Boys’ Latin of Philadelphia Charter School

Introduction to the College Selection and Application Process

January 22, 2020
Tonight’s Agenda

- Post-Graduation Options
- Finding the Right College
- The Application Process
- Paying for College
After graduation, what next?

- Four-year colleges
- Two-year colleges
- Trade/technical schools
- Military
- Employment
Finding the Right College

- Characteristics to Consider:
  - Size
  - Location
  - Fit
  - Activities offered
  - Graduation rate
  - Majors offered
  - Cost
Applying to College

How do colleges decide whom to admit?

- Transcript
- SAT/ACT scores
- Counselor/teacher recommendations
- Essay
- Special talents
- Commitment to activities outside school
- Interview
- Interest
Application Timetable

- Junior Year
  - Think about what you want
  - Begin researching colleges
  - Ask colleges for more information
  - Take the SAT/ACT/SAT II Subject Tests
  - Complete the first draft of your admission essay
  - Ask teachers to write recommendations for you
This Summer
- Be productive
- Narrow down your college list
- Visit colleges if possible

Senior Year
- Finalize your college list and begin applications as early as possible
- Plan to complete all applications before winter break
- Take the SAT/ACT again if necessary
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships
Standardized Tests for College

❖ SAT
❖ Offered in Aug., Oct., Nov., Dec., March, May and June
❖ 2 required sections: evidence-based reading and writing and math – 3 hours
❖ Optional essay section – 50 minutes
❖ Total testing time = about 5 hours
❖ 200-800 points per section; 1600 = perfect score
❖ Essay scored on a 2-8 scale
❖ Costs $49.50 unless you qualify for a waiver; $64.50 with essay
❖ www.collegeboard.org
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SAT Prep

- Khan Academy
- Albert.io
- Free group classes – Let’s Get Ready, Free Library
- Private prep companies – Kaplan, Princeton Review
- Books
ACT

- Administered by ACT
- Offered in Sept., Oct., Nov., Feb., April, June
- 4 separate sections: English, math, reading, science
- Writing is optional
- Each section receives a score between 11 and 36
- Composite score between 11 and 36
- Total test time is about 4 hours, 15 min. w/o writing, 5 hours with writing
- Cost is $52.00; $68.00 with writing; fee waivers are available
- www.actstudent.org
## ACT Test Dates and Deadlines

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SAT II Subject Tests

- Administered by College Board/ETS
- Hour-long tests in individual subjects such as math (2 levels), literature, US history, biology, languages, et al.
- Required by only a small number of colleges
- May take one, two or three on one test date; may not take the SAT and SAT II on the same day
- Costs $26.00, plus $22.00 per test; waivers are available
Fee Waivers

- Both College Board and ACT offer fee waivers to those who qualify.
- Students who qualify may have up to 2 for each test.
- You must complete the household income form on the table and return it to me if you want to see whether you qualify.
- If you qualify for test fee waivers, you will also qualify for application fee waivers.
## SAT Fee Waiver Guidelines

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Paying for College

- Sticker price vs. actual cost to you
- Types of aid: Federal, State, institutional
- Need-based aid vs. merit-based aid
- Need-based aid: grants, loans, work study jobs
- Merit-based aid: athletic scholarships, academic scholarships and more
- Saving for college – 529 plans
- FAFSA and CSS Profile
- Outside scholarships
Information on Student Aid

- www.studentaid.gov
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid
Scoir

- Online college and career resource
- Research careers
- Search for colleges
- Request transcripts and letters of recommendation

app.scoir.com/signin
Naviance Student

https://student.naviance.com/blpcs
Next Steps for Juniors

- Complete the college advising questionnaire in seminar next week.

- As soon as it’s complete, stop by the college office to schedule a one-on-one meeting with me or Ms. Tedesco.

- Register for your Scoir account and start using it if you haven’t already.

- Complete Household Income Form if you think you might qualify for fee waivers.

- Register for the SAT (and ACT).
Contact us whenever you have questions...

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