



# St. Augustine High School

College Night - Class of 2019



# Counseling Department

- ▶ Students were assigned a counselor to stay with through graduation, based on the first letter of their last name
  - ▶ A-Ga: Mr. Tim Golden – [tgolden@sahs.org](mailto:tgolden@sahs.org)
  - ▶ Gb-Pa: Ms. Julia Mekrut – [jmekrut@sahs.org](mailto:jmekrut@sahs.org)
  - ▶ Pb-Z: Dr. Jerry Rey – [jrey@sahs.org](mailto:jrey@sahs.org)
  - ▶ Freshman Counselor – Mr. Carl Bronson
- ▶ This counselor will work with their students on building and maintaining a college application list, and will be the counselor used to write letters of recommendation to schools that require a counselor letter.

# Spring Semester checklist

- ▶ Work hard to earn good grades and boost GPA
- ▶ Register for senior year courses
- ▶ Schedule Tests: ACT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests
- ▶ Schedule a family meeting with your assigned counselor
- ▶ Use Naviance, College Board, and SAHS website for research
- ▶ Attend the National College Fair (April 19<sup>th</sup>)
- ▶ Visit colleges (while school is in session if possible)
- ▶ Complete taxes and work to get your finances in order

# GPA & Senior Year Course Selection

- ▶ The spring semester is likely the last opportunity to improve your GPA before sending your transcripts to colleges next Fall.
- ▶ Applications will ask what the student is taking as a senior, so continue to take challenging courses while finding a balance between school and life.

# Tests

- ▶ PSAT
  - ▶ Hard copy results were distributed with test booklets in December
  - ▶ National Merit Semi-finalists are notified in September of Senior Year
  - ▶ National Merit Finalists are notified in February of Senior Year
- ▶ SAT & ACT
  - ▶ Register through [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) or [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)
  - ▶ Can be taken multiple times (including Fall of 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - ▶ Recommended to take both with writing
  - ▶ SAT Subject Tests should be taken for highly competitive schools
  - ▶ Fee Waivers available for low income students
  - ▶ [Fairtest.org](http://Fairtest.org) for test optional schools

SAT	ACT
March 10	February 10
May 5	April 14
June 2	June 9
	July 14

# Test Prep Classes

- ▶ SAHS partners with Tried & True Tutoring to offer prep classes at a discounted rate. Register at <http://store.triedandtruetutoring.com> and enter the code SAHS2018 for the discounted rate of \$399
- ▶ **SAT Prep course at Saints: (February 6 – March 1)**
  - ▶ Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00pm – 8:00pm
  - ▶ Saturday OR Sunday online practice exam
- ▶ **ACT Prep course at Saints: (March 6 – March 29)**
  - ▶ Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00pm – 8:00pm
  - ▶ Saturday OR Sunday online practice exam
- ▶ Future class dates TBA



# NCAA

- ▶ Students that are considering playing NCAA sports should create an account at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) during the spring semester
- ▶ Athletes interested in competing at the Division I or II levels need to create a Certification Account and pay a \$75 fee.
- ▶ Athletes interested in Division III or unsure about what level they will pursue need to only create a free Profile Page
- ▶ Refer to the NCAA handout for the requirements of Div I and II athletes

# Family Meetings

- ▶ One or both parents AND the student
- ▶ Takes about 25-30 minutes
- ▶ Can be during school, lunch, after school, or in some cases evenings
- ▶ Email your assigned counselor with several options that work for you
- ▶ Complete Parent Survey in Naviance before meeting
- ▶ Students should complete Junior Survey in Naviance
- ▶ Having a list of colleges in Naviance before meeting is helpful



# Naviance & SAHS.org

- ▶ Naviance
  - ▶ College Search, College Match, SuperMatch, etc.
  - ▶ “Colleges I’m thinking about”
  - ▶ Keep students resume up to date
- ▶ SAHS.org
  - ▶ Academics → Counseling → College Counseling
  - ▶ Important information and links to sites regarding Financial Aid, ACT/SAT info, NCAA Eligibility, and our [College Counseling Handbook](#)

# family connection

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## my colleges

- [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
- [colleges I'm applying to](#)

## links

- [salliemae widget](#)

## what's new

- You received an e-mail: [Thursday, Feb. 1 - St. Augustine Intercession Expo at 6:30 p.m. - Save the Date](#) from Greg Hecht.
- You received an e-mail: [MIT -OEOP Programs -MITES](#) from Jerry Rey.
- You received an e-mail: [USNA Summer Programs Applications for 2018 are open!](#) from Jerry Rey.

