

# SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS DECEMBER

We are in the last week of regular classes for this semester and intensives are starting next Monday. It is exciting to have two weeks of fun before the start of winter break and I hope the excitement will carry over to fun activities over the break.

**MAP testing** – some students will be doing the MAP assessment **Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> during registration**. The staff at Steller chose registration day for the testing to minimize impact on instruction. Students have received a note and testing time is **10:30**. The testing is mandated and students who don't participate Friday will be pulled out for testing during intensives. The test typically takes 45 – 90 minutes. I will also let students take the test prior to Friday needed. If you have a child in grades 7, 8 or 9, please ask them if they received a note about testing Friday.

**PSAT** scores are arriving soon and I will post a note in the hallway and let advisors know when they arrive. Students can also log in to their College Board account and some may receive an email or a text that their scores are available. I recommend that students look at areas of weakness and strength and prepare accordingly for the SAT.

**Online classes** – Students can sign up for online classes with ASD iSchool until mid-January; however, classes fill up quickly and some are already full. Please see me as soon as possible if you plan to enroll in an online class.

**King Tech** started their registration process this week. Course requests may be submitted through the first week of second semester until classes are filled. Many classes are already closed but students should come and see me if they are interested in attending King Tech. King Tech is for students in grades 11 and 12. There will be an afternoon session (after school) in the spring. This session is for grades 9 and 10. Please pay attention to information on Advisory announcements.

**Advisory Announcements** is a good place to get information about academic opportunities, testing, deadlines, etc. I find that many students miss important information and miss deadlines. Advisory attendance together with attention is important. I also post information in the hallway and send out emails to advisors.

**Seniors** – Please pay attention to college application deadlines. Many colleges have an early January deadline. If you need any **letters of recommendation, transcript, or other information** sent to colleges, please talk with teachers, the registrar and me **this week** so we can get the documents to the colleges before the deadline. Did you fill out and submit the **FAFSA**? Are you applying to a private school? Then you may need to submit the **CSS Profile** as well. Please check to see if the colleges you are applying to are offering scholarships. Some schools automatically consider you for scholarships but many schools offer scholarships that require a separate application.

Enjoy the new snow!  
Marianne