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Dear Class of 2021 and parents,

It was wonderful to get to see most of your faces yesterday morning at orientation! I always knew you were a special class and it looks like your senior year is indeed going to be special and very different from "normal". Over the past month, the Profile reopening committee has been working hard to ensure a safe school year and, no matter what the school year holds, I can assure you this will be a memorable senior year! There will certainly be challenges but you may find you like some aspects of this school year better than school in "normal times".

Some important information from the school counseling office. It is a lot but please bear with us and read through this information:

- **SAT at Profile** We are planning to offer the SAT in school during the school day on October 14th.
- **Improve Your SAT Score** Don't forget, the best and easiest way to improve your SAT score is to use the [personalized practice recommendations on Khan Academy](#). Each one of you should have your College Board account linked to Khan Academy at this point.
- **November SAT and SAT Subject Tests** In addition to the October 14th in-school SAT test, there is also a November 7th SAT that we encourage students to register for in case they are not satisfied with their scores from the in school October 14th test. The test is NOT being offered at Profile on that date but [you can register here](#) to take the November 7th SAT at Littleton or the White Mountains School in Bethlehem. SAT subject tests are also offered on this date. The deadline to register for the November SAT is October 7th but we recommend that you register as soon as possible as testing spots fill up. We have registered you to take the October 14th SAT so you do not have to register for that test.
- **ACTs** The ACT standardized test is being offered on October 24th at New Hampton School and [students can register here](#). If you are unsure whether you should take the ACT, take a free online practice test and see how you do compared to the SAT. Any college that accepts one accepts the other. It is important to note that while every student should take the SAT or the ACT, many colleges and universities are test optional especially for applicants for fall 2021 admission.
- **Parent Brag Sheet** Parents, at your earliest convenience, please fill out [this parent brag sheet](#) for your child. The 'brag sheet' is really helpful in allowing us to write the best letter of recommendation for your child that we can. Please have the brag sheet filled out by September 30th.
- **Class of 2021 Survey** Many of you filled this out already last spring - thank you!! If you have not done so yet, please fill out [the Class of 2021 Survey](#). It will only take you a few minutes and will be really helpful in allowing me to support you as you figure out what life after Profile might hold for you.

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- **College Visits** College visits are going to look really different this year with most, if not all, campuses closed to the public. Colleges are offering virtual tours, information sessions, and webinars. This is not the same as setting foot on campus but it is something and I urge you to utilize these resources. I would also encourage you to look at [Niche](#) and [College Confidential](#) as these websites can give an unfiltered student view of the colleges rather than the marketing/'trying to sell something' view you will get from the college.
- **College List** As senior year gets under way, you may already have a college list in your mind or you may have absolutely no idea. Either is fine! In addition to the [Class of 2021 Survey](#), you may want to spend some time on your [SCOIR](#) account where you can apply different filters to search colleges. As you will recall, each of you has an account with your Profile email address.
- **Meeting with Ms Brewer** I would love to meet with each of you individually this fall. We can have a walking meeting with masks off outside! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me to set something up. Parents, I am happy to talk with you over the phone or set up a zoom meeting.
- **Financial Aid Information Night** Profile is planning to host a Financial Aid Information session at 6 pm on Tuesday October 20th in the media center. This, of course, is dependent on what is happening with the pandemic at that time but as of now please put it on your calendar!
- **Scholarships** You can find [information on local scholarships here](#). As you will see, most local scholarships are not released until late winter and into the spring. [Fastweb](#) is a great resource and database for national scholarships.
- **The Common Application** Almost 900 colleges and universities use [the Common Application](#) and any student who is considering college should have a Common Application account. The Common App website is also a useful resource in researching colleges and financial aid as well as a way to stay up to date on changes college admissions offices are making due to coronavirus. Please note that the Common App for fall 2021 admission may have an essay or section asking students to write about their experience during the pandemic and school closure.
- **Advanced Placement Classes** For students taking AP courses this year, you will be taking the AP exam in May as usual. Because some of the AP classes will be taken and completed during the first and second quarter you may be wondering "how am I supposed to remember material from a class that ended months ago?" Fear not as the College Board has put together resources to allow you to review material leading up to the test. I will get you more information about this this fall.
- **Center for College Planning** [The New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation's Center for College Planning](#) is an excellent resource and I highly recommend you check out their website. In addition, [their youtube channel](#) has videos of their excellent presentations.

I know because of the pandemic there is a lot of uncertainty right now but I want you to know I am here to support you in figuring out what comes after Profile in any way that I can. Please be in touch and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Sincerely,
 Jill Brewer
 School Counselor

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