



Junior Parent Night

CLASS OF 2020

Agenda

- College Planning Resources - Naviance
- Things to Consider
- College Entrance Exams
- Campus Visits
- College Representatives
- Athletics
- Financial Aid
- College 101
- Timeline

Naviance

- College and Career Readiness Tool
 - Interest Inventories, College/Career Search Engine
- Do What You Are Personality Inventory
 - See Careers/Majors Related to Your Personality Type
- SuperMatch College Search
 - Search Colleges by What's Important to You
- View a calendar of upcoming College Rep Visits
- College Search
 - Research admission criteria, average price, graduation rate

Naviance Access

- All students use their school email to login & password they created
- student.naviance.com/resurrection

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student portal interface. At the top, a dark blue header bar contains the text "Resurrection College Prep High School", "Logged in as: Betty Bandit (log out)", and a "Manage my account" link. Below this is a blue banner with the text "family connection". A navigation bar features tabs for "home", "courses", "colleges", "careers", "about me", and "my planner". The main content area has a "pages" section on the left with a message: "No custom pages or links are available at this time." The central area displays a "Welcome Resurrection College Prep High School students and families!" message, followed by a paragraph from the guidance department. On the right, there is a "Get the mobile app! Naviance Student" banner with an "Available on the App Store" logo, and a sidebar with links for "messages", "document library", and "contact us". The footer contains the school's name and logo, and contact information: "Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W Talcott Avenue, Chicago IL 60631, p: (773) 775-6616".

Resources

- Explore online
 - student.naviance.com/resurrection
 - college's direct website
 - collegeboard.org
 - collegescorecard.ed.gov
- Plan college visits
- Talk to college reps
- Use resources in student services
- Make an appointment to talk to your counselor

Things To Consider

- Location
- Cost
- Size
- School's mission statement
- Fields of study/degrees offered
- Personal factors
 - Religious affiliation
 - Single gender/co-educational
 - Setting

College Entrance Exams

- Practice ACT- October
 - Seminar Meeting Score Reporting in November
 - Gives students a baseline score
- ACT vs. SAT
 - Both are accepted and looked at the same by all colleges
 - Different test structure
 - Can be used for admission or merit-based financial aid
- ACT
 - To register/see dates/cost: **act.org**
 - ACT suggests students to take it once at the end of Junior year (April) and once at the beginning of Senior year (Sept.)
 - Res suggests minimum of one time, maximum of three times

College Entrance Exams Cont'd

- Holistic review of applications
 - Grades and academic rigor remain most important
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Essay
- Colleges ACT requirements vary
 - Test-Optional Schools
 - Schools that Superscore- Take the highest score on every subject from any test
- ACT Prep Class
 - Held at Res on Saturdays for 6 weeks in the spring semester
 - Full-length practice test, score report, test strategies for each subject
 - Register before Dec. 14th with registration form and \$100 to the main office

Campus Visits

- **Varies by families/student**
 - Option to wait until acceptance senior year
- **Talk to specific schools and ask if they offer prospective student nights or open houses**
- **Visit local schools**
 - Experience difference between sizes or public vs. private
 - Register on their admissions office

College Representative Visits

- **Attend seminar visits**
 - Calendar on Naviance
 - Morning Announcements
 - Schoology Group
- **Attend college fair (Fall)**
- **Talking with a rep can be beneficial**
 - Demonstrated Interest
 - Explore colleges you've never heard of

Athletes

- If you intend on playing a sport in college you must . . .
 - Register online with NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org
 - Register online with NAIA Eligibility Center at www.playnaia.org
- Let the Athletic Director, Eddie Kane, know you intend to play a sport in college

Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - Opens Oct. 1st of Senior Year
 - Will provide financial aid based on need
 - FAFSA4caster gives you a free early estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid: **fafsa.ed.gov**
- Scholarships
 - Majority will come from college directly
 - Check local organizations, places of work, updated on Naviance and Schoology
 - Usually based on Merit (Grades, Scores)
- Sticker price Vs. Actual Price
 - Will not know the actual price until accepted and receive financial aid award letter (Spring Senior Year)

College 101

- Classes held 1x/week during seminar 2nd semester
- Optional class- Students must sign up to attend
- Topics Include
 - Resume writing
 - Interest Inventories
 - Career Exploration
 - The College Essay
 - Financial Aid
 - College Admission Trends
 - Creating your list of schools

Senior Year Timeline

- **September**
 - Senior year individual meetings
 - Senior Parent Night & FAFSA Info Night
 - College Fair
- **October 1st**
 - FAFSA Opens (fafsa.ed.gov)
- **October 15th**
 - Earliest Deadline
- **November 1st**
 - Many Early Action Deadlines (Non-Binding): Can mean early acceptance notification and/or priority for scholarships
 - Early Decision (Binding): Selective schools for early notification. Can only apply to 1 school early decision.
- **Rolling and regular admission deadlines throughout the year-**
All deadlines vary depending on school

Questions

- All information will be posted to our website
- Please refer to the College Planning Guide for more detailed information

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