College Counseling at least two weeks prior to postmark deadlines specified by colleges or scholarship committees. The office will be unable to accommodate last minute applications. Such requests can result in costly errors. We are not willing to take that risk. College applications are a serious business.*

6. Make use of the websites provided in your **College Information Guide** to explore scholarship opportunities. You will also want to call individual college/university financial aid offices and inquire about institutional scholarships. Check college/university websites as well. Additional scholarships are posted on the **Hammond School College Counseling website** as they come to our attention. Check the site often.
7. Plan to visit colleges during the fall if you have not already done so. You are responsible for making arrangements with your teachers **prior to your trip** and will be held responsible for any work missed.
8. College representatives will begin visiting campus soon. Use these visits as a means to explore college options and to develop relationships with admission reps. Check the **Hammond School College Counseling website** for upcoming visits. Visits are posted as soon as the appointment is made.

*If you plan to attend one of these sessions, you must first get permission from your classroom teacher and are responsible for any missed work.*

9. Words to the Wise:
  - Make a habit of checking the **Daily Announcements** and the **College Counseling website** for important information from the College Counseling Office.
  - Regularly check the **College Board** outside the College Counseling Office.
  - Make use of your **College Information Guide** as you move through application season.

- Deadlines are real in the college admissions process. Start early. Finish early.
- Prepare in advance for the October SAT...It's an important one.