



## Senior Class of 2021 College Information Night

### AGENDA:

- **Welcome and Introductions**
  - White elephant in the room...all will get into a good college but listen to your counselor... achievement, scores, merit based aid and fin aid.
  - General presentation
  - Application Party...students have most of the content we will cover.
  - Localize a strategic plan for each student.
  - **Match inside and outside the classroom achievement with college middle 50 % ranges.**
  - **Be careful of number 1 schools... have a number one basket of schools.**
  - **Listen to your counselor, they are 98% accurate year in and year out**
  - Open door policy (student responsibility to manage)
  - Best competitive fit philosophy (and exit oriented issues)
  - College counseling class
  - Submit with counselor only/this prevents mistakes
  - A note about being denied and having a # 1 school:
    - Not an indictment on your good work, effort, and ability to achieve in A/B fashion. Most highly selective schools have impacted admissions.
- II. Deadlines (JR)**
- September 15, October 1, October 15
  - Why?
  - Get it off plate in lieu of work load/EE, etc.
  - Beat all ED/EA deadlines
  - All applications submitted at one time
  - Add applications if we need
  - Advocacy/early read/changing lists
  - College counseling class...split in two (once a week as opposed to two times per week) for this application year.
- VI. How Do Colleges Review Files?**
- Competition is fierce at the very top but most colleges will be looking for reasons (this year) to accept, rather than deny students.
  - Regional/gender/major preferencing at some schools
  - Private (60/40) vs. Public (80/20)
  - Read twice with a possible third read (Committee)
  - Alpha private and public colleges excluded (ED mention)
- V. Process of Applying**
- Who sends what where and at what time?
  - Application (student and counselor)
  - Teacher recs, counselor rec, transcript, and forms (Naviance/Counselor)
  - Test scores (student)
  - A word about Early Decision

## VI. Test Scores

- Congruency between achievement and standardized test score
- Continue to take until released by counselor (admissions, financial aid, and scholarship issues), especially in this year.
- Do colleges care how many times you take the SAT/ACT?

## VII. Covid-19 Application Year- Challenges and Silver Linings

### Pros:

- ED...is there an advantage?
- Test optional...does this make it easier or harder to gain admission?
- Colleges are under financial and admissions siege (advantage= students).
- Endowment decrease/ dipping into endowment for operating costs.
- Students not showing up for online freshman year.
- Geo-demographics/fewer students (Advantage= students).
- Regional populations decreasing (Northeast, Midwest but that's where most of the oldest and most reputable colleges exist).
- Our kids got grades and classroom/learning experience was not interrupted. Other schools...the complete opposite and will be challenged in the review process.
- Our college counseling/admissions process....we are ready!
- Advocating

### Cons:

- Test optional
- Students may want to stay closer to home/ invest in state schools.
- Full pay students can be very much advantaged in this specific year. This can be considered (by colleges and educators) as elitist.

## VII. Financial Aid

- Financial Aid Presentation (Date/Location)
- Who should apply?
- Do not equate CDS financial aid package with college financial aid package
- Apply early (FAFSA opens on October 1, 2020) when funds are available.
- Income, age, assets and **achievement**.

## IX. Bright Futures

- What is it and how is it funded?
- Differing levels of award (numerical qualification)
  - **FAS (Florida Academic Scholarship)= Full tuition** remission at any Florida state school or the dollar equivalent at any Florida private school. GPA= weighted 3.5 or higher and 29 ACT or 1330 SAT min.
  - **FMS (Florida Medallion Scholarship)= 3/4 tuition** remission at any Florida state school or the dollar equivalent at any Florida private school. GPA=weighted 3.0 or higher and ACT 25 or SAT 1210 min.
- IB Diploma (24 points) (non-numerical qualification)
- Will apply at CDS during college counseling class

**College Counseling 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation  
Standardized Test Dates and Deadlines**

**SAT**

SAT				
SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests Available	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
<b>August 29, 2020</b>	<a href="#">See SAT Subject Tests available on this date</a>	July 31, 2020	<p>August 11, 2020 (for mailed registrations) August 18, 2020 (for registrations made online or by phone)</p> <p><i>Note: The late registration fee has been waived for the August administration.</i></p>	August 18, 2020
<b>September 26, 2020</b>	SAT Subject Tests not offered on this date	August 26, 2020	September 15, 2020 (for registrations made online or by phone)	September 15, 2020

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SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests Available	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
<b>October 3, 2020</b> <a href="#">Register</a>	<a href="#">See SAT Subject Tests available on this date</a>	September 4, 2020	September 15, 2020 (for mailed registrations) September 22, 2020 (for registrations made online or by phone)	September 22, 2020
<b>November 7, 2020</b> <a href="#">Register</a>	<a href="#">See SAT Subject Tests available on this date</a>	October 7, 2020	October 20, 2020 (for mailed registrations) October 27, 2020 (for registrations made online or by phone)	October 27, 2020
<b>December 5, 2020</b> <a href="#">Register</a>	<a href="#">See SAT Subject Tests available on this date</a>	November 5, 2020	November 17, 2020 (for mailed registrations) November 24, 2020 (for registrations made online or by phone)	November 24, 2020

## ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Estimated Score Release
September 12, 2020	August 28, 2020	None	September 22- November 6, 2020
September 13, 2020	August 28, 2020	None	September 23- November 7, 2020
September 19, 2020	August 28, 2020	None	September 29- November 13, 2020
October 10, 2020	September 17, 2020	September 18-25, 2020	October 20-November 27, 2020
October 17, 2020	September 17, 2020	September 18-25, 2020	October 27-December 4, 2020
October 24, 2020	September 17, 2020	September 18-25, 2020	November 10- December 31, 2020
October 25, 2020	September 17, 2020	September 18-25, 2020	November 11-January 2, 2020
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 7-20, 2020	December 22, 2020- February 5, 2021