Junior Parent Night

“The College Search & Planning Process”

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“Where will you go???”

Oh, the Places You'll Go!
What is this presentation all about???

- College and Career Planning Timeline
- College and Career possibilities
- Upcoming standardized testing-SAT Exam
- Academics
What are my son/daughter’s options after graduation?

- Post Secondary Education (93.6% Class of 2017)
  - College/University, Technical School, Trade School
- Military (3% Class of 2017)
- Employment/Internship/Apprenticeship (1% Class of 2017)
Junior Counseling Curriculum

- **Nov. 4-Nov. 13**: Junior Next Step Lessons during Warrior Time
- **Dec. 4-Dec. 7**: Naviance and College Board Tutorial Lesson during Warrior Time
- **Jan. 29-Feb. 1**: 4-year plan and Course Selection Lesson during Warrior Time
- **Feb. 4-Feb. 8**: Junior Interviews and Course Selection with the School Counselor
College Application Requirements

• Transcript
• Standardized Test Scores
• Letters of Recommendation
• Essay
Transcript/Courses

- Freshmen-Junior year courses, semester grades, cumulative GPA, class rank
  - 27% of Juniors are currently failing 1 or more course
    - Warrior Time Resource, Academic Resource Center, Teachers, SOAR
- Challenging senior year courses (included on application)
- Elective courses in career/major interest
  - Attend Curriculum Showcase on January 17
- Deadline for course changes: February 15
# College Admission Requirements

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*Colleges/Universities that require World Language will require that the student fulfill the requirement with the same language*
SAT Exam

• **School-wide testing date: April 9, 2019**
  - State required exam to obtain diploma
  - All Class of 2019 students required to take exam
• National Testing Dates (Register online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))
  - December 1, 2018
  - March 9, 2019
  - May 4, 2019
  - June 1, 2019
    - SAT without Essay: $47.50
    - SAT with Essay: $64.50
• Evidenced Based-Reading, Evidenced-Based Writing and Language, Math with and without a calculator
• Approximately 3.75 hours
• Subject Tests may be required by highly selective institutions

• Subject Tests measure knowledge and ability in specific subject areas such as: US History, Biology, Spanish, etc.

• Total score out of 1600: 200-800 for each section

• You decide which score is sent to which institution (Send score to 4 colleges when you register - Cost to send after is $12/school)
SAT College Readiness
Benchmarks

Green: The section score meets or exceeds the benchmark
Yellow: The section score is within one year’s academic growth of the benchmark
Red: The section score is below the benchmark by more than one year’s academic growth

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SAT Test Prep

• SAT Prep Course
  • Registration Deadline-December

• Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for online prep
  • Khan Academy
ACT Exam

- National Testing Dates (Register online at: www.actstudent.org)
  - December 8, 2018
  - February 9, 2019
  - April 13, 2019
  - June 8, 2019
  - July 13, 2019
    - ACT without writing: $50.50
    - ACT with Writing $67
- 4 tests-English, Math, Reading and Science
- 5th Test-Writing (*Optional)
ACT Exam continued

• Approximately 3.5 hours
• Total composite: 1-36 based on average of 4 tests, Writing scored separately (0-12)
• You decide which score is sent to which institution (Send score to 4 colleges when you register-Cost to send after is $13/school)
• All colleges and universities will accept ACT and/or SAT for admission
Test Optional

- Over 800 colleges/universities are moving to test optional in admission process ([www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org))
  - Standardized Testing is not factored into the admission decision
  - Students may have to provide alternative admission component in place of test score (i.e. extra essay)
- Local test optional institutions:
  - Augustana, DePaul, Lake Forest, Knox
Letters of Rec/Essay

• Create resume of activities on Naviance: Remain involved or GET INVOLVED
  • Clubs, Sports, Volunteer, Work, Leadership Opportunities, Summer Camp
• Teachers/Counselors use resume to write a letter of recommendation
• Essays are used to provide information about student: Are there any circumstances that have impacted your academics? What makes you unique? How are your writing skills?
• College Search
  • SuperMatch College Search
• Career Assessments
  • Career Interest Profiler
  • Cluster Finder
• Resume Builder
• Scholarship Search
Additional Resources

• Occupational Outlook Handbook
  • http://www.bls.gov/ooh/

• MyMajors.com
  • Complete the college major quiz
Things to consider when exploring colleges/universities

- Type (Public/Private)
- Academic Rigor
- Admission Requirements
- Size
- Location
- Student Body
- Alumni Network
- Cost/Financial Fit
- Field of Study
- Activities
- Housing
- History of School
- Yearly Calendar
- Graduation Requirements
- Student/Teacher Ratio
- Selectivity

Use **Naviance SuperMatch** for college search
How to build a college list

• Reach
  • ACT/GPA below middle 50% AND admission rate is < than 50% OR the college/university has an acceptance rate of 30% or less

• Match
  • ACT/GPA in middle 50% range AND admission rate > 50% OR ACT/GPA exceed middle 50% AND admission rate < 50%

• Safety
  • ACT/GPA exceed middle 50% AND admission rate is > 50%
Advantages of attending a 2-Year College (College of DuPage)

- 28% of our students attend
- Affordable
- Location
- Wide variety of majors available
- Career/Certificate Programs
- Small Class Sizes
- SAT Score is not required for admission
- Ability to transfer to a 4-year school
- Financial assistance and scholarships available
Alternative Educational Options

- Vocational/Technical School
- Military
- Apprenticeship
Things to Do

- Self-evaluation
- Prepare for standardized testing and sign up
- Choose challenging senior year courses
- Research Colleges/Universities
  - Visit college campuses, attend college fairs, meet with college representatives in College and Career Center
Things to Do continued

• Research cost:
  • Net Price Calculator on college websites
  • Managing College Costs-
    • Wednesday, November 14, 7:00pm
  • FAFSA4Caster

• Use Naviance for college and career search

• Have college application list completed by Fall 2019
Where and When to Apply

- Focus on creating list of colleges you are interested in applying to
- Add your dream schools to your list, but also add safe schools
- Begin applications in September of senior year
- Application process will be reviewed at start of senior year
Websites

• www.actstudent.org
  • ACT Test Dates and Registration
• www.collegeboard.org
  • SAT Test Dates and Registration and college and scholarship search
• www.collegeillinois.org
  • Financial Aid information for Illinois students and parents
• www.commonapp.org
  • Direct link to college application used by 480+ colleges
• www.connection.naviance.com/willowbrook
  • Willowbrook High School Naviance website
• www.fafsa.ed.gov
  • Direct link to the FAFSA Application
• www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
  • Direct link to the FAFSA Estimator
• www.fairtest.org
  • List of Test Optional Colleges and Universities
• www.fastweb.com
  • National Scholarship Search Website
• www.managingcollegecosts.com
  • College financial planning
• www.mymajors.com
  • Search for college majors
• www.ncaa.org
  • Official Website for College Athletics
Upcoming Events

• Conquering the Challenge of College Costs
  • November 14, 7:00PM, Room C2
• Naviance and College Board Tutorial for students
  • Warrior Time in December
• College and Career Assistance
  • Meet with Counselor
• College Representative visits in the College and Career Center
  • Sign-up on Naviance and read student bulletin for dates and times
• SAT Prep Class
  • Registration during December
Upcoming Events continued

- Curriculum Showcase
  - January 17, 2019, 6:30PM-8:00PM
- Course Registration and Junior Interview
  - February 2019
- College and Career Week
  - March 18-22, 2019
    - College Fair
    - Career Fair
    - Military Fair
    - Resume Workshop
    - Essay Workshop
Questions???