



Junior Parent Night CLASS OF 2021



Agenda

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



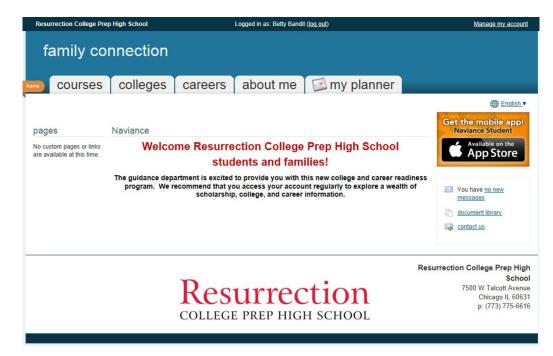
Naviance

- 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





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

- Pre ACT- October
 - Gives students a baseline score
- ACT vs. SAT
 - Both are accepted and looked at the same by all colleges
 - 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. 13th 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



Financial Aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - Opens Oct. 1st of Senior Year
 - Will provide financial aid based on need
 - <u>FAFSA4caster</u> 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 (Winter-Spring Senior Year)
- Check out the net price calculator on every school's website and collegescorecard.ed.gov
- Have a variety of schools on your list
 - Public vs. Private, In-State vs. Out-of State



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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