

# JUNIOR TO SENIOR YEAR TRANSITION

Making the most of the final  
year at Shawsheen Valley  
Technical High School

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 5:30pm

# COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

- ◉ Every other week employment in field.
- ◉ Juniors are eligible beginning 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
- ◉ Must meet grade/attendance/discipline requirements (see webpage for details).
- ◉ A drivers license or means of transportation.
- ◉ Cooperative education office is open during the summer, however it is best to set up a job prior to leaving in June.
- ◉ Mr. Lavoie, Coordinator - 978-671-3619

# Visit Our Online Job Board

..... ➔ Your job search starts here!

## CollegeCentral.com/shawsheentech

- ➔ ADD THE COLLEGE CENTRAL® APP TO YOUR HOME PAGE AND MOBILE DEVICE!
- ➔ SEARCH OUR EXCLUSIVE JOB LISTINGS AND SET UP YOUR JOB AGENT TODAY!
- ➔ CREATE YOUR ONLINE RÉSUMÉ. IT'S EASY WITH OUR RÉSUMÉ BUILDER!
- ➔ BUILD, UPDATE, AND FORWARD YOUR ONLINE CAREER PORTFOLIO TO EMPLOYERS!
- ➔ READ OUR CAREER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS!
- ➔ CHECK OUT AND REGISTER TO ATTEND OUR LATEST CAREER EVENTS!
- ➔ DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOL'S FREE CAREER ADVICE DOCUMENTS AND PODCASTS!
- ➔ READ HUNDREDS OF FREE CAREER-RELATED ARTICLES!
- ➔ VIEW AND APPLY TO JOBS ON THE NATION'S LARGEST ENTRY-LEVEL JOB BOARD!

➔ JOB SEEKERS: LOG IN NOW!

➔ TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE!



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Go here. Get jobs.

# WHAT EVERY JUNIOR SHOULD KNOW

- ◉ Career Cruising (explore careers, explore colleges or update your portfolio). Naviance (used to complete the college application process and send official school records / teacher letters of recommendation).
- ◉ Course Selection (think about your post HS plans, taking Spanish or not)
- ◉ Meet with your counselor (parents should come in as well)!
- ◉ Calendar of events (SAT's, scholarships etc...)
- ◉ Resumes, Transcripts (what is the process?)
- ◉ Deadlines Count!
- ◉ Cooperative Education

# MASS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

- ◉ All community colleges have agreements with 4 year Mass. State Universities
- ◉ Commonwealth Commitment through Mass Transfer- [www.mass.edu/MAComCom](http://www.mass.edu/MAComCom)
- ◉ Guaranteed admission to Mass State University with a 2.5 GPA and a tuition discount for a 3.0 GPA
- ◉ A2B Degree-Complete 60 credits before transferring and save an avg. of 28%.
- ◉ A2B Degree + Commonwealth Commitment. Complete 60 credits full-time before transferring and save an avg. of 40%.

# FINDING THE RIGHT COLLEGE

- ◉ College search tools- Naviance, Career Cruising, College Board
- ◉ College fairs
- ◉ Visits/tours are extremely helpful
- ◉ Meet with counselor for recommendations
- ◉ Visit the college's admissions website for admission requirements

# UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIR

## NEACAC - Spring College Fairs

- ◉ Bedford High School  
Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
- ◉ Boston Convention Center & Exhibit Hall  
Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
6:00 - 8:30 P.M.
- ◉ Merrimack College  
Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
6:00 - 8:30 P.M.
- ◉ Other opportunities for College Fairs in the area will be announced as the information becomes available.

# WHAT COLLEGES (AND SCHOLARSHIPS) ARE LOOKING FOR

- ◉ Challenging coursework with good grades (transcript)
- ◉ SAT scores that indicate college readiness (most 4 year schools)
- ◉ Thoughtful, well-written essay (most 4 year schools)
- ◉ Extracurriculars/work experience
- ◉ 1-2 teacher recommendations
- ◉ Community service (especially for scholarships)
- ◉ Div I and II athletics requires you to register at the NCAA Eligibility Center



# UMASS / STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

- Fall 2017 and beyond [Minimum of 17 College Preparatory courses needed in the following areas]
  - English [4 - College Preparatory {CP} courses]
  - Mathematics [4 - CP courses “Algebra I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry, or comparable coursework, including mathematics during the final year of high school”.]
  - Sciences [3 - CP courses (drawn from Natural Sciences and/or Physical Sciences and/or Technology / Engineering) including 3 courses with laboratory work.]
  - Social Sciences [2 - CP courses (including 1 course in U.S. History).]
  - Foreign Languages [2 - CP courses (in a single language). Students that do not complete SVTHS Spanish coursework must take an additional elective for a total of 3 CP electives.]
  - Electives [2 - CP courses (from the above subjects or from the Arts & Humanities or Computer Sciences).]

