



Northfield Mount Hermon School

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Happy New Year from the College Counseling Office!

We are fully “back in the swing of things” and as I look out my office window, the snow continues to fall. It has made our cross country and downhill ski teams very happy!

The vast majority of the seniors and post graduates of NMH 2008 have filed their applications. There are a few deadlines still to come, of course, but most of your sons and daughters have finished the application process. Now comes the waiting! It may be more challenging for some than any of the other steps so far.

Many of our students have heard some results already from colleges and universities but most are hearing something else: “Your application is incomplete.” Please be assured that we have sent the supporting materials for your son or daughter. The 213 members of NMH 2008 have submitted more than 1400 applications. Admissions offices are overwhelmed with correspondence at this point; some universities are hiring students to simply open the mail. Often, the office sets up a folder for the application (now, more often than not, it is an electronic folder) and sends out a notification almost immediately that something is missing. So, if you have received such a message, please be patient. Of course, our office is here to help if you hear a second or third time that some document has gone missing.

This is a good time to remind all of you that we cannot send your standardized test scores. Those must be sent by the family.

The Arts Center has really taken shape, many of our winter teams are meeting with success, the student One Acts take the stage this weekend and Founders’ Day and Dwight Night (our mid-year semi-formal dance) are just around the corner. Of course, the calendar has turned as well, and we are now more than half-way to graduation!

If you get a chance, please remind your son or daughter to keep working. In the semester system, many students are taking Advanced Placement courses. Their results in those classes and from the tests in May can sometimes yield college credit. All students need to be reminded to finish the year well. Admissions offices will renege on acceptances if academic or disciplinary issues disappoint. We will do our part to remind all seniors and post graduates of this truth.

Hope the newsletter finds you and your family well.

As always, please feel free to be in touch with your counselor or anyone in the office. Here’s wishing the best to us all in 2008.

This is likely my last newsletter to you until April, when I will give an overview of the college results and some reminders for the end of the year.

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for the Office