

Class of '25 C&CC Newsletter

An excited "hello!" from Mrs. Erikson, K002

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Important Information for the Class of 2025

FHS Jumpstart for Juniors Night - Save the Date! (11/30)

The School Counseling Department will be hosting "Jumpstart for Juniors" night on 11/30 at 6:30PM in the FHS Auditorium. No pre-registration necessary, and come one, come all! Translation will be available in Spanish and Portuguese.

We will be discussing the timeline for junior and senior year, the four-year college process, and other pathways such as gap years, trade/vocational programs, military opportunities, and more. There will also be a panel of college representatives to do a very special Q&A from:

- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Boston College
- Framingham State University
- Merrimack College
- Mass Bay Community College

We hope to see you there!



Postsecondary Resources

RESEARCHING COLLEGES + POSTSECONDARY RESOURCES

Ms. Erikson has created Canvas pages to help you explore information and resources related to the college search + application process and answer commonly asked questions. Check them out below:

- [The College Search](#)
- [The College Application Process](#)
- [Mass Bay / community college](#)
- [Standardized Testing](#)
- [Military](#)
- [Alternative Pathways](#) --> e.g. gap years; trade/apprenticeship programs; internships



Upcoming College Fairs

Attending a college fair will allow you to see just how many different types of colleges and universities are out there! Exploring one place with lots of different schools in attendance will help you build and narrow down your college list.

▶ Early Decision

Students can pick a single school to apply to, under a binding agreement – if they are admitted, they must attend.

Early Decision I

This is the main attempt for students to apply ED to a given school – and usually has the most advantage for students in terms of admit rates.

Early Decision II

For students who aren't admitted in the first ED wave, some schools offer another round – there isn't usually as much advantage in admit rates here, but still better than regular admission.

Typical deadline: **November 1st**

Typical decision release: **December 15th**

▶ Early Action

Students apply earlier in the timeline. They aren't bound to enroll if they're admitted.

Regular Early Action

Students apply earlier in the cycle, to as many schools as they'd like. There's a slight advantage to admit rate, and students also get the benefit of learning the decisions earlier in the process.

Single-Choice Early Action

Students apply earlier in the cycle, but for these schools, they are only allowed to apply to a single school. There's a slight advantage to admit rate.

Typical deadline: **November 1st**

Typical decision release: **December 15th**

▶ Regular Decision

Students apply to as many schools as they'd like, and are not bound to enroll if they are offered admission.

Typical deadline:

January 1st

Typical decision release:

April 1st

Standardized Testing Info & Resources

Understanding the New Digital SAT and PSAT Webinar on 12/6/23



Understanding the New Digital SAT and PSAT- In this comprehensive talk, our presenter will cover both the broad strokes of the test's changes as well as specific nuances that are critical for parents and students alike. This is the most significant change in standardized testing in over ten years, and every family looking to apply to college in the coming years will benefit from our clear explanation and insights into maximizing scores.

Understanding the New Digital SAT and PSAT: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 | 7:00 – 8:00 pm ET | Live Online: Register here: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/673/>



Framingham- Understanding DSAT Flyer.pdf

 [Download](#)

474.2 KB

Be sure to look at Ms. Erikson's '[Standardized Testing](#)' Canvas page for detailed information on the following:

- SAT + ACT registration instructions
- SAT + ACT study resources
- Fee waiver information
- Testing accommodations
- TOEFL registration

Do you have free/reduced lunch and/or receive any financial assistance? If so, you qualify for a SAT fee waiver! A fee waiver covers the cost of up to two SAT tests and three SAT Subject Tests. It will also cover submitting college applications through the Common Application. If you need an SAT or ACT fee waiver please contact school counselor.

TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS: Test optional means that a school does not require SAT or ACT scores as a part of your application. Over 1,000 colleges and universities are test optional. Find a complete list at www.fairtest.org!

THE TOEFL EXAM: The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is a standardized test that measures English language ability for non-native speakers who plan to enroll in an English speaking college. The test evaluates listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills in relationship to academic tasks. Test costs range between \$150-\$225. Unfortunately, no financial aid is offered for the TOEFL test. Fee-based and free prep materials can be found on the [TOEFL website](#), on [Canvas](#), or in the College & Career Center (K007). To register and see test dates/locations visit www.toefl.org.

