



## DELBARTON SCHOOL

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Dear Seniors,

This letter is being addressed to you because for the most part it includes material pertaining to your life as a senior.

We needn't repeat that all of us at Delbarton are prepared to give 110% to each of you. You can count on us to go the extra mile to assist you in the college process, as well as being present to you when the going gets rough, as it occasionally does during the senior year. In return, however, we hope you will do your part, from showing up for your appointments, attending college visits (check website or email for schedule) to making use of the many opportunities to grow and mature as your senior year unfolds.

With our commitment to you in mind, we have four counselors to assist you through the college process. In addition to Mr. Rosenhaus, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Linfante and Mr. Murphy, members of the English Department (Mr. Currie and Mr. Schochet specifically) will be available to help you with college essay writing. We will be available in the college counseling office to assist you in the detail work of the college process, and just generally in our role of mentoring you and being your advocates. We want no one to "fall through the cracks" and everyone to receive as much attention as he needs.

As far as communication is concerned, we ask you to resolve right now to read carefully and follow the directions in these regular "updates" and check the college counseling website and your email regularly. The latter is perhaps your single most important responsibility. The notices emailed to you or on the website are often critically important, and, unfortunately, we will not always be able to personally contact all of you to whom a particular notice is especially significant. Among other things, reminders on due dates will be posted, as well as any college admission counselor virtual visits to Delbarton.

If your SAT Reasoning Test was weak, or if you expect to apply early to a college, plan on taking the October, November or even December SAT Reasoning Test. The higher scores usually come on the November and December tests (you are older and more mature then) but they may not reach the colleges on time for early consideration. And don't be afraid to take the SAT Reasoning Test twice more - the colleges have no problem with that. In addition, the ACT offers test dates in September, October and December if you prefer that standardized test. Remember also that most colleges are test optional for this admissions cycle. If your scores are below expectations we would encourage you to apply as a test optional applicant. Be in touch with us should you have questions about this.

Please note that we will be offering a two-week prep course before both the September 23<sup>rd</sup> SAT in-school test and the October 6<sup>th</sup> ACT in-school test. These classes will be offered virtually on either Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (starting September 8<sup>th</sup>) or Sunday afternoons (starting September 13<sup>th</sup>). An email will be sent to all seniors with details on signing up for this program. Please reach out to Mr. Rosenhaus with any questions.

We thank you for your attention to this material in this important Update. Again, we look forward to being available to you throughout the college process. Don't hesitate to call on us at any time.