

Senior Homeroom Presentation 2017

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Naviance/Family Connection

<http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/naviancefamily-connection.html>

- Each student has an account. Username and Password are S number.
- Seniors should be using Naviance/Family Connection quite a bit this year - transcripts, resumes, college searches, ACT Prep, etc.

Where do I even start?

Research and narrow college choices

- <https://connection.naviance.com/parkhhs>
 - Click Colleges Tab
 - Click on College Super Match
- www.bigfuture.com
- Explore College Websites
- Take College Visits (Preferably days we don't have school)
- Virtual Tours
- College Rep Visits (Lists and sign up on Naviance Family Connection)
- National College Fair @ Kansas City Convention Center
 - Tuesday, October 24, 2017 8:30-11:30 am and 6-8 pm

What is needed to apply to college?

- College Application
 - Create account on school website
 - Common Application
- High School Transcript (Official and Unofficial)
- Senior Schedule
- Application Fee
 - Fee waivers available for some schools for those who qualify- see counselor
- ACT and/or SAT Scores

How do I sign up for the ACT?

- Sign up online @ www.actstudent.org
- Students will create online account
- PHHS School Code 262-545
- PHHS Test Site Code 191410
- Cost:
 - \$46.00 (No Writing)
 - \$62.50 (With Writing)
- Fee waivers are available to those who qualify...see counselor!
- Request to send scores to colleges in the registration process!

ACT Test Dates

2017-2018 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018*	January 12, 2018	January 15-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018*	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the February and July test dates.

Why should I take the ACT multiple times and care about my subscores?

- Admissions
 - MU- 24 automatic admission
- Program Admission
 - MU Engineering- math 26 and composite 26 or top 25%
- Scholarships
 - Excellence: 27 or Higher
 - Top 25%- 2,000 renewable
 - Top 50%- 1,000 renewable
 - Curators: 28 or higher and top 5%
 - 4,500 renewable
 - Chancellor: 31 and top 10%
 - 6,500 renewable
- Remedial Course Placement
 - Ex. low math subscore=placement in remedial math that you pay for but doesn't count

How do I prepare for the ACT?

Several ACT Prep opportunities are listed on our counseling web page:

<http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/act-prep-opportunities.html>

College Tutors Free Practice ACT- September 30th at Park Hill

Sign-up online via Park Hill Counseling Website Link

How do I send transcripts to colleges?

- Go to <http://connection.naviance.com/parkhhs>
- Log in using s number for both username and password
- Click Colleges Tab
- Click Colleges I'm applying to
- Click Add to this list
- Click LookUp and search the college you want to send transcript to
- Click box beside request (indicating you want your transcript sent)
- Click Add Colleges at the bottom of the page

How do I send my dual credit, AP credits and ACT scores to my college?

Dual Credit- send directly through MCC or college account

AP Scores- send directly through Collegeboard account

ACT Scores- send directly through ACT student account
(free if requested at time of registering for test; fee of \$13.00 if requested after test is taken)

What is the FAFSA, and how do I apply?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov
- October 1st- online registration begins
- Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID - student and parent
 - Create a username & password - google 'fsa id'
- \$ awarded based on student need - not academic achievement
- 2016 IRS Tax Information - Data Retrieval Tool

Why complete the FAFSA?

- \$ to pay for college costs - up to \$5920/year
- Pell Grant & Work Study
- Low-cost loans Subsidized & Unsubsidized - about \$5500/yr
- Missouri student financial aid application
 - Access Missouri
 - Bright Flight
 - Minority Teacher Scholarship.....and more
- A+ requirement

Plan for these college-related costs

- Tuition
- Fees
- Room and Board
- Books and school supplies
- Equipment and supplies for dorm room or other housing
- Travel and miscellaneous expenses

FAFSA example #1:

Tuition in-state	\$11,008	Mizzou	
Housing - Food	\$10,808	\$21,816	
Pell (FAFSA)	-\$5900	=\$15,916	
Loan (FAFSA)	-\$5500	=\$10,416	
Scholarship	-\$2000	=\$8,416	
Work Study (FAFSA)	-\$2000	=\$6,416	balance after aid

FAFSA example #2:

Tuition in-state	\$4,500/yr	Maple Woods
Books - Fees	\$1200/yr	
Housing	\$ 0	
Pell (FAFSA)	-\$5900	
Loan	-\$ 0	

What is A+ program and why is it important to complete; even as a senior?