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## Junior Welcome

WELCOME TO THE

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

"FAMILY CONNECTION"

*College Counseling and Career Exploration Website*

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Here are all the tools for getting into cool schools

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search for colleges:

 [MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>](#)

## resources

- > [transcripts](#)
- > [test scores](#)

## my colleges

- > [colleges I'm thinking about](#)
- > [colleges I'm applying to](#)
- > [letters of recommendation](#)
- > [Upcoming college events](#)

## college research

- > [SuperMatch™ college search](#)
- > [college match](#)
- > [college compare](#)
- > [college lookup](#)
- > [college search](#)
- > [college resources](#)
- > [college maps](#)
- > [scattergrams](#)
- > [acceptance history](#)
- > [enrichment programs](#)

## scholarships &amp; money

- > [scholarship match](#)
- > [scholarship list](#)
- > [scholarship applications](#)
- > [national scholarship search](#)

# National College Fair

- ▶ Register online for NACAC College Fair
- ▶ San Diego Convention Center
- ▶ Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 12:00pm; 6:00pm – 8:30pm)
- ▶ Students can miss school that morning if they get a signed permission form and turn it in to Mrs. Bayer, but should return for afternoon classes
- ▶ Over 250 colleges will be represented
- ▶ Great opportunity to meet the reps and learn about the schools!

# Visiting Colleges

- ▶ There is no better way to learn about a school than setting foot on their campus and experiencing it first hand.
- ▶ Public colleges have daily tours and usually do not require a reservation
- ▶ Private schools like you to call a few weeks ahead of time to schedule a tour
- ▶ Try to see the campus when classes are in session if possible

# Financial Aid

- ▶ Financial Aid comes in many forms: Aid from state or federal government, scholarships, grants, etc.
- ▶ You can begin filing your FAFSA in October, based on the taxes you file in April (prior-prior year)
- ▶ Use Net Price Calculators on each school's website to help understand what you may be expected to pay
- ▶ Use the "scholarships" tab on Naviance, or sites like FastWeb to begin researching and even applying for different scholarships.

# Summer

- ▶ Students are encouraged to be as productive as possible over the summer
  - ▶ Having a job
  - ▶ Taking a class
  - ▶ Securing an internship
  - ▶ Applying to an enrichment program
  - ▶ Visiting colleges
  - ▶ Preparing to retake SAT or ACT
- ▶ College Application Workshop at Saints in August
  - ▶ 5 days long – 3.5 hours per day (morning & afternoon sessions available)
  - ▶ Begin applications, write & revise essays, apply for scholarships, organize this process

# Senior Year – Fall semester

- ▶ Attend Senior Parent Night (usually during the first week of school)
- ▶ Many colleges will begin accepting applications in September
- ▶ Students need to request letters of recommendation from teachers in September & October
- ▶ Attend Financial Aid night
- ▶ Submit FAFSA in October for priority in financial aid (we submit Cal Grant forms automatically for you)
- ▶ November is a major month with many Early Action/Decision deadlines, and in California, all UC and CSU applications are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Try to have all applications completed by Christmas, and all testing must be completed by December
- ▶ Pray and keep a sense of humor



# Senior Year – Spring semester

- ▶ Continue to research and apply for scholarships
- ▶ Inform the counseling center about your acceptances
- ▶ Choose and deposit at one college by May 1<sup>st</sup>
- ▶ Coordinate final transcripts to be sent to the enrolled college
- ▶ Graduate, Celebrate, and get ready for College!



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