



SPRING VALLEY



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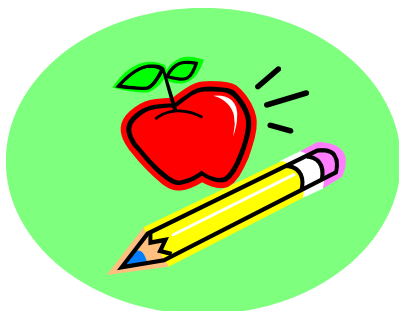
COLLEGE NEWS!

BHAM COLLEGE FAIR

On Saturday, September 17th, the annual college fair will be held at the BJCC from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. There will be a special workshop that day for students with learning disabilities as well as the opportunity to talk to college reps from schools around the country.

Next Wednesday's folder will contain an assortment of handouts that will help students and their parents prepare for this opportunity.

Don't miss this opportunity!!



SVS library has Fiske Guide to Colleges!

Check out these websites!

www.fastweb.com

www.gocollege.com

Gunnar Olsen will return to Spring Valley on Friday, September 30 at 1:30. He will be working with our Seniors and Juniors and their parents by appointment. Return the attached form for your time slot.

Southern Engraving Rep

Next week a representative from Southern Engraving Company will visit the school to speak to the Seniors about orders for school rings, caps and gowns, diplomas, and invitations. The students and teachers will begin working on a crest for the school. If you have a favorite Latin phrase or an idea that you would like to share, let me know.

Landmark College Visit

On September 20th, the representative from Landmark College will visit Spring Valley School. He will speak to the students about college experience and then be available to any parent that would like to set up an appointment.

Landmark College in Vermont is a well known school for students with learning differences. Although the tuition is high, Landmark offers very good scholarships.

Self-Advocacy

The need for self-advocacy skills in a post-secondary setting is essential. Continue talking to your child about his/her academic strengths and weaknesses. Discuss the type of accommodations that are appropriate for your learning disability. When students encounter a very difficult academic situation, it is best for the student rather than the parent to interface with the teacher. Students ought to be encouraged to take part in as many opportunities for demonstrating their independence as possible.