



Junior Parent Workshop

“The KEYS to Success”



February 15, 2017



Direction of Intention

Lord Jesus, give me the grace to perform this action with you and through love for you. I offer to you all the good that I may do, and accept all the difficulty I may meet therein. Amen.

St. Francis de Sales, Pray for Us
St. Jane de Chantal, Pray for Us
Live Jesus in our hearts, Forever.





Agenda

*To put it
simply... Everything
you need to know to
assist your child with
the College Process*



How will Guidance Assist you?

- Course **recommendations**; Credit Check for Graduation
- **Organize opportunities** for students to meet with college representatives
- **Publicize** scholarship opportunities
- **Guide** students with their college & career choices
- **Assist** students and parents with the college application process, including use of Naviance
- **Send transcripts** to prospective colleges & to scholarship organizations when students apply
- *Fall 2017 – CAPS in Computer Lab*

“Our role is to ASSIST you and your child through this process”



What is your role as a parent?

Discuss college & career options with your child

Help your child research colleges & universities

Attend Visits to prospective colleges & universities with your child (*when possible*)

Assist your child with their applications
(*college, financial aid; scholarship*)

Submit the “optional” Parent Brag Sheet



What is the student role?

Explore interests, majors, and career options

Register to take the ACT, SAT (& SAT II if needed)

Research college options & narrow your list over the summer

Complete the Summer Assignment
(essay, resume, brag sheet)

Athletes – register w/ NCAA Clearinghouse and/or NAIA

Take appropriate classes senior year



Role of the student continued...

Complete college applications online

Research and apply for scholarships

Communicate with Guidance Counselors

Meet ALL deadlines (applications, fin aid, scholarships, etc)

Keep Naviance account updated!

Earn the BEST grades possible!



Guidance website & Naviance

Important resources...

Weekly Scholarship update; Fin Aid; Bright Futures

College Rep Visits to Verot

College Visit info

Career Assessments

Standardized Testing information

Weekly E-blasts to parents & students senior year

And...Guidance Dept/Counselors!!




College Meetings

Individual (parents welcome) or Café

Students will receive the following:

- Copy of transcript
- Review of test record
- Copy of Core GPA
- Help with 12th grade schedule
- College Search if needed
- College questions answered
- Review of summer tasks

EVERY junior should schedule a meeting!!



Registration/Scheduling

Many colleges want to see 4 years of all “academic courses” (Eng, Math, Sci, Hist, Lang)

State Universities require 18 Academic Credits

Be consistent with what you have taken 3 previous years; do NOT slack off!!

Competitive schools want to see Honors & AP courses
Senior year; toughest schedule possible

Determine if Grade Forgiveness could help

Consider whether FLVS online can help

Keep Bright Futures in mind when determining schedule

**Registration Packets collected
today & tomorrow!**



College Search

Great way to develop & narrow down list

“College Search” links via Naviance and on the College Board (SAT) websites

Student’s plug in criteria of interest (see below);
computer provides list of colleges that match

Location

Geographic area

Type of college

Size of college

Majors Offered

Housing

Student activities

Athletics

Student Body

Social Life

Special academic programs

Costs (later in process)



College Visits

“College visits/tours” info in Naviance (document library)

Things to do before, during and after the visit

Questions to ask

Top ten things to do on a college tour

Visit as many campuses as you can before returning to school next year! (spring & summer breaks)

(TAKE VIRTUAL TOURS IF NOT POSSIBLE TO VISIT)

Options....

- Call to set up a visit with the Admissions
- Register online for an Open House or Tour/Info Session
- Simply drive by & walk around on your own

College Rep Visits to BV

Posted in Naviance on “College tab”

Click “view all upcoming visits” to **sign** up

Must also obtain pass from Guidance

Great way to learn about institutions AND to make a connection with the college rep!



home colleges careers about me my planner

search for colleges:
 Go
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](#)

Upcoming college visits

- 03/01/17 Florida Atlantic University [details](#)
- 03/02/17 Florida State University [details](#)

[view all upcoming college visits](#)



The SAT and ACT

SAT

Reading/Writing, Math (optional essay)
Total score ranges from 400 to 1600

SAT II's

Subject Exams; take only if required by college/university
Consider taking at end of respective course

ACT

English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning (optional Essay)
Highest possible composite score is 36

We recommend taking the Essay **the first time!**

Students are strongly encouraged to take the SAT/ACT at least 3 times during the Spring of Junior year!!!



