

2021 Class of 2021

We'll be sharing information with the class of 2021 and their families through newsletters like these in addition to the regular updates that Mr. Esker, the senior counselor, shares with our families via e-mail. If you're not receiving those, please send him an e-mail at Sean.Esker@stpsb.org and ask to be added to the distribution list. Our information that would normally have been shared on Senior Parent Night is available at http://mandevillehigh.stpsb.org/docs/Senior_parent_info_100820.pdf for your reference.

- Mrs. Dean has a Google Classroom page for the Class of 2021 Classroom. The code that's needed to join for students is hsae6k2
- Nominations for class song and motto will be held next week and will be submitted through the form on classroom.
- The FAFSA for the class of 2021 became available on October 1st. Students may now complete their FAFSA for college attendance in the 2021-2022 school year. They will need an FSA ID (create one at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>) and parents/guardians will also need to create one if they don't already have one.
 - FAFSA completion serves as the application for TOPS and is required by many colleges and universities as a condition of receiving any kind of financial assistance, whether it's academic or need-based.
 - FAFSA completion or the completion of a waiver form is a state requirement for graduation for the class of 2021. Waiver forms may be obtained by e-mailing Mr. Esker.
- Fee waivers for national ACT testing dates are available in the guidance office. A student must currently be classified as eligible to receive free or reduced lunch in order to qualify for the ACT fee waiver. Qualifying for the ACT fee waiver also entitles a student to application fee waivers through the Common Application, so please make sure that you complete the application here <http://www.stpsb.org/childnutrition/freeandreducedmenu.htm> if you believe you'd qualify.

- Students are encouraged to complete their applications through the **Common Application** (www.commonapp.org) for the hundreds of schools that utilize that platform. A complete list can be found on their website, but those within our usual footprint of interested schools include **LSU, Tulane, Loyola New Orleans, UNO, Xavier, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Southern Miss, Auburn, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Florida, Florida State** and hundreds more. This saves the students a great deal of time and helps insure that their school report, which includes a transcript, arrives in the quickest, most efficient way possible.
- Students who intend to continue their athletic careers at an NCAA Division I or Division II school will need to register with the NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.org. There's a fee associated with this registration process. If the student will be continuing athletics at an NAIA school, then it's necessary to register at <https://play.mynaia.org/>
- For everyone who's still looking at college options, www.virtualcollegefairs.org is sponsoring two more virtual college fairs. One will be Sunday, October 18, from 11 am – 7 pm and the other will be Sunday, November 8, from 1pm – 9 pm
- LSU has a terrific website to help explore college majors at <https://lsu.edu/majors/interests/> St. Louis University offers a brief interactive quiz to guide students toward potential majors www.slu.edu/beabilliken/quizzes-checklists/majors-quiz.php
- Students looking to explore different career options may visit www.khanacademy.org/college-careers-more/career-content for a number of videos and related information about a wide variety of careers.
- Each senior has a **\$10 senior fee** that can be paid on MyPaymentsPlus (<https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>) if that's not already been done.