The A+ program is a scholarship program that can cover a student's costs of attending a Missouri vocational/technical college or community/junior college for two years. It is important to complete even as a senior because:

- these funds may be used for summer school or as a secondary plan
- many 4 year schools offer A+ scholarships
- the completion of a program looks good on a resume or application!

A+ Information

Be sure to visit the A+ page on the PHHS website for eligibility information and much more. There is NO reason NOT to enroll in the A+ program!

https://phhs.parkhill.k12.mo.us/about_our_school/a_program

By the way, **you may already have some hours!** Some courses award A+ hours.

Education Services - 40 hours PH Professional Studies Internship - 12.5 hours

NCAPS - 12.5 hours

Child Growth and Development = 10 hours

How do I find scholarships?

Resources listed on our counseling website:

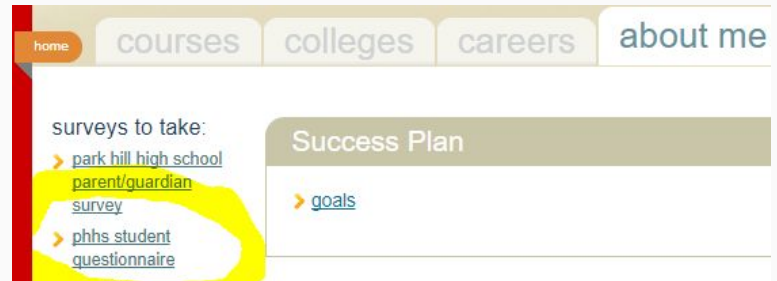
- <http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/scholarships.html>
 - Naviance/Family Connection > College > Scholarship List
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.finaid.org
 - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- General rule of thumb is that if a scholarship application asks for a fee to apply, move on.
- Scholarship Coordinator
 - Mrs. Sara Capra, capras@parkhill.k12.mo.us, 359.6390, Rm 109, available HR and 4th block

How do I create a resume?

- Create using the Resume Builder Feature in Naviance/Family Connection
 - Go to <http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/naviancefamily-connection.html> and look under Instructional Videos/Documents for the instructions to create a resume in Naviance.
 - Benefit is that it formats the resume for you!
 - Students can add activities as they go through high school and it will save them so when they want to print resumes as a senior, there isn't as much work to do!
- Create using Microsoft Word
 - When creating a new document, type "Resume" in the "search for online templates" box. Many resume options will appear. Select one to open and edit it.

How do I obtain letters of recommendation?

- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers/counselors 2-3 weeks in advance, if possible!
- When asking a teacher/counselor for a letter of recommendation, have your resume prepared and ready to give them.
- If letter is for a scholarship, be sure to provide the teacher/counselor with details about the scholarship so they can be specific to any necessary details in their letter.
- In many cases, it would be beneficial for your counselor to have VERY specific information about you that they might not already know, so consider filling out the student questionnaire in [Naviance/Family Connection](#) (or obtain a paper copy in counseling).



What is the timeline for my senior year?

- Fall 2017
 - Narrow College Search
 - Visit college campuses and meet with college reps that visit PHHS
 - Complete college applications (pay close attention to automatic scholarship deadlines)
 - Retake ACT to improve score (October/December tests available)
 - File FAFSA starting October 1st.
 - Complete A+ hours
 - Research and start applying for scholarships
 - Prepare any necessary essays
 - Ask for recommendations (utilizing resume/student questionnaire)

What is the timeline for my senior year?

- Spring 2018
 - Compare Financial Aid awards
 - Decide on college that is right for you
 - Be sure to meet your college's admissions, financial aid, housing, deposit and other deadlines.
 - Continue researching and applying for scholarships
 - Continue working hard in school, last semester of high school matters!
 - Request final transcript to be sent to college of choice!
 - Complete Senior Exit Survey

What are upcoming events I might attend?

- [National College Fair for Performing and Visual Arts @ MCC-Penn Valley](#)
 - Tuesday, October 10, 2017; 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- [National College Fair @ Kansas City Convention Center](#)
 - Tuesday, October 24, 2017; 8:30 am-11:30 am and 6 pm -8 pm
- FAFSA Frenzy- Park Hill South
 - Tuesday, November 14, 5-8 pm
- FAFSA Frenzy- Maple Woods
 - Sunday, October 15
 - Sunday, January 25