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Dear Senior Parents:

As the year starts off at a brisk pace, we want to update you on the events that are unfolding this month in the College Office.

Last Friday, we kicked off the year with a Senior Common Application Boot Camp where, among other things, we walked seniors through various sections of the Common Application and discussed the nuts and bolts of the admissions cycle. We spent the majority of our time discussing the Common Application but also addressed topics such as application deadlines, teacher recommendations, college visitors, essays, alumni interviews and standardized testing. Enclosed you will find a copy of the handout we gave your son or daughter at the meeting. If you are interested in finding out more about the college visitors to Middlesex this fall, please visit our website at mxschool.edu/college-counseling for a detailed list that is updated weekly throughout the early fall. Simply click on the “College Visitor Schedule” link.

During the first three weeks of school, we will meet individually with each member of the senior class to engage them in conversations about campus visits, summer experiences, and college lists. Out of these discussions, we will help them refine their lists of possible matches as we explore early and regular admissions options. Throughout the rest of the semester, our doors will be open to meet with students to answer questions, review essays and tackle any pressing matters.

For parents looking for a timely book on the college process, we recommend “I’m Going to College – Not You!” by our friend Jennifer Delahunty, former dean of admissions at Kenyon College. As a parent who has done the process twice, she has written a heartfelt book on the process of surviving the college search with your child, as well as gathering essays from other parents and professionals in the field.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with your son or daughter and look forward to meeting you if we have not done so already. Please feel free to contact the office if you would like to discuss your child’s plans or set up an appointment with us.

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