Landmark High School will be hosting the second annual Post-Secondary Fair, March 26, 2020.

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 p.m.
**Location:** Alice Ansara Athletic Center, 447 Hale Street, Prides Crossing, MA

Last year’s fair was a huge success and we are already hearing from people who are interested in attending this year’s fair. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to meet with representatives and learn more about the various programs and secondary schools that will be available to them at the fair.

**Senior News**
We hope you had a great break and are ready to finish your senior year strong. Please take a moment to review the following important reminders.

**College Applications**
If you have not yet submitted all your applications, now is the time to focus on finishing the last few applications.

Once you have submitted your applications, be sure to check your emails for important information from the schools. Some schools will send you an applicant portal. Be sure to set these up and check them.

As you hear from schools, please let guidance know whether you have been accepted, waitlisted, or denied. Remember, each school has a different timeline. Some schools will let you
know as they decide and some schools will wait until the spring to let everyone know at the same time. If you have not heard from one of the schools, it is NOT a reason to worry.

**What does it mean to be deferred?** Students who have applied Early Decision or Early Action may hear back that they have been “deferred”. This means the schools are not ready to make a decision on your application and will move you to the regular decision pool. You can continue to update the school with your grades and accomplishments as they review your application.

**What does waitlisted mean?** Waitlisted means the school will accept you if a spot becomes available in the freshman class. If you are offered a spot on the waitlist for a school, you need to respond to the school and let the school know if you want to be put on the list. We can help you with this!

**Senior Trip to North Shore Community College.** The Guidance Office is taking a trip to NSCC on February 25. Students will be able to complete the Accuplacer Test during that time. We will also take a tour of the campus which will include a visit to the student support office. Any senior who is interested in attending should let their Guidance Counselor know.

**Scholarships**
You can begin researching and applying for scholarships. Students looking to search for scholarships should use the scholarship search tool on your Pathway account or College Board. If you have questions, ask your Guidance Counselor.

**National Decision Day is May 1.**
Now that you have applied, it is time to start thinking about your final decision. Here are some steps you can take to help during this process.

• Contact the Disability Services/Support Office and submit your testing. Get a clear idea of the accommodations each school will grant you.

• Plan to attend the accepted student events at your top schools.

• Get in contact with any Landmark alumni that attend schools you are considering.

• Compare financial aid packages. If you like a school that did not offer you as much, call the school and talk to them about the situation.

**Other Tasks for Seniors. Due before March Break.**
**Diplomas...** Decide with your family **exactly** how you would like your name to appear on the diploma. You must complete the diploma form prior to March Break!
Stop in and order your **cap and gown.** Be sure you bring in a **check made payable to Landmark School for $18.75** to cover the cost of your cap and gown.

**Junior News**
It is time to start meeting with your Guidance counselor. Your Guidance counselor will email you to set up a meeting in the next couple of weeks.
ACT
Juniors should remember that if they signed up to take ACTs, they will be given **Feb. 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. - noon each day.**

• Breakfast will be served in the dining room starting at 7 each day of testing.
• Students should report to the Alexander Library by 7:45 am for testing.
• Bring calculators and pencils.

SAT
Juniors wanting to take the SAT in May can sign up with their Guidance Counselor before March break. The SAT will be given on **May 2 and 3.**

Junior Workshops
Juniors will be participating in the following workshops this winter.

**January 22 - What are my options?**
This workshop will explore the range of post-secondary options and give you an idea of what each option entails. This workshop will be held during tutorial class time.

**February 19 - How much Support?**
We will examine the differences between high school and post-secondary education and will look at the types and level of support offered in post-secondary education. This workshop will be offered during each period of the class day. You will be invited to come with your tutor or teacher.

Juniors will also have the opportunity to sign up for some optional workshops this winter and spring. Juniors should watch the homeroom announcements and check their school email for sign up instructions.

**February 27 (period 2) - The College Tour**
This workshop will look at how to set up a college tour, what to expect and how to evaluate schools. If you are planning to visit schools in March, this workshop is for you! Students interested in this workshop must sign up with their guidance counselor.

**Sophomore News**
**Pathway Account**
Have you logged onto your MEFA Pathway account? If not, log on and make sure your profile is updated.

**Summer Plans**
It is not too early to start thinking about summer. The Guidance Office has a file of summer opportunities. All students are welcome to come by and explore the information we have on file.
Freshman News
Career Exploration
The freshman Career Day will be Saturday, April 4 (Saturday School). There will be many professionals in attendance. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about different careers and other people’s paths. Stay tuned for a detailed list of professions that will be represented.

Use your Pathway portal to explore different careers and to add various careers to your list.

Important Links

MEFA Pathway
https://www.mefapathway.org/
College Board
https://www.collegeboard.org/
Common Application
https://www.commonapp.org/
MEFA
http://www.mefa.org/
Landmark Guidance Website
http://www.landmarkschool.org/academics/high-school/guidance

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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