

Guidance

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To the Parent/Guardian(s) and Student in the Class of 2018,

Greetings! The Guidance Department is hosting a two-part seminar series this September designed specifically to prepare the Class of 2018 for their lives after graduation from Charter Arts. As a senior and especially if your post-graduation plans include applying to a community college or a four-year college/university, these two seminars are for you!

The first seminar is designed to address the college application process and the second targets applying for financial aid and scholarships. One of our goals as a Guidance Department is to offer these two seminars in advance of college application deadlines and the opening of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) filing window. Please reserve the following dates in your calendars to join us for these two seminars:

Seminar #1

Thursday September 14, 2017 @ 7pm in the Commons Cafe

It's Time: Applying to College

Presenters: Mrs. Stephanie Covelle, Mrs. Allison McPeck, and Mrs. Nicole Parra

Seminar #2

Monday September 18, 2017 @ 7pm in the Commons Cafe

An Evening About the FAFSA, Financial Aid, and Scholarships

Presenters: Mrs. Stephanie Covelle and Mr. Michael Burke (Access Partner with PHEAA)

The first seminar, *It's Time: Applying to College* plans to cover the following topics:

- Using Naviance/Family Connection
- The Common Application
- Application Requirements (i.e. SAT, SAT IIs, ACT, and AP exam scores)
- Official Transcripts and sending them to colleges
- The Application Essay
- Recommendation Letters
- Campus Visits and Admissions Interviews
- Artistic Auditions and Portfolio Reviews

The second seminar, *An Evening About the FAFSA, Financial Aid and Scholarships* presentation agenda includes:

- The online FAFSA application
- The CSS Profile
- Merit-based scholarships and private scholarships
- Glossary of financial aid terms

The Guidance Department of Charter Arts and in partnership with Mr. Michael Burke of PHEAA welcome you to these two events and trust that you will find them informative and relevant. Please note that the FAFSA filing window opens on October 1st; therefore, we have planned this presentation to equip you with the knowledge to file the FAFSA and successfully meet deadlines for institution-based aid. We hope to see all of you at both seminar presentations. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend. Finally, best wishes to each and every senior in their final year at Charter Arts!

Sincerely,

The Guidance Department of Charter Arts

Mrs. Stephanie H. Covelle

Mrs. Allison McPeck

Mrs. Nicole Parra

Mission Statement

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative, rigorous academic approach to learning and a development of talents in the arts. Built on passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence, this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in who they are and in what they can accomplish.