COLLEGES, CAREERS, & OPEN HOUSES

Fall is a busy time of year for exploring colleges and careers! Opportunities abound for attending college fairs, visits in the Career Center, Open Houses, virtual tours on college websites, and visiting campuses. The following links provide more information for exploring colleges:

- There are many online resources to help with the exploration process. Naviance/Family Connection and CollegeBoard are excellent places to start. There are additional websites listed on the DHS College & Career Center website.
- For upcoming college fairs, click here
- Juniors and seniors are welcome to sign up for college visits in the Career Center. Students can log in to Naviance / Family Connection and then click on the Colleges Tab – View all upcoming college visits. Students should print or take a photo of the confirmation page to show teachers that they have registered for a visit. It's important for students to record the visits they have signed up for in their agendas because reminder emails are not sent. Instructions for signing up for visits are listed here.
- The Counseling Department encourages families to visit colleges to help determine a good fit. The ideal time to visit colleges is when you will have the opportunity to observe and experience everyday campus life. LCPS student holidays are a good time to visit colleges. To schedule a visit, go to the college/university admissions website and register for an information session and campus tour. For more information about campus visits, go to CollegeBoard Campus Visit Checklist or collegeXpress Campus Visit Guides. For some suggested road trips in Virginia, go to Virginia Colleges Tours. Many college websites also offer virtual tours of their campus.
- All colleges host Open Houses for families to learn more about the school. Check college admissions websites for the dates of their Open Houses and register to attend.

NOVA Pathway to the Baccalaureate
Pathway to the Baccalaureate is a consortium of 10 educational institutions in Northern Virginia who have joined forces to provide a seamless web of support to selected students as they pursue a four-year college degree. The program begins with the transition from high school, through NOVA, to George Mason or another university. Mrs. Shannon Nieves, the Pathway Counselor will be visiting Dominion on Wednesday, Oct. 5th and Thursday, Oct. 6th at 2:30 pm to provide more information to interested students. Seniors can register to attend through Naviance/Family Connection. The Pathway application forms are due to the DHS Counselors by Nov. 10th. For more information about the Pathway Program go to: NOVA Pathway Program.
Job for a Day for Juniors and Seniors

The Loudoun School-Business Partnership will be sponsoring the Job-for-a-Day Program for high school juniors and seniors on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. There is a second date only for those students placed at Inova Loudoun Hospital: Wednesday, November 23, 2016. Students who participate in the program will spend one day with a business in the community that is involved in a career in which the student is interested. Students need to upload their resume with the online application. The portal for the application will be open from Oct. 19th – Nov. 4th. For more info, go to Job for a Day.

Monroe Technology Center (MTC) Open House and Shadow Day

The MTC will host an Open House on Thursday, Oct. 20th from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Families will have the opportunity to learn about all the programs offered at MTC and tour the facility.

Current 10th and 11th graders will have the opportunity to attend the field trip for the MTC Shadow Day on Monday, Nov. 21, 2016 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. This field trip is offered for students who are interested in attending MTC next year. Students will attend sessions highlighting course interests throughout the day. Please register via the link provided on the MTC website. In order to attend, students must register by Friday, Nov. 4th and return the permission forms to the Career Center. Permission forms will be available in the Career Center.

For more information about the Open House and Shadow Day, go to http://www.lcps.org/mtc.

NOVA Veterinary Technology Program Open House

Students interested in Vet Technology should plan to attend the Open House on Thursday, Oct. 13 2016 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Loudoun Campus. For more information, click here.

2016 Virginia Summer Residential Governor's School (SRGS)

Information and applications are available for the Virginia Summer Residential Governor’s School Academic Programs. Virginia Summer Residential Governor’s Schools provide current sophomores and juniors with intensive educational experiences. Each Governor’s School focuses on one special area of interest. The Governor’s School academic programs include: Agriculture, Humanities, and Math, Science & Technology. The Governor’s School mentorship programs are in Engineering, Medical & Health Science, and Marine Science. The Governor's School programs are highly competitive and respected programs.

Students who are interested in applying for the Visual & Performing Arts must submit an Intent to Audition Form to their counselor by October 14th. Applications for the Governor’s School programs are due to your School Counselor by December 9th. For more information and applications go to:
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors_school_programs/.

Volunteer / Internship Opportunities for 2016 Political Campaigns

Students interested in community service and learning about campaign operations can volunteer for the presidential candidates and congressional candidates of their choice. To learn more, go to http://www.lcps.org/Page/9426 and look under the internships section.

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2016 Congressional App Challenge for Virginia's 10th Congressional District

The Congressional App Challenge (CAC) is a competition aimed at encouraging U.S. high school students to learn how to code by creating their own applications. The Challenge is intended to highlight the value of computer science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and encourage students to engage in these fields. By encouraging and recognizing our nation’s young programming talent, Congress hopes to shine a light on the growing importance of these skills. Winners of the Congressional App Challenge (CAC) will have their apps featured on a display in the Capitol Building, and will be honored by their Member of Congress.

High school students may compete as individuals or in teams of up to four. The registration and submission period closes at 12:00 pm (noon) on November 2, 2016. For more information go to http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/ or https://comstock.house.gov/services/congressional-app-challenge.

IRIS (iRespect, iInspire, iSupport)

We are pleased that Dominion School Counseling has partnered with the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services to provide IRIS on our campus. IRIS is an after-school club that provides girls with opportunities to develop respectful, inspiring, and supportive female relationships and self-empowerment. To learn more, please see Mrs. Amodeo or attend the interest meetings on Tuesday Oct. 4th & 11th at 4:00 pm in the Career Center.

PEER (Positive Experiences in Educational Relationships)

PEER offers help to any student struggling through a certain situation(s). This includes bullying, stress, family or relationship situations, school issues (e.g. grades, poor relationship with teachers), or if a student just needs someone to talk to. We are available to you in basically any struggle you may encounter. PEER is a safe space for students who need an understanding, empathetic, trained group of peers to form relationships with. If a student is struggling to find a group of people to have lunch with, the PEER students are available all lunch blocks on A days in room L606 with Mrs. Kittelson.

PSAT, SAT & ACT Test Prep

Dominion has partnered with Kaplan Test Prep to offer FREE practice tests, as well as reduced cost classes on campus for the SAT or ACT. This year, students will leave practice test events with their scores. The next SAT/ACT Practice Test Event details are:

**Date:** Saturday, November 19th – New SAT / ACT Combination Test  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Location:** DHS Cafeteria

To register for the November Combo test, go to: http://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/titans_nov2016

Students can also find practice resources for the SAT at www.sat.org and the ACT at www.act.org. Students can find practice resources for the PSAT at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice/full-length-practice-tests.

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