The SAT & ACT

Students Register Online

– SAT: www.collegeboard.org

- March 11th ; LATE Deadline Feb 28th
- May 6th ; Deadline April 7th
- June 3rd; Deadline May 9th

– ACT: www.actstudent.org

- April 8th; Deadline March 3rd
- June 10th; Deadline May 5th

Use BV school code -100508



Testing continued...

Space out tests

Test Prep – READ!

- ACT Question of the Day; SAT Daily Practice App
- Practice exams on each website
- Prep books (at B&N): full length exams
- **SARA App (by Ray Dass)**
- Test Prep class at BV



CollegeBoard+Khan Academy - personalized test prep using your PSAT results



Testing – Sending Scores

MUST be sent to college by student from test center(s)!!

Can send scores to 4 places for FREE during registration

– **(NCAA; NAIA; Colleges; Scholarships)**

Can send scores at a later date for a fee

SAT - can send ALL scores; offers Score Choice

ACT – can send one test date at a time

Fee Waivers available for families with need



Obtaining Information

USE NAVIANCE!!

and...

Go directly each institution's website

Click on Undergraduate or Prospective Freshmen

– Look for:

- Admission criteria
- Application options
- Deadline dates



– Look for other areas of interest:

- Academic programs



When To Apply

Fall...The earlier, the better! (most open Aug 1st)

- Student knows status earlier
- If not accepted, some indication will be given as to what the student needs to do, i.e. submit first semester grades, retake SAT/ACT
- Beat rush of applications; may increase chances
- Get it done early and out of the way!

Exception: can wait until spring to apply to

State (2yr) colleges...such as FSW (formerly Edison)



How To Apply:

➤ **Institution's application**

➤ **Common Application (CA)**

- nearly 700 members; one application
- www.commonapp.org
- Student will link CA account to Naviance
- Guidance will send docs via Naviance

➤ **Coalition Application(CO):**

- nearly 100 members; one application
- <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- Guidance will send docs via Naviance



Ways to Apply

Regular Admission: “Rolling” or by Deadline Date

When applicable:

Early Action: Apply by an early deadline date to multiple institutions; notified earlier than with Regular Decision; not binding

Restricted Early Action: Apply early to ONE institution; notified earlier if admitted; not binding; can attend another institution

Early Decision: 1st choice institution; Binding; if accepted, student **MUST** attend & withdraw all other applications

Note: Deadline for most EA/ED schools is Nov 1st



How many should I apply to?

NEVER to just one institution!

Typical approach:

- 1st Choice....your dream school

- 3 Suitable Alternatives

- 1 Safety School...but a school you still like

Cost should not be factored initially; More costly schools can sometimes offer more in aid

Athletes do not need to apply to schools to be recruited

State Universities Admissions (FL)

Most want a 3.0 using a Core GPA

- 4 English & 4 Math
- 3 Science & 3 History
- 2 World Language

16 credits

+ 2 additional “academic” credits

SAT: 500 on each subscore with 1070 composite

OR

ACT: 21 composite; 19 on Read, Eng, & Math

SUS Matrix on Guidance website





State College Options

Open admission; minimum test scores needed

Save \$\$; less expensive than 4-yr schools

Smaller classes

With an A.A. degree, a student...

1. Is guaranteed admission to a state university.
2. Receives a minimum of 60 credit hours towards a baccalaureate degree
3. Achieves “junior” standing at the university.

OR they can specialize in a career field & begin work!

Several offer direct/guaranteed admission into their feeder university!



Other “college” options

4-year private institutions (FL)

- Catholic institution link on guidance site

Out of state colleges & universities

Tech/Trade schools

Military Academies...

- **Should start process NOW**
- Early communication with Guidance important!

Other options

AmeriCorp; Police Academy; Military; Fire School;
Cosmetology School; Workforce; etc...



