



Office of Transition and Guidance
Summer Newsletter
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Rising Senior News

Summer is a good time to research and reflect on postsecondary options and plans. There are some specific activities that will help students and parents be better prepared for the fall:

College Visits: Summer can be a less hectic time to visit schools, particularly if your schedule will be tight in the fall. If you visit, be sure to talk with *both* the admissions office and the disability support office at the school. A [list of questions](#) to ask can be found on [the Guidance page of the Landmark website!](#)

Review the list: Your student has developed a list of programs and schools and has researched programs. The current list is in your student's Guidance Folder in Drive. Be sure to review this list with your student, examine the websites and discuss the options with your student. Be sure to include your own ideas and suggestions. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas!



Think about testing:

ACT and SAT testing: Seniors will have the opportunity to take both the ACT and/or the SAT in the fall. Test dates are:

ACT: September 21 and 22**

SAT: October 5 and 6

SATII/ Subject Tests: November 2

****Important Note:** Students planning to take the [ACT MUST log onto their ACT account over the summer and register.](#) We can provide detailed instructions. Students should be sure to sign up for **SPECIAL TESTING**. Registration for the September test will open in [early July](#) and the deadline is [August 16, 2019](#)

Updated Evaluations: Parents are reminded that students will need an updated psycho-education evaluation that includes both cognitive (WAIS/Weschler **Adult** Intelligence Scale) and achievement testing prior to attending college. Students applying to school with comprehensive support will often need the updated report at time of application. Summer can be a great time to complete this testing. Parents who plan to have the testing completed by [Dr. Anne Bellefeuille](#) can find the forms on the [Guidance page of the Landmark School](#) website.

Thinking about test prep? Many students have created [Kahn Academy](#) accounts and have linked them to their College Board accounts. Once these accounts are linked, Kahn Academy will provide individualized review based on the results of the previous SAT. Students are encouraged to spend time on Kahn Academy over the summer!

Landmark will again work with Kathy Ells, of [Successful Solutions](#) to offer an SAT Prep class in the evenings in the fall for any interested senior. Information and registration forms will be sent to parents of rising seniors in the near future.

Recommendations: Students who plan to seek a recommendation from someone outside of Landmark, such as a summer employer or family friend, are reminded to collect these over the summer. It is best to have these emails to the student's Guidance Counselor.

Resume updates: Students should keep track of any additional work, activities or awards over the summer so that they can update their resume.

Common Application Essay: The Common Application has released the [essay prompts](#) for the 2019-2020 application season. Many students have a draft of the essay. Summer can be a good time to think about the essay and get feedback from others.



Underclassmen

Use the summer to take advantage of new opportunities and to expand your horizons:

- Volunteer in your community
- Travel and try something new
- Work a summer job
- Keep up with your reading; it is the best way to improve your vocabulary and writing
- Open a Kahn Academy account and do test preparation

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>

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