Upcoming 2023 Weekend SAT Dates

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Deadlines
August 26, 2023	Register by July 28	August 15
October 7, 2023	Register by September 7	September 26
November 4, 2023	Register by October 5	October 24
December 2, 2023	Register by November 2	November 21

Work Permits

- 1) Take a form from your house/academy or access work permits online using the QR code below
- 2) Your employer should fill out the "Promise of Employment" Section
- 3) On page two, you can skip the "Physician's Certificate of Health" section if you are older than 15. If not, your doctor must fill it out.
- 4) Your parents/guardians need to fill out/sign #4
- 5) You sign #5
- 6) When all that is filled out, **please hand it in to your house/academy office assistant - please include your hair and eye color**

- English: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/youth-employment-permit-application/download>
- Español: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/youth-employment-permit-application-spanishspanol/download>
- Português: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/youth-employment-permit-portuguese/download>

ENGLISH



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Other Upcoming Events

#RealTalk Series for Black Students & their Families

Real Talk, our virtual event series for Black students and their parents, is back! We're kicking off the season with two nights to help students decide whether an HBCU (Historically Black College and University) or PWI (Predominantly White Institution) is right for them.

#RealTalkTuesdays will continue on the first two Tuesdays of the month through the end of the year, so mark your calendars:



- **Tuesday, November 7, 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT**

POV: Being Black in Gaming: In celebration of the inaugural BigFuture® Gaming Week, this special Real Talk career event will connect students and their families with Black trailblazers in the gaming industry. Students will learn how they can turn their love of video games into the career of their dreams!

- **Tuesday, November 14, 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT**

POV: Being Black in Professional Sports: This week we're connecting students and their families with Black professionals in the sports industry to hear how they transformed their passion for sports into a full-time career.

- **Tuesday, December 5, 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT**

How I Won a \$40,000 BigFuture Scholarship! BigFuture Scholarship winners and their families talk about how winning has affected their lives. Students learn what they need to do to make sure they have the same chance to be awarded \$40,000!

- **Tuesday, December 12, 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT**

Let's Talk \$\$\$: Filling Out the FAFSA®: Our trusted financial aid and scholarship experts will demystify how to fill out the new FAFSA, find scholarships, and minimize debt while students are getting their degree.

Discover Gap Years! Webinar - Hosted by Wellesley Free Library, 11/9 @ 7pm

[Gap Year Solutions](#) will be presenting a free webinar for students, families, counselors and anyone else interested in **learning more about Gap Years on Thursday November 9**. We will cover benefits and

**Gap Year
Solutions**

misconceptions, how Gap Years can work on any budget, ways to structure a Gap Year, and how Gap Year planning relates to the college application process. We will give an update on how Gap Years in Israel have been affected by recent events in the Middle East, other recent trends, and answer all your questions.

- **Topic: Discover Gap Years!**
- **Date: November 9, 2023**
- **Time: 7:00pm ET**
- **Host: Wellesley Free Library, Wellesley, MA**
- **Registration: click [here](#)**

Our presenter, Katherine Stievater, is an accredited Gap Year consultant and a professional member of the Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA). She speaks regularly at high school, libraries, fairs and other events across the country to help increase awareness of Gap Years.

HBCU Festival (11/17-11/18)

Welcome to the 2023 Annual HBCU (Historically Black College & University) Festival!

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for our [21st Annual HBCU Festival](#). *Please note, each attendee must pre-register and have their own ticket (QR code) to enter the festival.* The festival will be held November 17-18, 2023 in a hybrid format.

- Virtual: November 17th from 4-8pm and November 18th from 9am-4pm
 - In-person: Saturday, November 18th from 9am-4pm
- LOCATION: The St. James Sports Complex, [6805 Industrial Road, Springfield, VA 22151](#)



Festival benefits include:

- All accredited HBCUs invited to participate
- On-the-spot admissions decisions (virtual and onsite)
- Instrumental and vocal music auditions (virtual and onsite)
- Seminars on preparing for the college admissions process, financial aid and scholarships, and student life
- Essay/personal statement writing assistance and interview coaching
- Student prizes and giveaways

Additional details can be found online at <https://hbcufest.alfredstreet.org/e/hbcu-fest>

Youth in Philanthropy

Looking for an exciting way to build leadership skills and engage with future leaders? **Youth in Philanthropy (YIP)** might be just the for you! YIP is a free experiential leadership development program for High School students living or learning in the MetroWest region, and is designed to empower and educate local youth to become our community's next generation of philanthropists. They are accepting [applications](#) for fall and spring cohorts.

2023/2024 School Year Priority Deadlines:



- October 31, 2023 for Spring 2024 Programs (YIP Sudbury and YIP Wellesley) with rolling admissions following, based on capacity.

*Let's
Connect!*

Want to get in touch with me?

Mrs. Erikson, College & Career Counselor, K002
Monday - Friday | 7:00am-2:15pm

Should a parent/guardian wish to meet with me, I am available by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling/emailing the phone number and email below.

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