



# **Northeast Senior Breakfast**

**Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

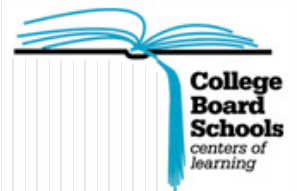
**“Be A Part From The Start”**



# Overview of the Day

- Breakfast
- Hints and Tips for Students
- Senior Privileges
- Information for Parents
- Blazer Fitting
- Senior Status Reports

**For Students...**



# Things to Consider

- Senior year is critical. Be prepared for the challenge.
- Be on top of deadlines.
- Be accountable. Mistakes made senior year can cost you your graduation.
- Avoid senioritis...

# Action Plan for Senior Year

- Request information (brochures, applications) from the colleges you're interested in
- Review requirements for each college
- Limit your selections to about 6 colleges:
  - ✓ 2 safe schools (ie: community colleges)
  - ✓ 2 moderately selective schools (four year schools that you have a good chance of being accepted into)
  - ✓ 2 dream schools (schools you really want to attend but they may be a little out of your reach)

# Action Plan for Senior Year

- Complete your college essay & brag sheet by late October
- Retake the SAT by November
- Begin to ask teachers for a letter or recommendation by Mid November
- Submit all applications by DEC 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012
- Complete your financial aid (FAFSA) as close to January 1<sup>st</sup> as possible. Begin to apply to scholarships if you haven't started the process.
- Begin to compare packages & make your final decision in late April, early May



# Action Plan for Senior Year (cont)

- Begin to save money for acceptance fees, deposits and college needs
  - Most of your application fees will be waived. HBCUs require a paid application fee
  - Acceptance fee (generally \$50-\$200)
    - This fee is paid only to the school that you select and is usually nonrefundable
  - Housing deposit (generally \$100-\$250)
    - This fee confirms your on campus housing and is non-refundable



# Common Mistakes Made by Seniors

- NOT MEETING DEADLINES
- Senioritis
- Poor attendance
- Behavioral issues
- Poorly completed college applications
- Poorly written college essay
- Not keeping counselor updated with college process
- Submitting applications/financial aid late
- Not communicating with colleges



# Senior Privileges

Students on track for June 2012 graduation with.....

- ✓ GPA 2.0 or above C average in classes required for graduation
- ✓ 93 % Attendance
- ✓ Good Citizenship

# Senior Privileges

- ✓ Senior Blazer
- ✓ Dress Down Fridays
- ✓ Friday Food Ordering
- ✓ Senior Prom
- ✓ 100 Day Celebration
- ✓ Senior Picnic

**For Parents....**



# Hints and Tips for Parents

- Pay close attention to your child's report cards & senior status reports
  - Things to Look for: projected graduation date, diploma type, credits/classes needed, attendance, comments
- Encourage your child to stay on track of deadlines & correspondences from colleges
- File your taxes as close to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> as possible
- Compare college packages with your child before making a decision
- Be sensitive to your child's college desires (ie: relocating, selecting a 2 year school vs a 4 year school)



# Don't let it be you....

- Tim was on track to graduate in June of his senior year. He caught a serious case of senioritis (not completing assignments) and ended up having to walk in August.
- Lisa was accepted into the University of Rochester, the college of her choice. She never read any of the mail that was mailed to her, so she missed the deadline to respond to their offer. As a result, she was forced to attend MCC.



# Don't let it be you (cont)....

- Mark was a good student who performed above average all throughout his high school career. He bombed creative writing class because “he didn’t need it to graduate.” He ended up being an elective credit short of graduating and did not walk.
- Rena was a “full senior” but performed poorly in some of her classes and had poor attendance. As a result, she could not participate in any senior privileges, was prohibited from attending the prom and the senior trip.

# Don't let it be you (cont)....

- Kim needed an SAT score of a 1200 to be accepted into Brockport. This was the only school that she applied to. She missed her second SAT test because of a family emergency, so she had to submit her scores from junior year. Her junior SAT score totaled to be a 970. She was rejected from Brockport, and because she didn't apply anywhere else, she could not attend college immediately after graduating.



# Don't let it be you (cont)....

- Terrance missed the senior breakfast & never submitted his measurements for his senior blazer. He was the only student in the senior picture that did not have on a blazer.
- Brian was so anxious to attend Syracuse University that he paid the \$500 acceptance/housing fee before he received his financial aid package. He later discovered that he wasn't awarded much aid, & needed to take out a loan for \$20,000 each year. He couldn't attend Syracuse because it was too expensive & lost his \$500 deposit.