## Why should my child use the Common Application?

With more than 600 Member colleges and only one application, The Common Application is comprised of a rich and diverse membership – colleges that are public, private, large, small, secular, and religious. No other college application system matches the diversity of institutions accessible through The Common Application, which is why more than **1 million students**, counselors and teachers rely on us every year.

How does The Common Application work? Colleges request a large amount of information from applicants, and we simplify the process by collecting much of that information all in one place. This prevents students from repeating the details of their background, education, activities, and testing over and over again, for every school on their list. It also enables students to stay on top of deadlines and manage school-specific tasks – without leaving our system.

- ✓ For more information about the application itself, visit our **How To Apply** page.

SVTHS Summer  
Institute:

Preparing your  
College  
Applications  
through CA.  
Coming in  
July 2020

# SAT TEST INFORMATION

Time	3 hours & 50 mins.
Section Score Range	200 - 800
Essay	Optional (recommended)

- SAT Registration at [sat.org/register](https://sat.org/register)
- SAT Prep: Begins 3/9/2020, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8pm for 7 weeks. Cost: \$130.
- Free SAT Prep at [www.khanacademy.org/sat](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat)

# FINANCIAL AID DATES / PROCESS

- FAFSA [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Application start date - October 2020
- Shawsheen Financial Aid Info Night- Wednesday, TBD October, 2020

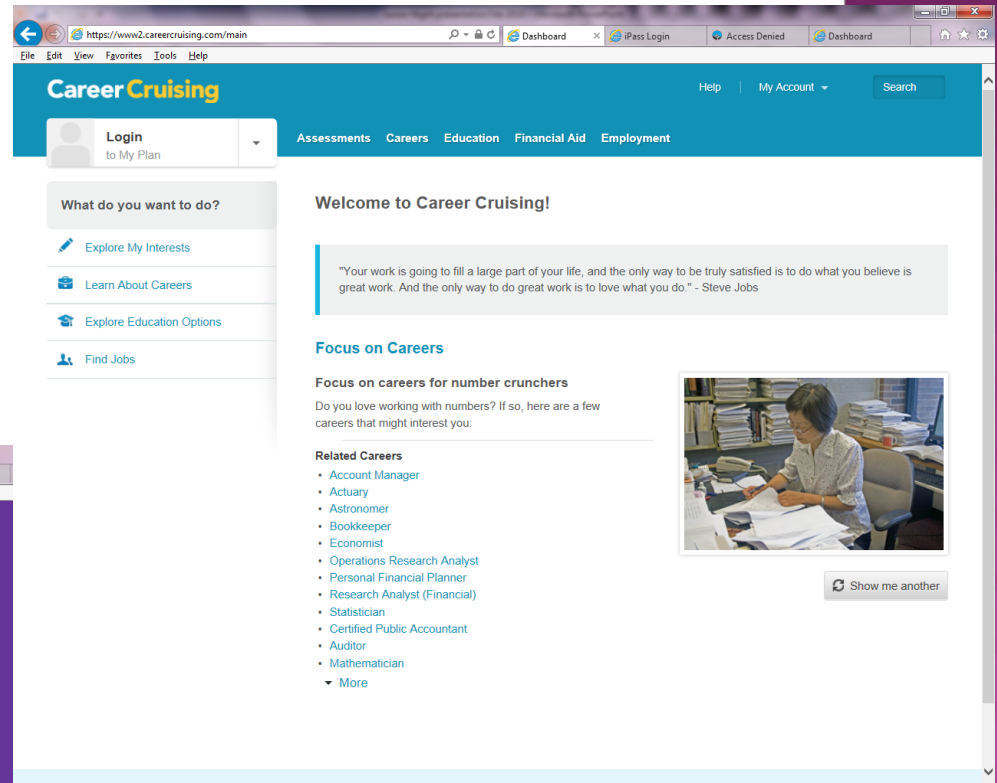


[www.mefa.org/](http://www.mefa.org/)

