Many of you may have planned college visits over spring break to help you make a final decision on where to apply for college next fall. With a growing number of campus closures due to COVID-19, many colleges are encouraging students to take advantage of virtual tours. So what can you do now?

While virtual tours might not be able to replace an in-person campus visit, they are a great substitute and can help you in choosing where to apply to college. Cappex has composed a list of colleges with admissions information that is updated daily. Use the links on the list to go directly to virtual campus tour pages. Explore other resources such as college social media accounts and admissions forums online. These may not be ideal circumstances for choosing where to apply to college, but you are all resourceful individuals! This is an opportunity to employ those research and critical thinking skills that you have been developing throughout high school. You still have tools like Naviance available to you, as well as resources on the Class of 2021 College Counseling Google Drive. Get creative, think outside the box, and try to make the best of the situation. How colleges are handling their response to this crisis might help you to make your decision for where to apply next year.

In a situation like this, it is important to maintain a sense of normalcy in your daily life. This is the time when juniors all over the country are deciding where to apply next year, and not much has really changed about that. Many of you were planning on taking the SAT or ACT in the coming months, and due to postponement of those exams, you have more time for test prep.

- ACT has rescheduled its April 4 national test date to June 13 across the U.S. in response to concerns about the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).
- In response to the rapidly evolving situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19), <u>College Board</u> is canceling the May 2, 2020 SAT administration. Additionally, the March 25 School Day Administration of the SAT has been cancelled.

With sports and extracurricular activities canceled along with classes, this is an opportune time for students to work ahead on important tasks for college admissions. I will keep you up to date with information as the situation evolves, but for now, try to keep calm and carry on-- and remember to wash your hands!