

## **GUIDANCE - SENIOR SEGMENTS** (see page 3 for important upcoming dates)

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No.5

### **WELL, WE'VE MADE IT!**

Four years of high school. The SAT and ACT exams. With more than 3000 colleges out there, how did we ever begin our search? Safe schools, reach schools, essays to write. "If you could change any event in the course of history, what would you change and why?" Deadlines to meet, recommendation letters to get, financial aid forms. "Did you hear yet?" Fearing and handling the rejection until finally being accepted somewhere. Narrowing down your choices and sending a deposit.

Looking back, it wasn't so difficult after all. We congratulate you on surviving the process, and on the choice you have made for next year. There will be more obstacles in your path and anxious moments to face, but we are confident that you are prepared to deal with them.

**If you have not done so already, we need to know your college choice.**

***Colleges expect a final transcript from South Side indicating graduation.  
As long as we know your college choice, we will automatically send your transcript.***

### **FINAL NOTICE REGARDING NCAA:**

You must file for eligibility to compete at Division I or II schools. If you are planning to compete in college, see your counselor.

### **COLLEGE BOOK:**

Many of you purchased our statistics on the class of 2017 to help you make decisions about applying to specific colleges. We hope to include you in our Class of 2018 to help next year's group. Please stop by Guidance to sign a form if you DO NOT want to be included in the statistics, which will be available for next year's seniors.

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Visit the guidance office and check our extensive collection of brochures, pamphlets, and books that describe recreational, academic and travel activities for you to consider.

### **ADVANCED STANDING IB/AP CREDIT:**

Colleges may grant credit for IB/AP exams in three ways:

1. Grant the credits and waive the requirement.
2. Waive the requirement but expect you to earn the credits through an elective of your choice.
3. Waive a basic course and permit you to enroll in the more advanced course. It is only worth taking advantage of this option if you truly understand the work of the basic course or else you will find it hard to succeed at the more difficult level. Check the curriculum/syllabus or textbook and make sure you are familiar with the entire course content from beginning to end.

You must often negotiate one of the above options by yourself since the colleges may not volunteer any benefits to you. Speak to your college advisor. IB students must communicate with Mrs. Nisler-Cross in order to complete the necessary forms required by the colleges. If you need assistance, your counselor will help.

## **QUOTES FROM DIFFERENT PARENTS:**

If I could let my child know one thing, it would be:

- “Remember that I love you and will always be there for you. I expect your best and I’ll miss you.”
- “I don’t think that there is anything that I can’t let you know. I feel we have an open relationship and can discuss anything.”
- “You are unique and capable of achieving great happiness by being yourself.”
- “I trust you completely, know you are prepared to enter the world of adults as an equal, and know you will contribute many good works to your community – for which you will be proud.”
- “The years ahead will be so many things to you – ecstatic, sad, mellow, depressing, exciting, stimulating, and happy – the list goes on. You must learn to deal with the fluctuations of life. College is a microcosm of the many experiences you will have as an adult.”
- “Chill out! We love you.”
- “It’s OK to make mistakes. We learn by them.”
- “I have lots of confidence in you. I love you.”
- “This is not the most important decision in your life. If you change your mind, you can change your decision.”
- “I want you to have a happy and healthy life and make your own decisions – but I will always be there to help!”
- “While you are becoming more independent, we want you to always count on us.”
- “Life is not easy, and to achieve your goals, you should try to be the best that you can be.”
- “Even when I am criticizing you, I love you, and I’ll always be there whenever you need me. Although it appears sometimes that I don’t believe in your ability to make wise decisions, deep down inside, I know that your head is ‘on straight’.”
- “I trust you and I know that you’ll cope in any environment.”
- “Everything will work out fine if you give it time. I am very proud of you.”
- “I will support your decisions provided you put in the legwork.”
- “I’ll love you forever and I will always be there.”
- “You have every reason to believe in yourself and have courage to be true to yourself.”
- “We have confidence in your ability to make a success of your college career.”
- “I think that you are terrific, and watching you grow and develop has been one of the greatest experiences of my life.”

## **QUOTES FROM DIFFERENT STUDENTS:**

If I could let my parents know one thing, it would be:

- “I appreciate all the support that you have given me in my decisions. In spirit and heart, I will never leave that.”
- “You really annoy me by waking me up 5 minutes early every morning!”
- “I love you.”
- “I can take care of myself.”
- “I’m going to be OK, really!”
- “You have done a wonderful job. I am confident that I will be able to handle life well.”
- “I fully believe that you guys have taught me more than I could ever ask for. I will cherish all the lessons I have learned from you for the rest of my life.”
- “I will miss you, but probably not as much as you think I will. I am not as dependent on you as I used to be. I will be OK, by myself.”
- “I love you very much. The fact that you have been my friend for most of my life and my mother for all of my life is deeply appreciated.”
- “You shouldn’t worry about me. You should give me more credit for taking care of myself and being responsible.”
- “Through all that has happened in the last few years, I still and will always love you.”
- “I no longer need your guidance in everything. I am basically an adult, and even though I have flaws, you do too! Even still, I do love you very much!”
- “Although I might not make the right decisions by your standards, I honestly feel that I have a firm grip on reality and I have no regrets so far.”

- “Take a vacation and relax!”
- “Even though I didn’t show it, I love them with all my heart and I always will. I started out as a part of them and now I feel that they are more a piece of me. I know I don’t tell them how much I love them, but I try in my own rude and hidden ways. I love you Mom and Dad.”

**ALL YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW YOU LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN:**

Most of what you really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be you learned in kindergarten. Wisdom is not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at the playground. These are the things you learned:

- Share everything
- Play fair
- Don’t hit people
- Put things back where you found them
- Clean up your own mess
- Don’t take things that aren’t yours
- Say you’re sorry when you hurt somebody
- Wash your hands before you eat
- Flush
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you
- Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some
- Take a nap in the afternoon
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together
- Be aware of wonder

Source: Robert Folghum, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, 1990

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

***Tuesday, June 5th at 1:00 PM – Academic Awards Assembly – Students - Auditorium***  
***Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 PM - Senior Awards Night – Students & Parents - Auditorium***  
***Thursday, June 7th at 5:45 PM - Pre-Prom Meeting - Students & Parents - Auditorium***  
***Thursday, June 7th at 6:45 PM - Varsity “S” Dinner – Gymnasium***  
***June 8, 11, 12, & 13th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM – Prom Bids on sale in the HS Lobby***  
***Thursday, June 21st at 7:00 PM - Senior Prom – at The Mansion at Woodbury***  
***Friday, June 22nd at 11:00 AM - Graduation Rehearsal – Auditorium – Mandatory***  
***Friday, June 22nd from 12 noon to 1:30 PM - Senior Brunch – Cafeteria***  
***Friday, June 22nd at 4:00 PM – Graduates must report to Hofstra University Arena***  
***Friday, June 22nd at 5:00 PM - Graduation Exercises at Hofstra University Arena***

**PROM NIGHT**

*Please be safe and responsible. Don’t drink and drive.*

