

Seniors Class of 2012





Introductions

Guidance Counselors

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Agenda

- Establishing a Counselor-Parent Partnership
- College Representative Meetings
- College Campus Visits
- ACT & SAT
- Application Process
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Handouts



Establishing a Counselor- Parent Partnership

- Welcome to the Senior year!!!
- Busy time with applications, deadlines, financial aid, and scholarships
- Purpose of this meeting: to ease concerns and help guide parents through the application process
- We are partners in this process!



College Representatives

- Dates and times posted in homerooms
- Permitted to attend 5 meetings
 - Counts against 20/10
- Permission slips (in HR) must be turned in to Mrs. Spinosi one day before
- Student will receive a pass in homeroom



College Campus Visits

- Best way to get to know a school!
- Try to visit on No School days
 - Suggested dates in Information Packet
- Permitted 3 excused college visit days
 - Counts against 20/10
- Fill out form in guidance office
BEFORE your student visits the campus

ACT & SAT

■ Next Test Registration Deadlines

- SAT ~ September 9th for October 1st test date
- ACT ~ September 16th for October 22nd test date

■ Register by mail or online

- Paper forms in guidance office
- MUST include SFDHS code #: 361-533 so we receive a copy of the scores

■ See counselor ASAP if student requires accommodations!

Application Process

- Apply Early!!
- Turn in applications to guidance counselor by November 18th (Nov. 14th if Dec 1 deadline)
 - Applications with earlier deadlines must be turned in at least 1 week before deadline
- All Forms: Counselor forms, essays, recommendations, fees with an addressed envelope and postage
- Online
 - Once sent online, inform your counselor, and we will send counselor form and transcript
- Transcripts must be sent directly from our office, not possible to send electronically
 - Fee for transcripts is \$5.00 each after the first 3, only applies to college applications



Application Process

■ Early Decision vs. Early Action

- Early Decision is a binding contract between the student and the school. If the student applies under Early Decision and is accepted, he or she is legally obligated to attend that school.
- Early Action is NOT binding and is just a way to apply to a school earlier than the Regular Decision application deadlines and will find out sooner re: acceptance.

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■ **E**nvelope



■ **A**pplication

– Don't forget about counselor form

■ **S**tamps



■ **Y**ou!

– Recommendation letters, Résumé



Financial Aid: Types

- **Scholarships** ~ may or may not be need based
- **Grants** ~ awarded based primarily on financial need
- **Student Loans** ~ Federal or private; must be paid back including any accrued interest
- **Federal Work Study** ~ Student with financial need can get a job at the college and earn an hourly wage



Financial Aid

- Fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** after January 1, 2012
 - www.fafsa.gov
- Apply for a pin number now
 - www.pin.ed.gov
- **SAVE THE DATE** for Financial Aid Night:
TBA January 2012
- College Goal Sunday: February 12, 2012
- Waivers are available for students that qualify;
for ACT/SAT, and college application fees



Scholarships

- Classified by:
 - Merit
 - Need
 - Athletics
 - Ethnicity
 - Special talents ~ art, music
 - Community service
 - Leadership
- Can be national, statewide, regional, local



Scholarships

- Where to find?

- Institutions to which student applies--some competitive, others automatic
- Internet is a great resource:
 - www.fastweb.com, www.collegeboard.com,
www.scholarships.com
 - Guidance Newsletters/Website

- **Beware of scholarship scams!**



Filling out Scholarship Applications

- Each scholarship will have its own eligibility requirements and guidelines for applying
- Pay attention to deadlines!
- Procedure for scholarship application transcript requests is the same as admission application transcript requests
- Bring in any letters of scholarship notification to counselor



Collaboration with the Counselor

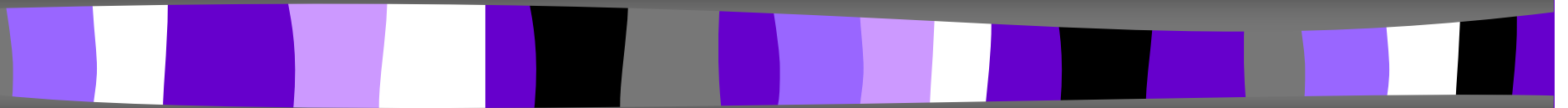
- Remember: we are here to assist you and your student!
- Please call or email with any questions or concerns
- Counselors will be seeing all Seniors via individual appointment to discuss school, potential colleges, applications, scholarships, careers, and future goals!



Handout Review

- College & Career Planning Guide
- Senior College Planning “Cheat Sheet”
- Forms

Other Questions
or Concerns?



Thank You



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