



Welcome Parents and Seniors

MAPPING YOUR WAY THROUGH SENIOR YEAR

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Procedure for Submitting College Applications

ALWAYS start the application process at the college/university website

All requests and applications are communicated via Naviance

- Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation

Parents have their own access and can see what your student is doing and the progress they are making

- [MySchoolApp](#) – directions for accessing code is posted docs



Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness solution that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life.

- College Search
 - College Comparisons
 - Career Exploration
 - Resume Builder
 - Scholarship Search
 - On-site college visits
 - Transcripts – college apps
 - Letters of recommendation – college apps
- Please see documents for Naviance Registration information

Transcript Releases

Official transcripts can only go from institution to institution (Naviance)

Unofficial can be given by registrar or counselor if needed for reference, i.e., SRAR, coaches, etc.

- Mailed at the end of Junior year
- Athletes need to meet with counselor in person to receive UNOFFICIAL transcript
 - Utilize athletic department if they would like to distribute to coaches

No transcript (official/unofficial) will be given if there is a hold on the student account

- Defer to Business Office

Important College Website Information

Requirements for application

- Test Optional?
- SAT/ACT unofficial vs. official
 - Collegeboard.org
 - Act.org
- Letters of recommendations
 - How many required vs. how many accepted?
 - Two-week rule
- [Common App](#), Coalition, Institution Specific App
- Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)
- College/University specific deadlines
 - Application deadlines vs. Scholarship deadlines
 - **When in doubt, call the college!**

Types of Admission

Rolling Admission- College considers each application as soon as the required credentials have been received. Apply and receive admissions decision in two to six weeks.

Regular Decision- Apply by deadline and hear from college in early April. Make your decision by May 1st.

Early Action- Non-binding plan. Students who apply under a college's Early Action plan receive a decision earlier than the standard response date but are not required to accept the decision offer or to make a deposit prior to May 1st.

Early Decision- Apply early fall. Decision by January. "Binding" commitment to attend and surrender right to wait until May 1st. Must withdraw all other applications. May apply to only one college ED.

- ***This needs to be signed off by parents, student, and counselor***

Admissions

May 1st - colleges cannot require a deposit or commitment to attend before this date. On this date, you must inform every college of your acceptance or rejection to their offer of admission and/or financial aid.

Items needed once decision has been made:

- Graduation survey – Naviance and Microsoft Forms
- Letters of acceptance from all schools
- Letters offering scholarship monies from all schools of acceptance
- Information is collected for data purposes specific to the graduating class
- Total of scholarship monies offered to the graduating class will be announced as a total
- Names of scholarships specific to school of attendance will be announced individually at graduation
- ***PLEASE have students turn this information in as it comes in!***

College Visits and Open Houses

Call ahead for appointment/register online

- Virtual or In-Person
- Travel restrictions/use precaution

Have prepared questions - Naviance

This is an optimal way for the student to make a GREAT first impression

Participate in virtual/in-person open houses – campus life

Students are allowed 3 college visits during school days

- Student responsible for missed school-work
- Proof of visit from admissions office
 - Letter head, date, student's name, official visit

In-house college visits – unlimited senior year

- Register through Naviance
- Visits will be in-person and virtual

Scholarships

Three types of scholarships

- Merit - Academic
- Need – Estimated Family Contribution
- Special Talent – Athletics

Do NOT pay for scholarship searches

Naviance

Guidance office and community resources

If the pandemic has caused financial hardship, speak directly to the finance office of the schools to which your child will be applying

Financial Aid

FAFSA - (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Once completed, directed to PHEAA

CSS/Financial Aid Profile- requested by some schools

- Additional charge
- College Board

FAFSA Completion Night

- Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Villa Campus/Cafeteria
- Masks required
- Students encouraged to attend with parent(s)
 - Bring your own electronic device, i.e. laptop or tablet
 - Complete parent AND student FSA ID prior to attending
 - ***Bring ALL MATERIALS Amy discussed – info available on prep-villa.com and and Naviance***

NCAA Eligibility

Seniors planning to participate in Division 1 and 2 sports as a college freshman must register and be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Center in order to qualify for college athletics.

ACT and SAT scores are currently waived for the class of 2022

- Continue to check NCAA Eligibility Center for updates and changes to their procedures and requirements per continued concerns regarding the pandemic

Check out the Guide for Student Athletes at www.eligibilitycenter.org

Fee Waivers AVAILABLE!

2022 AP Registration and Ordering

All AP students must join their respective AP Classrooms via collegeboard.org in order to be eligible for exam registration

Cost is \$96 per exam

- Fee reductions available for qualifying students
- Cash or checks accepted
 - Checks made payable to “Cathedral Prep” or “Villa Maria Academy”

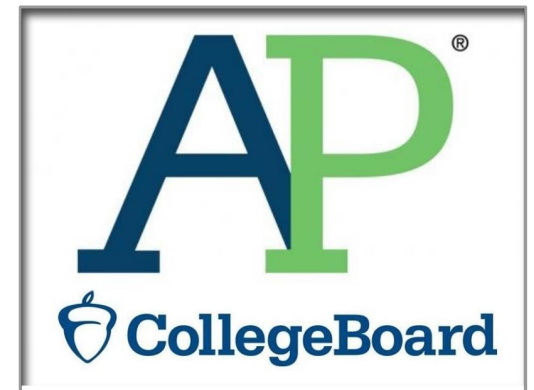
Deadline for all exam ordering is Friday, October 29, 2021

- Avoid \$40 late fee

Payments will be collected as followed:

- Prep – Mrs. Sanner in Guidance
- Villa – Mrs. Mook/Mrs. Sanner in Guidance

Confirmation emails will be sent to parents and students once registration is complete



Graduation Ceremony Policy

Graduation date: **Sunday, June 5, 2022**

- **Prep @12pm**
- **Villa @4pm**
 - **Erie Insurance Arena**

Students must be passing all subjects needed for graduation or the student will not receive a diploma during graduation

If a student is failing more than two courses at that time, the student may not participate in the graduation ceremony

FAQ's

Do I need to take my SAT or ACT?

Should I take my SAT or ACT again?

Should I write the essay if it's optional?

Can I go to a college visit during school time?

Is job shadowing beneficial?

Do I have to ask, in-person, for a letter of recommendation?

What is Villa's CEEB code? 391-320

What is Prep's CEEB code? 391-275

Questions & Answers

