



Junior Newsletter

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Life after high school.....

As hard as it is to believe, second semester is almost halfway completed! And before you know it, graduation will be upon us. As we think about life after high school, remember, everyone's path is different. Just because a parent, sibling or friend chose one path, our path may be different. What works for one, may not work for another. **Be openminded as you explore your options and opportunities.**



Some students have been planning their future since they were 5 years old. Others are trying to delay the inevitable. Regardless of where you are in the process, as we conclude our junior year, students should either start or continue to:

- Explore all options for after high school. The possibilities and opportunities are endless: 4-year college, community college, technical or trade programs, short term or certificate based training programs, start working, or military
- Complete a job shadow and mentorship—these opportunities will make students aware of different careers and paths within a career. Students can also learn the education needed such as level of degree, training programs, etc. for their desired field.
- Use websites such as <https://www.pacareerzone.org/> or <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/> to explore jobs and careers. Look to see the education necessary for those careers.
- Develop solid study habits and receive the best grades you can earn
- Be active and get involved.
 - ⇒ Take on extra responsibilities in an extracurricular you are involved
 - ⇒ Join a new extracurricular
 - ⇒ Volunteer
 - ⇒ Get a job
- **Students and parents should openly communicate all the different post secondary options for students. Together plan for the best path needed to achieve desired career goals.**
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY, ENJOY THE PROCESS AND FOLLOW YOUR PASSIONS.**

COLLEGE TO DO LIST:

- Conduct a college search through Naviance Supermatch or College Board
- Make a list of prospective colleges
- Register for SAT or ACT
- Communication between student/parent(s) on expectations and financial situation
- Visit colleges (Students are allowed 3 excused college visits. Paperwork available at the attendance office)
- Develop solid study habits and receive the best grades you can earn
- Complete an internship.
- Be involved in something whether sports, music, job, club, or anything you enjoy.
- **HAVE FUN DOING EACH STEP OF THE PROCESS.** Do your homework and explore all your options. Taking control of your search so that you can make an educated and personal choice. Doing so should reduce the stress that students often feel.



COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

www.collegeboard.org has a FREE SAT online practice test

www.act.org has FREE ACT online practice questions

ATTENTION: Some colleges are “test optional” meaning SAT or ACT are not required for admissions.

Your can register for the SAT and ACT at the above websites.

PLEASE be aware of all deadlines to register!!!

The college selection process is a major decision that you will be making. It is essential that you put forth the time and effort in selecting the best college for YOU...not your friends! This decision should be made much like buying a car or house and may be one of the largest financial decisions you make in a lifetime. In selecting a college, focus on:

- Location
- Size
- Majors offered
- Extracurricular activities/clubs
- Financial aid available

- Your strengths/interests
- Your learning style
- Your needs, not wants
- Culture of the campus
- Internships/co-ops
- Do you see yourself living here for the next 4-5 years?



Steps in selecting the best college for you:

- Utilize a comprehensive search with college matchmaker on Naviance or www.collegeboard.com
- Start visiting local schools of interest or do a virtual online tour for further schools
- Meet with your counselor. Come prepared to discuss what you have done up to this point so there is a basis for discussion and questions.
- Talk to family and friends for feedback on their college experience and different campuses.
- Make a pro/con list for each college you have remaining on your list.
- Take all the information you have gathered to decide where the best fit is for you. Just because someone else enjoyed a college does not mean that you will too.

The more extensive of a search you conduct and more effort you place into your college selections, the more likely you are to make the best decision. Remember, the colleges you apply may be where you are going to spend the next 4-6 years of your life, with many students staying in that area after graduation!

HINT: Randomly visit several local colleges to get a look at schools and to improve on the understanding of your feel of a college campus. By doing so, you can get an idea of what a campus will be like based on location, size, etc. before visiting schools that are much further away in distance. We are very fortunate in this area to be surrounded by so many reputable and different colleges and universities within an hour.

Small, private schools = Arcadia, Del Val, DeSales, Ursinus

Local State Schools = Kutztown and West Chester

Medium Urban = UPenn, Villanova

Large Urban = Drexel, Temple

Also: Albright, Alvernia, Art Institute of Phila., Bryn Athyn, Bryn Mawr, Cabrini, Cedar Crest, Chestnut Hill, Cheyney, DeVry, Eastern, Gwynedd-Mercy, Holy Family, Lafayette, LaSalle, Moore College of Art & Design, MCCC, Moravian, Muhlenburg, Peirce, PSU Abington, PA College of Art & Design, Philadelphia Biblical, Philadelphia U, Saint Joseph's, Thomas Jefferson, U of the Arts, U of the Sciences, Widener, and more!

Souderton Area High School will welcome over **50 local colleges and universities**. In the past few years, our students have shown the most interest in these schools. We are confident that this small and personal environment will give our students and parents access to speak with representatives from each school.

