Fall Camping
On the first weekend in October, the outdoor exploration club attended the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Fall Fest. The trip is one perk of the partnership between NSA and AMC’s Youth Opportunities Program (YOP).

Fall Fest let our students to celebrate the season and enjoy the foliage in Western MA while camping at AMC Noble View Outdoor Center in Russell, MA. Students enjoyed hiking, team building, seasonal cuisine, and a moonlit walk through the forest.

They learned how to build a campfire, navigate the woods with a compass, and cook kettle corn over a camp stove.

College Planning Night Recap
College Planning Night was a great success! It was a great opportunity for families to learn about post-graduate educational opportunities, steps for enrollment, disability support, and financial aid.

NSA counselors work with all seniors and their families to develop a well-thought out post-graduate plan to prepare them for a successful future after leaving NSA. Many seniors have been writing their college essays, filling out applications, and taking the SATs, if desired.

Senior parents are reminded that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open and can be completed now at www.fafsa.ed.gov

PSATs
The 10th and 11th graders are thinking about their futures. Many took the PSAT on 10/25 as a step toward college readiness.

If your student is in the 9th or 10th grade this year, please consider having him or her take the PSAT next year. Look for an e-mail or a flyer in the mail.
**SATs**
When a student applies to a college or university, he or she will likely be asked to provide test scores for the SAT, which is a standardized college entrance exam.

The SATs are offered all year, with the exception of February and April. The remaining dates for 2017-2018 include: November 4, December 2, March 10, May 5, and June 2. To learn more, visit [https://www.collegeboard.org](https://www.collegeboard.org)

SAT accommodations can be applied for, but can take weeks to process. Please contact your student’s NSA counselor for more information. Please plan ahead and request an application if your student is in the 10th or 11th grade.

**NSCC Visit**
North Shore Community College (NSCC) visited NSA on 10/14 and conducted on-the-spot admissions. Many students used the opportunity to fill out their application and learn more about the opportunities that NSCC has to offer.

The college is one of the leading, affordable colleges north of Boston. They also offer scholarships and financial aid.

**School Spirit Day Schedule**
On the last Friday of each month, we encourage students to dress for the following school spirit days:

- **January**: Pride Day
- **February**: Hawaiian Day
- **March**: Superheroes vs. Villains
- **April**: Music Rocks: Wear band shirts or dress like a rocker!
- **May**: America Day

**Save the Date!**
- **11/7** Professional Development Day (no school)
- **11/10** Veterans Day (no school)
- **11/23-11/24** Thanksgiving break (no school)
- **12/10** Festivus 5K run/walk to benefit Northshore Education Consortium.
  - [www.festivus5k.com](http://www.festivus5k.com)
- **3/26** Spring driver’s Ed classes start for students older than 15 years and 9 months. Contact [lburns@nsedu.org](mailto:lburns@nsedu.org) for more information.

Go Wolverines!