September 5, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of the Class of 2015,

Welcome to senior year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer and took some time to visit colleges. The College Office is open and ready to assist students with their post-secondary planning. If you did not meet with me last spring, or are still unsure about your future plans, please make an appointment as soon as possible. If you are planning to apply Early Decision or Early Action, please make an appointment immediately as these college application deadlines tend to fall between October 15th and November 15th. As a reminder, parents/guardians are always welcomed and encouraged to attend these meetings. Below, please find important dates and information to keep in mind.

- During the week of September 8th, student transcripts will be mailed home along with a Transcript Approval Form. Students and parents/guardians must review the transcript thoroughly and return the approval form into Central Guidance, in order to have transcripts released to colleges.

- I will be meeting with seniors the week of September 15th, in their English classes, to introduce the college application process. Parents/guardians, your assistance is required to ensure that all application procedures and deadlines are followed.

- The 12th Grade Student & Parent Guidance Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium. Since college application procedures have changed dramatically, it is strongly advised that both you and your child attend this informative evening! Please also know that the revised 2014-2015 Post Secondary Planning Guide will be distributed, and will also reference to the new application procedures.

- Seniors will be using the Family Connection website to request transcripts and teacher recommendations. As you know, this is a comprehensive website of college, scholarship and career data. If you are unsure of your log in information, please contact Mrs. Catalano, the College Office Secretary.

- Seniors are encouraged to check their email regularly. Throughout the school year I will send emails to notify you of various college and scholarship opportunities.

- The quarterly Scholarship Newsletters are an invaluable resource for obtaining information on scholarships. Feel free to speak with any of the guidance counselors or myself. I also have information in the College Office about many college-based and private scholarship sources. Please stop by to review our scholarship books and files!

- Student Athletes must file with the NCAA Clearinghouse as soon as possible. Please visit www.eligibilitycenter.org to complete the registration application. Make sure you also pick up a copy of the 2014-2015 Student Athlete Guide from any of the guidance offices.
On the Family Connection, you will find a list of college admission representatives that are scheduled to visit Huntington High School. This list is updated continuously as additional appointments are scheduled. Students must sign up in the College Office. College open house dates are also posted in the College Office. Please be sure to check with each college’s admission office for additional information.

REMINDER: We have partnered with Princeton Review to provide students with SAT/ACT preparation at a discounted rate. A mailing was recently sent home regarding the dates and times for when classes will be held. If you need to obtain another copy of the information, please see your guidance counselor.

SAT (Reasoning Test & Subject Test) Test Dates [www.collegeboard.com]
- For the October 11th test, you must register by September 12th (9/30 with late fee)
- For the November 8th test, you must register by October 9th (10/28 with late fee)

ACT Test Dates [www.actstudent.org]
- For the October 25th test, you must register by September 19th (10/3 with late fee)
- For the December 13th test, you must register by November 7th (11/21 with late fee)

Please contact me with any questions. I can be reached via telephone (673-2131) or email (bwalsh@hufsd.edu). I look forward to seeing you at the 12th Grade Student & Parent Night and working with each of you in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Walsh
Guidance Counselor/College Advisor