



NEW CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Senior Year. We look forward to working with your student as decisions are made about post high school plans. With all that needs to be done, the fall tasks may feel daunting; however, we strongly believe that this process empowers students and helps them develop a better sense of what the future holds and the expectations they are capable of meeting. We sincerely hope that you will be a strong support for your child throughout the year.

As we engage in the process, counselors analyze grades, test scores, and awards, while continuing to have conversations with your child during group and individual meetings. This provides us with a great deal of information, which is vital to our work and to the construction of the counselor's letter for students' admission files.

Over the years we have also found that asking parents to share some thoughts about their child adds richness to our understanding of our seniors and our presentation of them to the colleges where they seek admission. The information that you can provide is invaluable to us. We hope you will find time to respond to the questions on the enclosed form or on the NCHS website under the 'School Counseling' tab, under the 'Senior Information' link titled 'Parent Questionnaire'. You can also write a free-form piece if that is your preference.

In addition, you are invited to a **Senior Parent Coffee** on the morning of **September 15th at 8:00 AM**. Counselors will provide you with an overview of the college application process and answer any questions you might have about what to expect during the year. In September, we will also be meeting with your child to go over similar information and the next steps. Please encourage your student to see us if they have questions.

Finally, as we congratulate Jane Mitchell on her new adventures in retirement, we welcome Daniel Farina to our department. Some of you may know Dan through his work as a coach and mentor to many of our young students. His empathy and kindness will lend itself well to our counseling staff and we look forward to him joining our talented team.

The School Counseling Staff

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Enclosure