Rising Senior Parent Night Meeting

Agenda

• College Application Timeline
• College Testing Info
• Naviance Info
• Important Dates/Websites
• Q&A: Student Panel
Objective: To make the college application process as smooth as possible and minimize senior year stress.

**Perfect World:** 100% of applications completed before the first day of school

**Realistic goal:** 50-75% of applications completed
College Application Timeline

Spring 2016

• Take SAT, ACT, or both
• Naviance Super Match College Search and identify 5-10 “Colleges I’m Thinking About” (important for college visit notification)
• Complete 10 question Self-evaluation in Naviance aka “Brag Sheet”
• Create a resume in Naviance
College Application Timeline

**Summer 2016**

- Continue researching “Colleges I’m Thinking About”
- Visit colleges of interest (schedule a campus tour)
- Identify “Colleges I’m Applying To” and create organizational system w/ deadlines
- Begin college applications (including commonapp.org) on or about August 1st, 2016
## Organizational System

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College Application Timeline

**Fall 2016**

- Take ACT or SAT again if unhappy with 1st score
- Sign up for College Visits on Naviance
- Finalize and submit college applications (before Early Action Deadlines)
- Ask teachers for teacher recommendations (1st couple weeks of school)
- Submit Transcript Request form and List of “Colleges I’m Applying to” (given to students and available on our website)
NEW STATE LAW: ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DURING 11TH GRADE:

- SAT
- ACT
- ACCUPLACER
Differences & Similarities
ACT, SAT & Accuplacer

- Review handout for detailed explanation of the Redesigned SAT vs the New ACT
- We encourage students to take 1 or both tests in April/May/June of 11th grade and Fall of 12th grade
- Fee waivers available – Contact Ms Lanning (CCRC)
- Prep Classes offered at MC – see handout

**Accuplacer:** Tests knowledge of HS content: Arithmetic, College-Level Math, Elementary Algebra (75), Reading Comprehension (79), and Sentence Skills (90)
  - Multiple choice
  - Determines course placement, NOT admission
  - Untimed
Naviance-
A program designed to help students and parents with the college and career search process

www.connection.naviance.com/einstein
User name: Student ID#  Password=Student ID#

Parents -
Email counselor to have your account activated

College Board-
A website designed to assist students and parents with college search, scholarships, SAT registration and preparation

www.collegeboard.com

ACT-  www.actstudent.org website to register for the ACT
### colleges I’m thinking about

+ + add to list | compare me

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* Difficulty of admission specifically for you as estimated by your counselor

†College information is provided by the colleges themselves. Costs, dates, policies, and programs are subject to change, so please confirm important facts with college admission personnel.
The averages below are for students from your high school that have been accepted to that particular college. School averages are displayed in green if your number is higher and in red when your number is lower. Your PSAT score, if available, has been converted to the equivalent SAT score and compared to the average single SAT score of an accepted student. Your PLAN score can also serve as a direct estimate of your ACT score and can be compared to the average ACT score of an accepted student. The column labeled "Accept" shows the number of students accepted out of the number of students that applied.

## Comparison to Accepted Averages (2008 - 2013)

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~Other Suggestions~

- This spring students will meet with their counselor to discuss the college application process and timeline
- In May, we will begin to schedule summer parent conferences as a follow-up
- Sign up for college visits in Naviance: Students meet with the local college admissions counselors here at Einstein
- Prepare for college entrance exams and take exam Spring 2016
- Attend college fairs (fall and spring), April 20th
- Search individual college websites
- Schedule a campus visit (if possible, during spring break or over the Summer)
- Attend MCPS on-the-spot admissions events in the FALL
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How many college applications should I submit??

There is no magic number, however 5-9 are usually enough. This number should be made up of a combination of reach(3), match(3) and safe(2) schools.

- **Reach School**-- A reach school is a college that you have a chance of getting into, but your test scores and/or high school grades are lower than the scores on the school's profile.

- **Match School**--A match school is a college that you are pretty likely to get into because your test scores and/or high school grades fall right into the middle range when you look at the school's profile.

- **Safe School**--A safety school is a college that you will almost certainly get into because your test scores and/or high school grades are well above average when you look at the school's profile.

- **In-state School**-- at least 1 Maryland school for in-state financial aid opportunities (Bowie, Coppin, Frostburg, Salisbury, Towson, U of Baltimore, Morgan, St. Mary’s, US Naval Academy, U of MD-CP, Baltimore, Eastern Shore and University College)
Use Of An Organizational System...

Create a system for tracking applications

Create a calendar for deadlines

Applications

Scholarships

College Testing
~Helpful Websites~

- www.connection.naviance.com/einstein
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org
- www.commonapp.org
- www.finaid.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.petersons.com
- www.khanacademy.com
- www.princetonreview.com

“That was easy!!”
Tasks to complete before the end of the school year

- Take the SAT and/or ACT
- Complete the 10 questions of the Self-Evaluation questionnaire in Naviance
- Conduct Super Match College Search and add at least 5-10 colleges to the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” in Naviance
- Attend MCPS college fair
Tasks to complete over the Summer

- Continue to research colleges and create an organizational system
- Visit colleges of interest/schedule campus tour
- Begin Applications (including Common App.org) which typically open August 1st, 2016
~Important Dates To Remember~

SPRING BREAK ...........MARCH 24 – APRIL 3

COLLEGE FAIR(MC FAIRGROUNDS).......APRIL 22

AP/IB TESTING.......MAY 2- MAY 20

SAT TEST DATES....SEE HANDOUT

ACT TEST DATES......SEE HANDOUT
Class Sponsor 2017: Mrs. Haley Hellmann

**PROM:** APRIL 28TH, 2017 AT THE SAMUEL RIGGS IV ALUMNI CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

PARTICIPATE IN NEXT YEAR’S FALL CLAIRE’S GOURMET FUNDRAISER:

- THE MORE WE SELL, THE CHEAPER THE PROM COST
- STUDENTS WILL AGAIN BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN FREE SENIOR DUES AND/OR PROM TICKETS IF THEY REACH CERTAIN SALES GOALS.
Order a Class t-Shirt: $20
Q&A Panel

Let’s hear from current seniors!