



Traip Academy Counseling Department Newsletter

Fall 2021



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*****The Traip Academy's Office of Student Counseling Website is a great place to visit and gather information about College Planning, Student Checklists, Sanford Regional Technical Center, Clubs and Activities and other important Counseling Services.*****

[Welcome to Traip Academy's Office of Student Counseling](#)



*Making an appointment with your school counselor is easy! Reach out to Mrs. Bassett or Mrs. Westervelt via email to make an appointment OR stop by the counseling office and schedule an appointment with your counselor with Mrs. Avery- Pardoe, Administrative Assistant. We look forward to meeting with you!



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Fall 2021 Student/ Parent Information:

UPCOMING FALL TESTING

NWEA Statewide Testing (Fall 2021)

NWEA Fall testing for reading and math will take place on October 6, 2021 for grades 9, 10 & 11.

PSAT Testing, Wednesday October 13, 2021

PSAT testing is for Juniors (11) and will take place on October 13, 2021 in person at Traip Academy.

<http://collegeboard.org>

SENIORS '22.....

CommonApp - The Common Application is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of the nearly 900 member colleges and universities in 49 states and the District of Columbia, as well as in Canada, China, Japan, and many European countries. <https://www.commonapp.org/>



Naviance - Naviance is an American college and career readiness software provider that partners with high schools to provide students with college planning and career assessment tools. Traip uses this resource for career exploration and to track and organize documents for the college application process.

<https://student.naviance.com/robertwta>



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Fall College Checklist for Seniors:

- FASFA is available on October 1st <https://studentaid.gov/>
Some schools require the CSS profile to provide non federal financial aid. Begin applying online at <https://cssprole.collegeboard.org/>
- Set up your common Application at www.commonapp.org
- Finish a draft of your college essay.
- Log into Naviance <https://student.naviance.com/robertwta>
- Know Early Action/ Early Decision Deadlines (they usually fall on Nov. 1 or 15)
- Ask teachers for recommendations.
- Compile/ fine tune your college lists to include reach, target, and safety schools.
- Visit your school counselor [Brooke Bassett A-O](#) or [Charlene Westervelt P-Z](#)

College Admissions Visit Traip

UPCOMING VISITS:

Maine Maritime Academy Service Academy Night- Thursday, September 23 6-8 pm Portland, ME [Register for Academy Service Night](#)

University of New England- Traip Academy, Friday, October 1st @ 12:25 pm

University of Maine, Farmington- Traip Academy, Tuesday October 5th @ 11:45 am

University of Maine, Orono- Traip Academy, Wednesday October 6th @ 11:07 am

Merrimack College- Traip Academy, Tuesday, October 12th @ 12:25 am

Gettysburg College -Virtual Meeting-Traip Academy, Friday, October 15th @ 10:34 am

Rivier University- Traip Academy, Friday, October 22 @ 11:45 am

Husson University- Traip Academy, Wednesday, October 27th @ 11:45 am

Lasell University- Traip Academy, Monday, November 15th @ 10:34 am



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JUNIORS '23...

- Start talking to your advisor about who you would like to job shadow. Make a list of what your career interests are. List things you may want to study in college. *Naviance* is a great tool for research.
- Learn about colleges. Look at their websites, take a virtual tour, or visit in person. Talk to friends, family, teachers, and recent grads. Plan to sign up to see a college admissions representative when they visit Traip.
- Take the PSAT October 13th 2021. Remember, this is a practice test which will help determine strengths/weaknesses in preparation for the SAT.
- Make a note of when the college admissions representatives are visiting Traip. If it is a college you are interested in, stop by the counseling office to get a pass and sign up for the visit on *Naviance* [Register for Traip College Visits](#).
- Log on to *Naviance* and update your awards, achievements, participation in clubs, organizations, and extracurricular activities. This will help you with your resume for Senior year.

SOPHOMORES '24....

- Continue researching career options. Go on to ***Naviance*** to explore careers.
- Are you interested in a military academy? 10th grade is the prime time to request and submit a pre-candidate questionnaire.
- Do you think you will want to attend SRTC? Keep up those grades and make time to meet with your school counselor.
- Log on to ***Naviance*** and enter all your awards, achievements, and participation in clubs, organizations, and extracurricular activities. This will help with your resume in your Senior year.

[SRTC- Sanford Regional Technical Center](#)



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WELCOME FRESHMAN '25...

- Create a four-year plan with your School Counselor. School Counselors will be meeting with your English classes and individually this fall.
- Explore career interests. Find careers in line with your academic strengths and personal interests. Talk to adults to survey a wide range of traditional and unique career paths. Get involved-Colleges like active students. Look into extra-curricular clubs or teams that interest you.