

**WELCOME  
TO**

# **College Planning Night**



# SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

## Summer before Senior year

- prepare application materials
- research colleges and careers
- visit campuses
- August 1st - applications are ready

## September

- Counselors meet with each senior individually to discuss post high school plans
- Official transcripts sent to colleges after Labor Day

## October - application deadlines

- Early Decision - binding
- Early Action - nonbinding
- Rolling Admission/Regular Decision - later

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## October

- October 1<sup>st</sup> – FAFSA window opens
  - File as soon as you can! The sooner you file, the more money is available
  - FAFSA deadlines set by colleges
- Early October - Financial Aid Workshop at CHS

## November - popular application deadlines

## December - spring

- Admission decisions begin to come back, Financial Aid Reports are sent out from colleges
- Send improved ACT/SAT scores sent to colleges who will consider them

## February – [CHS Scholarship information becomes available](#)

## May 1st – Typical commitment deadline, deposits are due

## Mid-June – final transcripts are mailed

# DATES TO REMEMBER

- Career Fair at Day Air Ballpark – Usually in September
- Senior Parent Night at CHS – September 19th at 7 pm  
Central Theatre
- CHS FAFSA Night – early October
- Practice ACT for Golf Fundraiser – October and spring
- Practice SAT - mid October
- CHS NCAA Night – early November
- College/Career Fair at CHS – early March
- Free ACT for Juniors at CHS - Mid-March

# HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY STUDENT?

- Attend this College Planning Event (Good Job!!)
- [Subscribe to our announcements emails](#)
- Academically to keep grades up
- ACT/SAT prep, registration
- Career research opportunities
- College visits
- Independence

# The School Counselor's Role in the College App Process

- Senior Conferences in the fall, Junior Conferences in winter
- Sending official transcripts through Naviance
- We can write letters of recommendation
- We can provide additional information about the student in the case of extenuating circumstances
- We can put the student in touch with an admission representative
- We can send a mid-year report after first semester if requested
- We can help with scholarship applications
- We CANNOT send ACT or SAT scores – student must take care of that

# How to Apply Using Common Application and Naviance

- Apply using [Common Application](#) or the college's website
- Create Common App account, add colleges, answer application questions from colleges, complete FERPA information - DO NOT invite the counselor or teachers as recommenders.
- Use Naviance to match accounts - [info in advisory GC](#)
- Use Naviance to create and organize list of colleges
- Use Naviance to request official transcripts to all colleges, and letters of recommendation if required

# WELCOME, COLLEGE REPS!



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