Competitive Institutions

4 years of every Core course recommended

Must have strong test scores

Will probably need SAT II subject tests

Essay(s) important factor

Sustained involvement; leadership

Something extra! (internship; self-initiated service;
entrepreneur/start up company; special talent; etc)

Note: ck **document library in Naviance** for more info!



Financial Aid Estimators

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Instantly calculates estimated federal student aid eligibility

Net Price Calculators

<https://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx>

Net price calculators are available on a college's or university's website and allow prospective students to enter information about themselves to find out what students like them paid to attend the institution in the previous year, after taking grants and scholarship aid into account.



Applying for Financial Aid

www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

MOST Important form to complete for Financial Aid!!

Fed Gov. evaluates families need (EFC)

Required for some scholarships!!

Opens Oct 1st each year

Some institutions also require College Board CSS Profile

<https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>

Scholarships



Weekly Scholarship Update (Naviance & Guidance site)

FREE online searches (fastweb.com)

Google by topic (ethnicity; major; talent; etc)

Check parent's place of employment; check w/ Parish

Check each institution's website:

- Academic Departments
- Athletics or other Talent (Art) areas

•Raise.me - Micro-scholarships

•Smartphone Apps - Scholly and Scholarships.com



Florida Bright Futures



Core GPA – best of:

- 4 Eng & Math; 3 Sci & Hist; 2 Language
- A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1
- 0.5 weight for honors and AP

Academic: 3.5 /1290 or 29 +100 hrs service

Medallion: 3.0/1170 or 26 + 75 hrs service

Award: fixed \$ amount; see website

Apply senior year (after Dec. 1st)



Athletic Scholarships

See Document Library in Naviance

NCAA Clearinghouse...

- Must complete for NCAA DI or DII schools
- www.eligibilitycenter.org

NAIA...

- www.playnaia.org

For Both...

- Request transcript after completion of junior year
- Send Transcript from each high school attended
- Send Test Scores from test center



Christian Service

Quality over Quantity

Try to tie volunteer work into a career-area of interest

Use your summer time wisely

Check with Ms. Macke for opportunities

Co-curricular Activities

Again...Quality over Quantity!

Consistent involvement is important

Colleges are looking for well-rounded students

Take on **leadership** roles for which you are suited (hold an office; chair an event)

– School, Church; Employment, etc.



Summer “To Do” List

Research what is needed to apply to each school

- Letter(s) – how many? from who?
- Essay(s) – required?
- Deadline date(s)
- Application method(s)

Narrow down list

Visit Schools

Volunteer; Research; Internships; etc.

- **Summer Programs link in Naviance (enrichment programs)!!**





Summer “to do” continued...

Start filling out Common App and/or Coalition App (if using)

Write Common App and/or Coalition App essay(s) ~ *posted in Naviance Document Library!*

Apply if applications open AND if in good shape (academically) to apply



National College Fairs

Feb 25 in Tampa - 12-3p

Feb 26 in Miami - 12-4p

Cost: Free!

Log onto www.gotomyncf.com to:

- Register
- Learn about the colleges attending



CollegeWeekLive!

www.collegeweeklive.com

Connect with colleges online

Opportunity to win \$1,000 each month

Featured speakers on various topics

Cost – FREE!!



Naviance Family Connection

<http://connection.naviance.com/bishopverot>

Junior year...

- Game Plan survey
- Add colleges to “list thinking about”
- Complete a College Search
- Start Resume

Summer Naviance tasks...

- update/finish resume
- complete Brag Sheet Survey
- write/upload at least one College Essay

Optional: Parent Brag Sheet



Naviance – additional features

Career tab

- *Do What You Are* personality assessment
- Career Interest Profiler
- Explore Careers & Clusters
- Roadtrip Nation Video Archive

Scholarship searches

Acceptance history

College comparison (based on GPA & test scores)



Naviance Demo

Naviance Family Connection

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In Summary...

Choosing a college is one of the biggest decisions that your child will make

This “can be” a stressful process so have an open dialogue with your child

Encourage your child to take initiative in the process

Our (Guidance & Parent) role is to assist them with this process!



Thank you for attending the
Junior Parent Workshop!

*“Life’s not about expecting,
hoping and wishing, it’s about
doing, being and becoming.”*