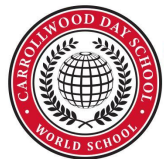


8th & 9th Grade College Information Night 3.31.2020



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Introductions & Dept. Overview

- ❖ Staff introductions & experience
- ❖ Grade level presentations each year (mandatory)
- ❖ 4-year developmental process
 - Grades 9-10: College Counseling
 - Grades 11-12: College Admission
- ❖ Assigned college counselor all four years
 - Smaller caseload
 - Easier access for meetings & updates



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Cum Laude Society & Impact

- ❖ CDS is one of only 15 Cum Laude + IB schools in the U.S.
- ❖ Definition of Cum Laude Society
- ❖ Impact & uniqueness of the induction
- ❖ School profile
 - How is this used by college admission counselors?
- ❖ Who is inducted? How will this help in the college admission process?



GPA & Trend Line

- ❖ Slow starts = challenge for college admission
- ❖ What is your “college” GPA?
- ❖ How are GPAs calculated? (handout)
- ❖ IB and the impact on GPA
- ❖ What is a GPA trend line? What do colleges want to see for a trend?



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IB Curriculum Overview

- ❖ IB: 4 years of sequential & progressive credit in the 5 core academic disciplines (no gapping)
- ❖ IB & degree of rigor
- ❖ Seamless academic transition to college
- ❖ Diploma Program & Course Candidate:
academic counseling & the best plan for each student



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Extracurricular Overview

- ❖ Colleges are interested in:
 - Longitudinal participation (4 years)
 - Mastery of achievement/leadership
- ❖ Three to five pieces of (extensive) involvement is the goal
- ❖ Colleges love to see a variety rather than one specific area of expertise

Testing Timeline

- ❖ PSAT & Pre-ACT (9-11)
- ❖ SAT & ACT (11-12)
- ❖ PSAT & Pre-ACT results are helpful for the “test-centric” model



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Strategic Positioning

- ❖ Grades: degree of rigor, GPA, GPA trend line, absolute GPA (class rank) & grade stratification
- ❖ Programming: evening presentations, Coffee with a Counselor, individual meetings (all 4 years)
- ❖ College assessment beginning in 9th grade
- ❖ College Counseling advisory class
 - Assist with essay(s) & application completion
- ❖ Advocate & support in application process
- ❖ College visits (by staff & to CDS)
- ❖ Application strategy
- ❖ Financial aid, scholarship, FL Bright Futures assistance



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CDS Success in Admission

- ❖ School profile (Cum Laude + IB)
- ❖ Class of 2020 SAT Average: 1277 (+90 points)
- ❖ Admission to more top 50 universities
 - Dartmouth College, Cornell University (2), University of Virginia (5), Northwestern University, University of Southern California, Georgetown University, Emory University, Tulane University, NYU, Wesleyan University, UNC Chapel Hill, Colgate University, RPI, Wake Forest University, Skidmore College, Lehigh University, Bucknell University, Kenyon College, Middlebury College, Boston College (5)



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CDS Success in Admission (cont.)

- ❖ 100% admitted to a 4-year college/university
- ❖ 97% admitted to at least one Phi Beta Kappa school in 2019
- ❖ Since 2017, **approximately 20-30 students** are competing in NCAA Division 1, 2, or 3 athletics
- ❖ 93% received a merit-based scholarship in 2019 for a total of \$14,300,000
- ❖ UF Acceptance rate (2016-2020): 66%
- ❖ FSU Acceptance rate (2016-2020): 72%



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Naviance

- ❖ Brief Overview
- ❖ All Students Must Register on Naviance Using Individual Code
 - Note: It is a code, not an initial password, click on “I need to register” to get started
- ❖ Parents are Encouraged to Register for Naviance
 - Contact your College Counselor for registration information



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Appointments

Mandatory 9th Grade Appointments: 3/25 to 5/1

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