Thursday April 11, 2019

SAHS College Fair

Over 50 colleges will have tables set up in
the gymnasium

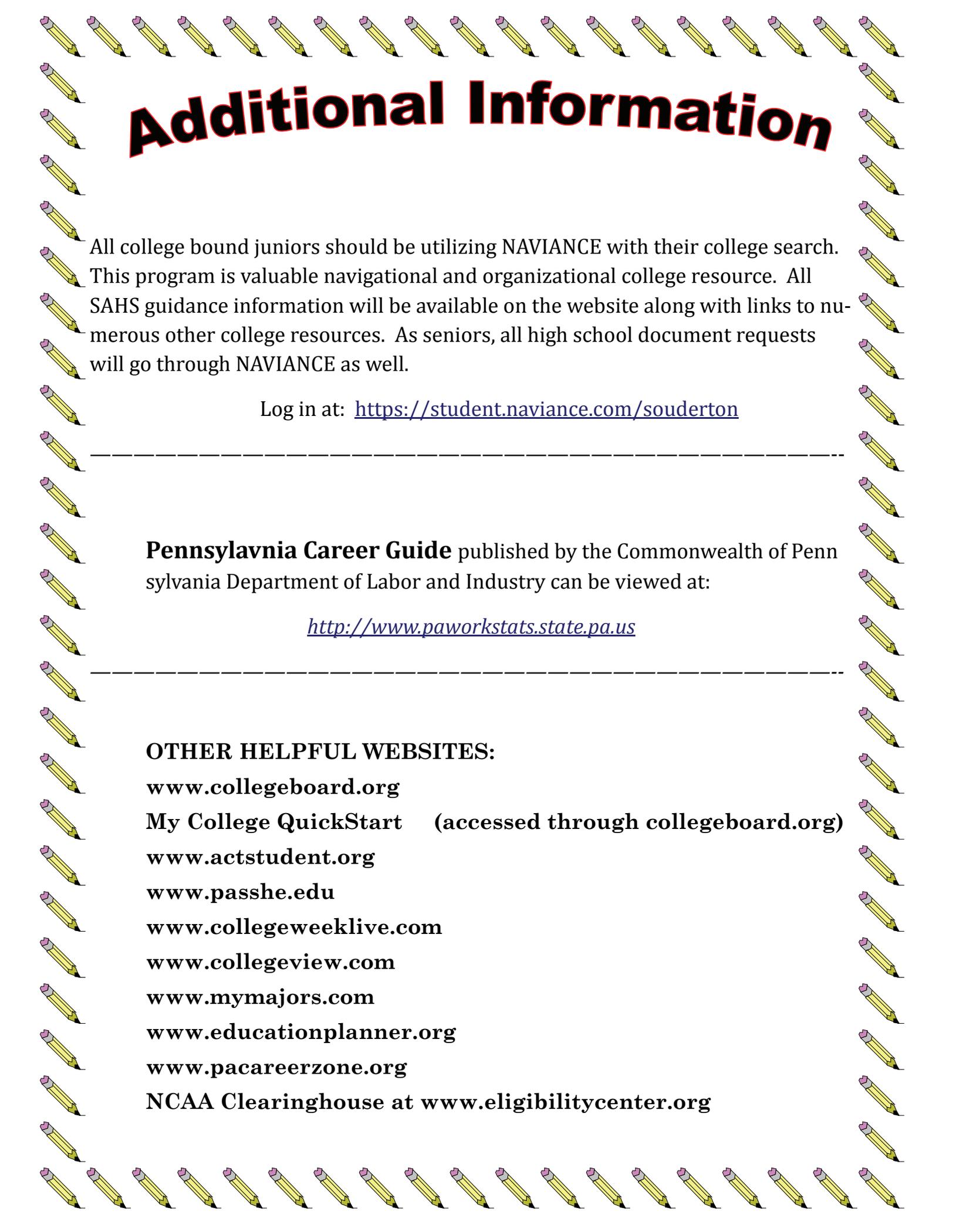
6:00 pm—7:30 pm



625 Lower Road
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Please contact the SAHS
guidance office with any
questions.

No registration necessary.



Additional Information

All college bound juniors should be utilizing NAVIANCE with their college search. This program is valuable navigational and organizational college resource. All SAHS guidance information will be available on the website along with links to numerous other college resources. As seniors, all high school document requests will go through NAVIANCE as well.

Log in at: <https://student.naviance.com/souderton>

Pennsylvania Career Guide published by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry can be viewed at:

<http://www.paworkstats.state.pa.us>

OTHER HELPFUL WEBSITES:

www.collegeboard.org

My College QuickStart (accessed through collegeboard.org)

www.actstudent.org

www.passhe.edu

www.collegeweeklive.com

www.collegeview.com

www.mymajors.com

www.educationplanner.org

www.pacareerzone.org

NCAA Clearinghouse at www.eligibilitycenter.org