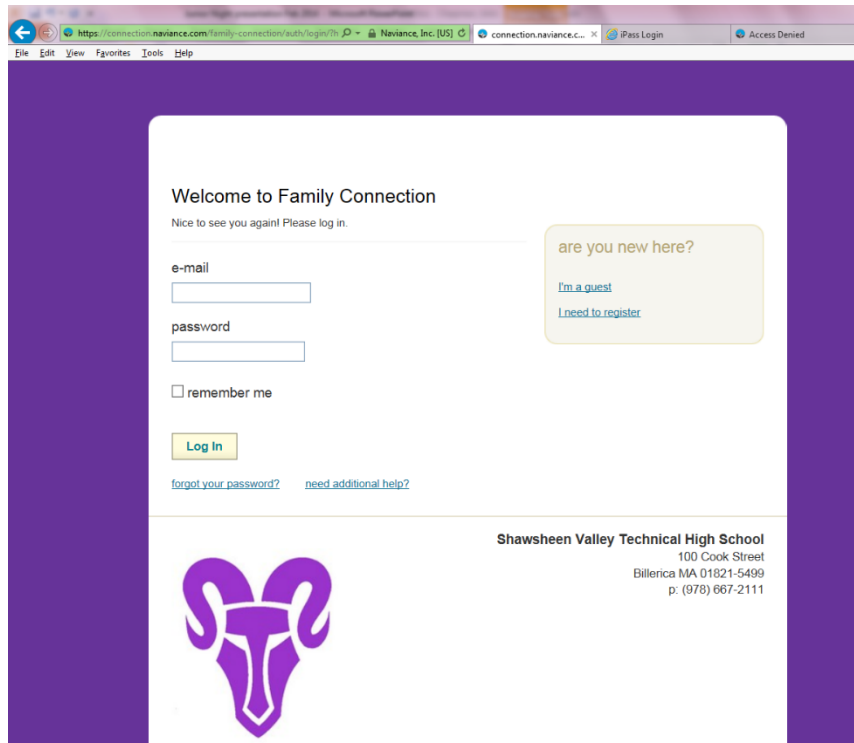
# CAREER CRUISING & NAVIANCE WEBSITES

Career Cruising Website:

<https://www2.careercruising.com/>



The screenshot shows the Career Cruising website homepage. The browser address bar displays <https://www2.careercruising.com/main>. The page features a blue header with the "Career Cruising" logo and navigation links for "Assessments", "Careers", "Education", "Financial Aid", and "Employment". A "Login to My Plan" button is visible. A sidebar on the left offers options: "Explore My Interests", "Learn About Careers", "Explore Education Options", and "Find Jobs". The main content area includes a welcome message, a quote by Steve Jobs, a "Focus on Careers" section with a list of related careers (Account Manager, Actuary, Astronomer, Bookkeeper, Economist, Operations Research Analyst, Personal Financial Planner, Research Analyst (Financial), Statistician, Certified Public Accountant, Auditor, Mathematician), and a "Show me another" button. An image of a woman working at a desk is also present.



The screenshot shows the Naviance Family Connections website login page. The browser address bar displays <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login?i>. The page has a purple background and features a "Welcome to Family Connection" message. Below the message is a login form with fields for "e-mail" and "password", a "remember me" checkbox, and a "Log In" button. Links for "forgot your password?" and "need additional help?" are provided. At the bottom, the page identifies "Shawsheen Valley Technical High School" with its address (100 Cook Street, Billerica MA 01821-5499) and phone number (p. (978) 667-2111). A purple ram logo is displayed in the bottom left corner.

Naviance Family Connections Website: <https://student.naviance.com/shawsheen>

# CAREER PATHWAYS

- ◉ Know your options (certifications, license, additional education for your trade).
- ◉ Speak with your vocational instructor and guidance counselor (everyone is on the same page to support you!)
- ◉ Keep current with state licensing board laws, regulations and codes (CMR)

# MILITARY

- ◉ Recruitment
- ◉ 'Opt out' option for receiving information
- ◉ Academy/ROTC scholarships
- ◉ Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)
- ◉ Making a decision
- ◉ Mr. Chapman, Military Recruiter Coordinator

# WHEN IN DOUBT, CONTACT US

- ◉ Kelly McFadden, Counselor - Cosmo, Culinary, Machine, HVAC, DVC
- ◉ Amanda Samaha, Counselor - Electronics, Information Services & Networking
- ◉ Terry Henry, Counselor - Graphics, Drafting, Business, Health
- ◉ John Chapman, Counselor - Carpentry, Electrical, Masonry & Plumbing
- ◉ Greg Harrison, Counselor - Dental, Medical, Automotive, Auto Collision
- ◉ Matt Baione, Director of Guidance
- ◉ Dave Norkiewicz, Director of Vocational Programs
- ◉ Jess Cook, Principal