



Manchester Essex Regional High School



Students participated in the Anti-Defamation League's A World Of Difference Program

Upcoming Dates

12/21 Early Release 11am – December Break

Guidance News

Upcoming Dates and Programs of Interest for Grade 11 Students and Families

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| January 3 | “College Homecoming Panel” – recent MERHS graduates offer their insight and advice on the college search and application process and share a few stories about college life while it’s fresh in their minds! (Auditorium, B Block) |
| February 12 | “College Admissions Testing: A Roadmap for the ACT, SAT, and Other Standardized Tests” Summit Educational Group will present a broad overview of the current standardized testing landscape for college bound students and their families. (Auditorium, 6:30pm) |
| March 14 | Third Annual Cape Ann Career & College Fair
Students from Essex Technical High School, Gloucester High School, Manchester Essex Regional High School and Rockport High School will be participating. Businesses and organizations from the local Cape Ann communities are also be represented at the fair which provides a nice way for students to explore higher education as it relates to possible career pathways. (5:30 – 7:30pm in the Gloucester HS Field House) |

- March 15 The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be offered to interested juniors and seniors considering a post-secondary pathway that may include military service. Students who complete the ASVAB are in no way committing to military service. (High School Conference Room, 8am)
- March 21 College Admission Rep Panel. Hear from the experts! Admission officers from a variety of colleges/universities will be visiting to share their unique qualities, offer expert advice and tips, and respond to your questions. This is one of the highlights of the junior postsecondary planning checklist – not to be missed! College-bound students are strongly encouraged to attend.
- August 15 &16 College Application Boot Camp (more information in April)

News from the Integration Technology Specialist

MERHS is a BYOD school. BYOD means students bring their own device to use during the school day. Students are great at using their phones. In school, they benefit from using a device that is more in tune with doing work and contains fewer distractions than a phone. There are some tasks in school that require a bigger screen and keys than a phone can provide. Phones are generally not suited to be a students' only device to access and interact with curriculum digitally. An inexpensive Chromebook will do everything needed for school. The brand or model does not matter. There are no specialized programs that need to be installed.

If your preference is not a Chromebook, please be sure the laptop has antivirus/anti malware. Following are 2 free options:

<https://www.avast.com/>

<https://www.malwarebytes.com/>

If you have questions about our BYOD or how we are using technology in education please contact Del Vollink Digital Learning Specialist (vollinkd@meapps.org)