

School Counselors

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UPDATES

- Most college bound seniors have completed their applications, except for a few schools with upcoming deadlines or ones that will be attending Montgomery County Community College. **Please contact your counselor if you have any questions regarding applications.**
- All transcript and recommendation requests must be made through NAVIANCE.
- If you are applying to MCCC, do not wait until the last minute. In order to register for classes, students must first apply and then take placement tests in Math and English.
- Exams are quickly approaching. Make sure you do your best. This is great practice for many upcoming years of college exams!
- It is imperative that seniors maintain a positive academic status. Many colleges ask for mid year grades, and all colleges want end of year grades to verify graduation.
- Please **email or see** your counselor to request **mid year grades** to be sent to colleges if needed.
- Any student considering the military should be in contact with the appropriate recruiter from their desired branch. **REMINDER TO ALL MALE STUDENTS:** Once you turn 18 years of age, you must register for selective services.
- All students seeking employment should be in the process of a job search. With a job search, students should consider employment that offers full time hours, benefits, opportunities for advancement, or training/certificate/education opportunities. Students should be prepared to provide a resume and understand the interview process. See your counselor if you have any questions regarding these areas.
- Scholarship reminder: October edition of the Senior Newsletter features Financial Aid and Scholarship information. Make sure you meet all deadlines for scholarships.

College Planning Time Line

Senior Year

August/September

- meet with your counselor as soon as possible to discuss your current college status (**student must be registered in Naviance before meeting with counselor**)
- discuss/decide on early decision/early action strategy
- register for the ACT/SAT I (and/or SAT II) if necessary
- continue to discuss the cost of your education with parents
- visit colleges, if applicable, set up meeting with admissions and/or professors
- meet with admission reps that visit SAHS
- attend college fair at SAHS (date TBD)
- if applicable, visit colleges and set up interviews
- begin and complete admission applications
- be very attentive to application deadlines:
 - it is highly recommended to apply to rolling admission colleges no later than October 31
 - it is highly recommended to apply to specific deadline colleges no later than 1 month before deadline to ensure all materials are received by deadline date
- once applications are complete, request transcript through Naviance
- request teacher/counselor recommendation through Naviance, only if needed (**must complete student profile on Naviance for a recommendation**)
- complete and edit essays (teacher/counselor – proof read)
- make/update personal resume
- check on status of faculty recommendations
- finalize college choices (prefer 4- 8 schools) with parents

October

- take ACT/SAT I/SAT II
- complete applications/essays
- once applications are complete, request transcript through Naviance
- request teacher/counselor recommendations through Naviance if needed
- Complete FAFSA form (cannot be completed October 1)
- continue contact with counselor and parents to update strategy/plans

College Planning Time Line

Senior Year

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November

- take ACT/SAT I/II, if necessary
- ALL** college applications are strongly recommended to be submitted by Thanksgiving
- If applicable, access CSS Profile online to complete
- Search Naviance for scholarship opportunities

December

- Attend any applicable financial aid nights
- If applicable, access CSS Profile online to complete
- FAFSA – register for PIN number
- Keep parents and counselor informed regarding acceptance/rejection college letters

March/April/May

- Notify guidance with your college decisions (accepted, denied, waitlisted) when received
- Compare financial aid packages from each school you were accepted
- Discuss with your parents your college choice
- Send in deposit to final choice college no later than May 1
- Finish your senior year strong!

June

Graduation!!!