

## SENIOR NEWS 2016-2017

### 1. COLLEGE ONLINE APPLICATIONS

You can find most applications on the college websites, usually the college name.edu (example: [www.delta.edu](http://www.delta.edu) or [www.cmich.edu](http://www.cmich.edu)). **You must request a transcript on PARCHMENT every time you apply to a college or university.**

### 2. DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCHOLARSHIPS

**Listen to our daily announcements** and visit the Garber site [www.e-hps.net](http://www.e-hps.net) to view the announcements. A variety of scholarships are announced throughout the school year. They are also posted on a bulletin board in the Counseling hallway next to Ms. Reynold's office. Check out our local [www.bayfoundation.org](http://www.bayfoundation.org) scholarships. Also, [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) & [www.connectedu.net](http://www.connectedu.net) are excellent sites to register on. **Plug In!!!**

### 3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Many scholarships and some college applications require letters of recommendation. Please give your **resume** or "**list of activities**" to the person(s) you asked to write your letter. Be sure you ask at least one week prior to the deadline. Ask yourself, what people at Garber know me best?

### 4. SAT

If you did not score well and wish to retake it for college admissions, register online at [www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.sat/register/online](http://www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.sat/register/online). Be sure to include our school code **231-375** so we get your results. (**Michigan Competitive Scholarship** = 1200+ SAT but is based strictly on Financial Need)

### 5. FINANCIAL AID

You can file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) beginning **October 1, 2016** for 2017-2018 school year. Parents will use income information from **2015**. Check out the website NOW for directions to get a PARENT & STUDENT "FSA ID" to complete the process @ [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). **Garber will host a Financial Aid Night for students & parents on Thur. Nov. 17, 6:00-7:30 pm – Tech Hall.** A good site to estimate college costs is the EFC Calculator at [www.finaid.org/calculators](http://www.finaid.org/calculators).

### 6. COLLEGE VISITS TO GARBER

Area colleges & universities visit Garber. **Listen and read the announcements for the dates & times. You must sign up in advance with Ms. K (Krzyminski) in Counseling.**

<b>ALBION</b>	Wed	Sept 28	8:45	<b>SVSU</b>	Fri	Oct 7	9:00	
<b>MI TECH</b>	Thur	Sept 29	1:30	<b>LSSU</b>	Fri	Oct 7	12:30	
<b>U of M</b>	Ann Arbor	Wed	Oct 5	10:15	<b>CMU</b>	Mon	Oct 10	???
<b>ALMA</b>	Thurs	Oct 6	10:15	S				
<b>College Night @ Standish-Sterling HS</b>								
Tues Oct 6 6:00-7:30pm in gym								

7. **CAMPUS VISITS**

If you plan to attend a college/university, you should have visited the campus. We will excuse two campus visits if you complete our **(blue form) "School Related Pre-Arrange Absence Form" in advance**. These are located in the front office. You are required to bring back a signed document of your visit from the college.

8. **WHAT COLLEGES EXPECT**

Colleges see your entire high school transcript, including senior year 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades. They expect you to maintain previous levels of success and complete the courses you are enrolled in. You need to maintain a challenging course load and not slack off during your 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. (In other words, dropping a challenging course is a "red flag" for a college admissions representative.)

9. **NCAA** – [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) or [www.2points3.org](http://www.2points3.org)

High School Hot Line 877-622-2321 See your counselor for details

10. **ORDERING TRANSCRIPTS ON PARCHMENT – (SEE ATTACHED FOR DIRECTIONS)**

You should have registered on Parchment as a junior. IF YOU ARE A NEW ENROLLED SENIOR see Ms. Krzyminski to register.

Every time you apply online to a college/university you **MUST** submit a **request for a transcript on Parchment**. There are 2 main times you will be requesting transcripts:

**1.** Beginning of Sr. year when you apply to any college/university you wish to attend. You should select **SEND NOW**.

**2.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> time you request is **MANDATORY** for the college/university to receive your final high school transcript, (which includes sr. year 2<sup>nd</sup> semester final grades). You can make this request anytime during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

**You MUST select: HOLD FOR GRADES**. This allows your "final transcript" to be sent to the school you committed to at the end of Garber's school year.

See Ms. Krzyminski if you have questions or need further assistance on Parchment. Current students for this year will receive unlimited electronic transcript requests at no charge until Aug. 1, after graduation. After Aug. 1, you will be charged per transcript.

# THE DELTA DIFFERENCE

1. **Apply on-line** at [www.delta.edu](http://www.delta.edu) before holiday break in December.
2. **Transcript** must be requested & sent through **Parchment**.
3. **ACCUPLACER TEST**
  - a. Measures English & Math skills
  - b. To be exempt, must have **SAT Scores EBRW - 480+ Math - 530+**  
Testing Center – call 686-9182 for details, FREE, 3 Hours in length.
  - c. Practice tests @ [www.acuplacer.collegeboard.org/students](http://www.acuplacer.collegeboard.org/students)
  - d. **ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION** – In person at Delta or online