WELCOME TO SENIOR YEAR!!!

COLLEGE APPLICATION & DECISION PROCESS

RECEIVE REMINDERS, NEWS AND UPDATES FROM COUNSELING DEPARTMENT:

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WHERE DID THE CLASS OF 2017 GO?

- 64% 4 year College/University
- 27.7% 2 year College
- 3.00% Technical School
- 2.2% Workforce
- 1.90% Military
- 1.10% Undecided
• Discuss the nuts and bolts of the college application and decision process
• Provide handouts as helpful guides
• Review upcoming seminars/presentations
• Answer questions regarding choosing a college and the application process
APPLYING TO COLLEGE
STEP 1: REVIEW APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

ESSAYS * TEST SCORES * LETTERS OF REC

ESSAYS

• Answer the essay question
• Ask your English teachers or go to the Writing Center for assistance
• If sending same essay to different schools, remember to CHANGE the School Name
TEST SCORES

• Go to www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org and send scores directly to college/university (fee required) *See handout

• Should I retake the SAT?
  – Not if you fulfill the requirements of the schools you are considering

• Upcoming SAT test dates
  – October 7 (Registration Deadline: September 8)
  – November 4 (Registration Deadline: October 5)
  – December 2 (Registration Deadline: November 2)

• Test Optional Colleges/Universities (www.fairtest.org)

• Have I taken the appropriate exams? Do I need to take SAT Subject Tests? Should I take the ACT?
  – Check admission requirements as many highly selective schools recommend or require two or more SAT Subject Tests
  – Upcoming ACT Test Dates
    • October 28 (Registration Deadline: September 22)
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

• Create resume
  ✓ Use Naviance to assist with creating resume
  ✓ Include all academic, athletic, music, club honors/activities
  ✓ Work and Volunteer experience are important also!

• Review admission requirements and determine if letters are required

• Complete Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form

• Submit Teacher/Counselor Recommendation request on Naviance

• Ask teacher(s) for letter in person. Hand them Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form AND Resume

• Give Teachers/Counselors ample time to complete letter
  -2 weeks minimum
Applying to College

Step 2: Submitting Application & Required Documents

• Review admission options (Early Decision, Early Action, Rolling Admission) and requirements
• Complete application-online
  *(REFER TO APPLICATION PROCESS HANDOUT)*
• If applying online, make sure you receive a confirmation email
• Submit application fee *(Fee waivers available through counselor)*
• Be aware of application deadlines
  – State Schools and Highly Selective….Apply Early! *(By Nov. 1-U of I, Nov. 15-All other State Schools)*
• Apply now, decide later (May 1st)
• Record information in Naviance!!!
TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

• Request transcript on Naviance (no fee) and track date of submission

• If you do not use Naviance, you must complete a Transcript Request Form (Forms can be located in the Guidance Office) and bring $3.00/transcript to the Registrar or your Counselor for transcript to be processed and mailed

• In order to guarantee transcripts will be mailed out by application deadlines-please allow 3 Business Days for processing (Example: Deadline=November 1, Request=October 27)
Applying to Colleges

STEP 3: ADMISSION DECISIONS AND FINAL DECISION

• Most schools take 4-6 weeks to process application and respond (Highly Selective will reply in Spring)
• Admission decisions-Admitted, Denied, Waitlist, Under Consideration
• Finish Strong
  – Schools will take all 8 semesters into consideration
  – Schools look for a continued course rigor
MANAGING APPLICATIONS

- Use appropriate email addresses
- **Check email and school portals regularly** as school will communicate via email with application updates and sometimes decisions
- Contact admission reps with questions—*use appropriate email format* when corresponding
- Keep track of usernames and passwords
- Use Naviance to track date transcript mailed
- Update admission decisions on Naviance
What is the Common Application?

• Group of colleges and universities that have agreed to honor a single application form
• Many of the colleges and universities have their own supplemental forms that must be completed
• Must create username and password and add information to Naviance account so documents can be submitted electronically
• Teachers and Counselors recommendations are REQUIRED and must be submitted through Naviance
• User-friendly
• Submission online required
• Fees required for each school, waivers available (see counselor)
Financial Aid Night
   - Thursday, September 21 at 6:00PM in Room C2

Financial Aid Senior Seminar
   - TBA during Warrior Time

CSS Profile: https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp

Net Price Calculator on college/university websites

Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov and review FAFSA4CASTER

Scholarships
   - National scholarships on Fastweb.com or Naviance
   - College/University scholarships by checking their Financial Aid website (check individual school deadlines)
   - Student/Parent Employer
   - Local scholarships by checking daily bulletins, Naviance and the Willowbrook website
   - Many colleges/universities have Semester 1 scholarship deadlines. Applications can be found on their website
IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS AND WANT FURTHER INFO:

• Visit the WB College and Career Center
• Bring questions for meeting with counselor during Senior Interview
• Attend a College Rep Visit in College and Career Center
• Attend a College Fair
  – National College Fair
    • October 14, McCormick Place, 11:00AM-3:00PM
  – College of DuPage College Fair
    • October 17, College of DuPage, 6:00PM-8:00PM
• Contact the admissions counselors at schools of interest
• Attend a Senior Seminar next week and drop-in assistance during Warrior Time on Wednesdays
The following Senior Seminars will be offered during Warrior Time:

- **Highly Selective Colleges and Universities**
  - Wednesday, August 30 (Room C4)

- **Common Application**
  - Thursday, August 31 (Room C2)

- **College of DuPage**
  - Friday, September 1 (Room C2)

- Every **Wednesday**, beginning September 6 through November 15, students can visit the College and Career Center during Warrior Time for assistance with Naviance, college applications, financial aid, and choosing a college.
Questions???

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