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SENIOR PARENT COLLEGE NIGHT

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:
 - ▶ Aguilar - Farrell: Mr. Golden tgolden@sahs.org, x5523
 - ▶ Fimbres - Mooney: Ms. Colorado bcolorado@sahs.org x5578
 - ▶ Morales - Zamora: 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 > College Handbook
 - ▶ Information on:
 - ▶ Scoir
 - ▶ 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 Scattergrams in Scoir 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 ... at some schools

TESTING



- ▶ Most (all?) colleges will be test optional this year, but check directly on each colleges' website.
- ▶ We recommend that you take an SAT or ACT if possible, but don't panic if you can't get it in.
- ▶ If needed - Register for SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and/or ACT (www.act.org) ASAP!
- ▶ December is final test that can be used for most colleges (November for EA or ED applications)
- ▶ At highly selective schools, check on SAT Subject test policy. It is very likely your son does not need these tests.
- ▶ For a list of test optional schools, visit www.fairtest.org

Testing Reminders

- ▶ The “usual advice” - If he did better on one test or the other—SAT or ACT—that is the test he repeats, and submits. For this year... consult with your counselor about submitting a test to a particular college.
- ▶ Fee Waivers are available for low-income families that meet the requirements. Contact your counselor if you think you might qualify.
- ▶ 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 “go live” on Oct. 1st
 - ▶ Californiacolleges.edu to get a headstart before Oct. 1st
 - ▶ 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 is available now, can be sent beginning Nov 1
 - ▶ 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 800 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 (some need 2)
 - ▶ One counselor letter of recommendation
 - ▶ One essay (selected from choice of 7)
 - ▶ 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

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!



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

YouTube Channel

Saints Counseling Department

<https://tinyurl.com/y3q2xfao>



- Filling out applications
- Scoir tutorials
- Essay help

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Letters of Recommendation

- ▶
- ▶ Letters are not required for UC/CSU
- ▶ Letters must be requested through Scoir
- ▶ 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.

Financial Aid

- ▶ 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 on the Counseling page of the Saints website.
- ▶ 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

The Last Word

- ▶ Attend Financial Aid Night on October 7th
- ▶ Attend APA College Topics Night on October 21st
- ▶ 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!



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