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Spring is here with the anticipation of summer and end of the school year. The students are looking forward to Intensives, I hear seniors talk about graduation, and teachers are looking forward to a well-deserved summer break. For many teachers, this means professional development as well, and it always amazes me to see what teachers do on their free time to improve the delivery of education to students.

Seniors are in the last part of the college admissions process and many seniors have made a decision. If you are still comparing financial aid offers, here is a link to a comparison tool:

https://www.collegecovered.com/award-letter-tool/?acmpgn=E_EAW_CSEM_BM_X_BMHS4

Steller will offer the **PSAT** on **October 24** in the fall of 2018. This is an important test for juniors, as it also serves as the NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifier Test). This date is a parent-led conference day and a half-day for students. The students testing will have to stay until the test is finished, which is between 12:15 and 12:45. I am providing this information early so parents can plan accordingly.

King Tech High School (KCC) has changed their enrollment process for students taking single classes. They will start the selection for fall classes at the end of this month, and high school counselors are currently putting in course requests. I have put in requests for a handful of students. Students who plan to take classes at King Tech either semester next year should see me as soon as possible. King Tech offers a new IT class year, called Integrative Technology.

The application deadline for the fall **The Gifted Mentorship Program** is April 27th. The program is open to qualifying juniors and seniors. The application window is also open August 15th to September 7th but most spots are filled during the spring window. For more information, go to the ASD website: <https://www.asdk12.org/giftedmentorships>

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