Senior Presentation

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

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Make sure you’re on track to meet graduation requirements
• 24 total credits
• Graduation Project, 40 hours
• Meeting required credit distribution; available in Program of Study (PDF on the website)

Many colleges use Senior classes and grades in their admissions decisions:
• May ask to see your first semester grades.
• Will consider rigor of schedule; need to ensure college readiness
• Will consider grades from all four years of high school; GPA by year- transcript will show individual GPAs from each year-looking for trends in achievement; steady or improving
• Cumulative GPA- average of each year combined, which includes dividing the number of quality points earned in all courses attempted by the total degree-credit hours in all attempted courses.
• Stay focused on finishing out the year strong and keep your grades up; final grades could impact scholarship opportunities and admissions

Test Scores: Students responsible for sending score report from testing agency; scores not on transcript
• SAT- October 5th (reg by Sept 6th); November 2nd, December 7th ; Collegeboard.org
  o Subject tests- Consult college admission sites directly; only required or recommended by the most competitive colleges; can vary by major
• ACT- September 14th (reg deadline passed); October 26th, December 14th ; ACT.org

Setting up Naviance for the Application Process:
• Log on to your Naviance account- Username: Student ID#; Password: Birthday (xx/xx/xxxx)
• Select the Colleges tab at the top; Select “Colleges I am Applying to”, select “Add to this List”
• Find and select your colleges - Every college you apply to must be on this list or materials cannot be successfully sent.
• You’ll be prompted to Match Naviance to your Common Application Account; must have a college in your Common App list and have signed your FERPA waiver in the Common App in order to match.

Class Rank – no rank/school does not rank • Class Size – approx. 450 • Grading Scale – 4.0, weighted

Schedule your senior meeting with your counselor.
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All Letters and Transcripts are sent through Naviance:
- Verify with teachers that they will be writing on your behalf
- At the top, select “Apply to College”
- Select ‘Letters of Recommendation’
- Select ‘Add Requests’
- Select the teacher and add a message if you would like
- Select ‘All current and future colleges…’
- Press ‘Submit Requests’
- NEVER put in a teacher as an outside recommender when completing Common Application

Types of Applications:
- SRAR- Self Reported Academic Records; info found on transcript; honors system
- Common Application; must open an account: https://www.commonapp.org/
- College Website- school direct

Requesting Transcripts: (Colleges cannot require your transcripts before 10/15)
- Allow 10 days for counselors to process request
- Bring Transcript request form, Authorization for Release form w/ Parent signature, and $2 to Mrs. Yost in Counseling Office
- Naviance: “Colleges I’m Applying To”- select “Request Transcripts” and “initial”
- Click drop down arrow under “Where are you sending transcripts”; check box(es) next to school(s) you would like to request
- Click “Request and Finish” at the bottom
- Counselors can’t send transcripts if you don’t request on Naviance

NCAA: Student-athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to be eligible to play NCAA Division I / II sports in college. Division III athletes do not have to register: https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
- Send high school transcripts- see Mrs. Yost
- Complete a certain number of high school core courses (defined below).
- Earn a certain minimum grade point average in these core courses.
- Earn a certain minimum score on the SAT or ACT.
- See Mr. Matta with any questions about the above

Scholarships & Financial Aid:
- Most scholarship money comes directly from colleges; Financial Aid Office; Department Scholarships
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1st for 2020-2021 school year studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa
- Some colleges require the CSS Profile via College Board
- Check Naviance and the DE website for national scholarships
- Local scholarships information will be distributed in March and available on Naviance
- Many scholarship search websites and apps are available to students: Zinch.com, Fastweb.com, collegeboard scholarship search, Scholly