



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

The screenshot shows the Naviance Student website interface. At the top, it displays "Resurrection College Prep High School" and "Logged in as: Betty Bandit (log out)". The main navigation bar includes "family connection" and tabs for "home", "courses", "colleges", "careers", "about me", and "my planner". A "pages" section shows "Naviance" with a message: "No custom pages or links are available at this time." A prominent red banner reads "Welcome Resurrection College Prep High School students and families!". Below this, a message states: "The guidance department is excited to provide you with this new college and career readiness program. We recommend that you access your account regularly to explore a wealth of scholarship, college, and career information." To the right, there is an advertisement for the "Naviance Student" mobile app, available on the App Store. A notification box indicates "You have no new messages" and provides links to "document library" and "contact us". The footer contains the school's name, "Resurrection COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL", and its address: "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

- 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
 - 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 (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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