

## **JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING INFORMATION**

The summer between Junior and Senior year is a time for each rising Senior to firm up his/her individual plan so that s/he can return to school in August ready to take advantage of available support from guidance counselors, teachers, and other staff. Students who haven't yet visited college campuses are urged to do so, although summer is a quiet time on most campuses and fewer students than usual will be around.

### **POST-SECONDARY GUIDE**

The Mt. Ararat Guidance Department's Post-Secondary Guide will be available online as soon as it has been updated. The Guide includes Guidance procedures and forms as well as post-secondary planning resources for students preparing for college, apprenticeships and other training, job searches, and the military. If you do not find the information you are looking for, or if you wish to participate in a meeting to discuss college planning, contact the Guidance Department.

### **CONNECT EDU**

The Class of 2011 will be the first to utilize the Connect Edu process for filing college applications. Connect Edu is an online college search and application process made available to high schools at no cost. Since the University of Maine System and the majority of colleges to which our students apply now utilize the system, we will now participate. More information will be forthcoming for students and parents.

### **ACCUPLACER TESTING**

The ACCUPLACER is a test of English and Math college readiness that the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine at Augusta use for initial course placement. Each college determines its own cut-off scores for admission and placement into college-level courses. This month Juniors with PSAT scores below 50 will take the ACCUPLACER. Students are urged to do their best so that they can utilize these scores as needed in their Senior college application process.

### **FALL COLLEGE RECRUITMENT**

Many college admission representatives visit Mt. Ararat in the fall. If you are interested in a college whose admission representative does not usually visit Mt. Ararat, leave your name and the name of the college with the Guidance secretary, and we will see if a visit might be added.

### **SOUTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

In addition to courses available on the Bath campus, SMCC is offering two fall courses at Mt. Ararat High School and Merymeeting Adult Education respectively. Interested students must earn the required ACCUPLACER score. Unless a student qualifies for an exception, costs include tuition, fees, and books. Interested students should see their guidance counselor as soon as possible to initiate registration for a course and determine their eligibility for a tuition waiver. Parents with questions are encouraged to contact the Guidance Department. A minimum enrollment is required. (These courses are also open to the public.)

Tuition will be waived for students who have a B average or meet specific criteria for exceptions.

**Introduction to Business** - Tuesdays 2:30 - 5:15 pm, Mt. Ararat High School

**Introduction to Computer Applications** - Wednesdays 6 - 8:45 pm, Merrymeeting Adult Education.

Information about other college course options is available in the Guidance Department.