



Far Rockaway HS

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The Seahorse News

Applying to CUNY

This year, CUNY has gone online with the application process. There will be no paper applications for CUNY. If you want to apply to the CUNY school system, you have to go to www.cuny.edu and click on prospective student. Then select apply now and follow all on screen instructions. When you submit the application, you'll have to print out a transmittal form, bring it to me, Mr. D in room 127A, and I will send out your transcript. CUNY gives you the option to pay online with a credit card, or you can send them a check or money order for \$65.00. Fee waivers are now available if you qualify. See



me if you think you may qualify for a waiver. Please remember that waivers are determined by your financial need (i.e. public assistance, ward of the court, free lunch) please provide documentation as your proof.

Financial Aid

The financial aid process begins January 1st 2008. This year, like CUNY, you can only apply online. To do so, you'll need a pin number which you can get now. Log on to www.pin.ed.gov and request a pin. **Don't lose it when you receive it.** This is your electronic signature that will finalize your financial aid papers.

The website for the free application for federal student aid is www.fafsa.ed.gov. Again, you can't file until January 1st 2008, but you should get a pin number.

More information regarding financial aid is available in the College Office room 127A.



Scholarships

Many of you still have not submitted nor applied for scholarships. Scholarships are a good thing for you because they provide lots of free money to cover the ever growing expense of attending college. Many of you say, "I have to write an essay? I'm not doing that." I say what's the big deal? If someone offered me \$1,000 dollars or more for a simple essay, I would jump at it. The college office has been distributing the scholarships through your English teachers. If you are not receiving them, please let me know so I can correct the problem. The college office also has many scholarships in the office available to you, so please stop on by and pick them up.

Scholarships continued

A great website for scholarships is www.fastweb.com. Enter your information and they will match you to the right scholarship.

Please apply to as many as you can. The more money you get, the easier it will be to fund your future endeavors.

Reminders to Students

- Register for SAT
- File your College Applications
- Mr. D is in room 127A



Reminders to Parents

1. Tax information for Financial Aid
2. Money orders for application fees
3. A copy of their social security number for all college forms

Important information

1. The High School code is **331890**
2. My web address for all information regarding college is www.nylearns.org/cdibenedetto
3. The next SAT exam will be on January 26th, you have to apply by December 5th.
4. You can register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com
5. To register for CUNY Colleges please go to www.cuny.edu
6. For SUNY Colleges please go to www.suny.edu

Upcoming Events

November 9th, 2007:

Ragtime the musical @ Pace University in New York City. See Mr. D for ticket information and directions.

Thank You!

Special thanks are due the following people:

Ms. Coby for continuing to announce that applications are available and that we should apply for the SAT. Thank you for your continued help.

The guidance counselors of Far Rockaway HS; thank you for sending the students to me for college advice and application assistance.

CMS thank you for aiding with the college application process. Thank you Alex.