

SENIOR PARENTS

WHAT DO WE **DO** NOW ???

Counseling Services

- “ Counselor’s offices are located in the Guidance Center on the first floor of Villanova Hall
- “ Counselors are assigned to students based on their last name:
 - . A-Ga: Mr. Golden tgolden@sahs.org, x5523
 - . Gb-Pa: Ms. Mekrut jmekrut@sahs.org, x5578
 - . Pb-Z: Dr. Rey jrey@sahs.org, x5531

College Search / Research Process

- “ "There is a college for everyone!"
- “ Over 3,000 4-Year Colleges in U.S.
- “ 125 Community Colleges in California
- “ The "Right-Fit" Colleges are the Goal
 - . Selectivity
 - . Major
 - . Other programs
 - . Environment...

St. Augustine High School College Handbook

- “ Online at: www.sahs.org > Academics > Counseling > College Handbook
 - . Information on:
 - “ Naviance
 - “ Types of colleges
 - “ College search and visits
 - “ Applications
 - “ Testing
 - “ Financial Aid
 - “ NCAA Eligibility

The Final College List

- “ We recommend applying to 4 to 8 colleges:
 - . 1 to 3 “Reaches”
 - . 2 to 4 “Evens”
 - . 1 to 3 “Pluses”
- “ Use the Graphs in Naviance to determine if a college is a Plus, Even, or Reach for your son.

Factors in College Admission

“ **Top Factors of Considerable Importance**

- . HS Grades and Strength of curriculum
- . Admission test scores
- . Extracurricular activities
- . Letters of recommendation
- . Application Essay or Personal Statement
- . Demonstrated interest

TESTING



- “ Register for SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and/or ACT (www.act.org) Now!!!
- “ Refer to handout for Test Dates & registration deadlines.
- “ Every college will take either the SAT or ACT
- “ December is final test that can be used
- “ Highly selective schools require the SAT Subject tests. It is very likely your son does not need these tests. Some colleges may require three Subject Tests.
- “ For a list of test optional schools, visit www.fairtest.org

Testing Reminders

- “ If he did better on one test or the other—SAT or ACT—that is the test he repeats, and submits.
- “ Fee Waivers are available for low-income families.
- “ The earlier you register the more likely you will get a favorable testing location.

Applications



Applications

“ California State Universities (CSU)

- Cal State Apply
- CSU applications will be “go live” on Oct. 1st
- Californiacolleges.edu to get a headstart.
- One application per campus
- Deadline is Nov 30th (but don't wait until then!)
- No essay required, just GPA and SAT/ACT test scores
- No letters of recommendation accepted



Applications

“ University of California (UC)

- admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu
- UC application will “go live” beginning October 1st, but students can begin filling them out now
- Deadline is November 30th
- One application for all campuses
- Must answer 4 of 8 Personal Insight Questions
- Application also includes space for activities & awards



Applications

THE COMMON APPLICATION

- “ The Common Application is used by over 600 colleges nationwide

- “ The majority of private schools, and select state universities use the Common App for their application

- “ The Common Application requires:
 - . One teacher letter of recommendation
 - . One counselor letter of recommendation
 - . One essay (selected from choice of 5)
 - . Some schools will have supplemental questions or essays specific to their school that must be written

Other Applications

“ Applications for many state institutions will be completed directly on that school’s website (i.e. Arizona State, New Mexico, Oregon State, etc.)

“ Coalition Application

- . University of Washington
- . University of Florida
- . University of Maryland-College Park

*Use Common Application for schools when possible

Application notes

- “ Most students will apply between September and early January
- “ Beginning October 1st, counselors will be available to help students with their applications during lunch and after school
- “ When applying online, make sure to download a copy of the application, and the proof of payment for your records

Letters of Recommendation

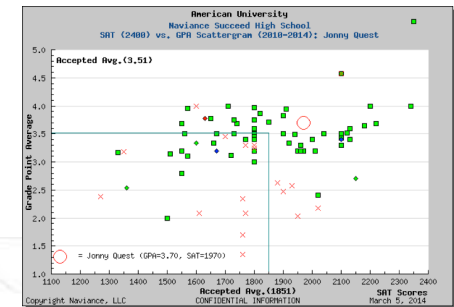
- “ Directions on handout. Students will receive handout in Naviance in-service next week
- “ Letters are not required for UC/CSU
- “ Letters must be requested through Naviance
- “ Give plenty of notice to teachers and counselor. Letters may go in before or after applications are sent
- “ Please use 11th or 12th grade teachers if at all possible.
- “ “Thank you” notes are important.



“ College List



“ Saints College App History Graph



“ Researching Colleges



“ College Visits



Create Calendar for Deadlines

- “ University of California – November 30th
- “ California State Universities – November 30th
- “ Common Application Schools – Dates vary
 - . Ex 1: University of San Diego – December 15th
 - . Ex 2: Villanova University – January 15th
 - . Ex 3: Marquette University – Rolling Admissions (Dec 1st Priority)
 - . Ex 4: University of Michigan – February 1st
- “ Out of State Schools not on Common App – Dates Vary
 - . Ex 1: Arizona State University – Rolling Admissions
 - . Ex 2: Washington State University – January 31st

* Don't forget Early Action/Early Decision deadlines!



Family Appointments Available Upon Request

Mr. Tim Golden: A-Ga



Ms. Julia Mekrut: Gb-Pa



Dr. Jerry Rey: Pb-Z



MONEY



- “ The FAFSA is the key to all college financial aid
- “ FAFSAs are to be submitted after October 1st using the previous years tax return
- “ The CSS PROFILE is required by many private colleges and some public universities, check to see if they want this form, which should be filled out in October. www.collegeboard.com
- “ We will file the Cal Grant GPA Verification for all seniors automatically.

Scholarships

- “ A scholarship list is available in Naviance
- “ Use FASTWEB & Other FREE online services
- “ Check your workplace for scholarships.
- “ ROTC scholarships should be done ASAP.
- “ Check the colleges for merit money.
- “ Check online Financial Aid predictors
- “ Senior Parent Financial Aid Night –
Wednesday, October 4

Now—last word

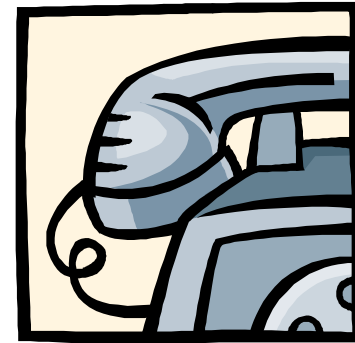
- “ Attend Financial Aid night on October 4th
- “ Attend APA College Topics Night on October 25th
- “ Help your son stay on track by keeping a calendar of test dates, and due dates.
- “ Set limits and boundaries for talking about college
 - . This process can be stressful, try to enjoy Senior Year
- “ Be good to each other
 - . What is right for someone else’s son may not be the best thing for your son!

LET US COMMUNICATE

“ Please come in for appointments if you have questions or concerns.

“ E-mail or phone

but e-mail often works better:



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