

COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING

Senior Parent Info Session Fall 2020



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“Counseling Department”



“Sayreville War Memorial High
School Guidance Department”



@SWMHS Guidance

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER

- ❑ Meet with your counselor to review college selections and resume.
- ❑ Attend Virtual Open Houses
- ❑ Ask and/or remind teachers, school counselors, etc. for letters of recommendation

OCTOBER

- ❑ Work on admissions applications and essays.
- ❑ Schedule virtual visits with your top choices, if you haven't done so already.
- ❑ Begin preparing college applications.
- ❑ Watch deadlines!
- ❑ Research and apply for scholarships
- ❑ Meet with admissions representatives who are visiting your school.
- ❑ To be considered for financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ❑ Create an account on fafsa.ed.gov
- ❑ FAFSA opens on October 1st now!

NOVEMBER

- ❑ Complete college essays and applications.
- ❑ Meet with admissions representatives who are visiting your school.
- ❑ If you have filed your FAFSA, please look for the Student Aid Report (SAR) within a few weeks of filing

DECEMBER

- ❑ Attend financial aid workshops.

JANUARY

- ❑ Check application deadlines. Many need to be submitted by January 1st.

FEBRUARY

- ❑ Check to see if mid-year transcripts have been sent. (Guidance)

MARCH

- ❑ As students begin to receive letters of acceptance, make sure they have made a visit to their school of choice

APRIL / MAY

- ❑ Watch the mail for college acceptance and financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid rewards you receive.
- ❑ Make your final decisions and send in a deposit by the deadline.

JUNE

- ❑ Complete your senior survey in Naviance. Include all scholarship and financial aid awards and list the college you will be attending. This survey will be used to send your final transcript to your school at the end of June.

VERY IMPORTANT

VISIT SCHOOLS

It's the most fun part of the application process!



Take advantage of Virtual Open House days (check the schools' websites for those).

Stay tuned for information on virtual meetings with admissions representatives scheduled through SWMHS Guidance Department.

NJ Colleges: Public vs. Private



- **State colleges are the least expensive** and are schools such as Rutgers, Kean, Montclair, Stockton, Ramapo, Rowan, William Paterson, and The College of NJ.
- **Because they cost less, it may be harder to get accepted into state colleges** and universities. Academic standards are higher, making them very competitive.

Paying for College

Discuss college finances with your family.

As you conduct your college search, you need to know how much your family will be able to contribute towards your college education. Always remember, just because a college may seem expensive and out of your reach, never assume anything. There are several types of financial aid that may enable you to attend a college that may seem too expensive. **(Remember, loans have interest rates.)**

Attend a financial aid night to learn the basics of financial aid.

You can search the Internet to find out additional information or contact the Department of Education. The Sayreville Public Library offers a Financial Aid Program. Sign-up online at **Sayrevillelibrary.org**. If you haven't already, start researching scholarships through the Internet, and your school counselor's office. If you have already started, continue searching. Register for free online scholarship searches, like www.fastweb.com or www.scholarships.com.

★ **TIP:**
Scholarships are posted on the SWMHS High School Guidance website, so check them often!



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

www.fafsa.gov

Complete AFTER October 1st of your senior year.

Your Final List

- ❖ Create your final list of schools.
- ❖ A mix of 6-8 institutions.
- ❖ The majority should be “realistic” colleges, schools whose admission standards closely match your qualifications.
- ❖ Select one or two schools that present an admission challenge, called “reach” schools.
- ❖ Mark down a safety school or two, where your academic achievement exceeds the admission criteria.

Final List of Schools

Reach 1-2 Schools	1.
	2.
Realistic 4 Schools	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Safety 1-2 Schools	1.
	2.

Transcripts

- Everyone must submit a signed **Blanket Transcript Release Form**. It gives us permission to send your academic records to various institutions.
- The student's transcript and a blank form will be mailed home.
- This form needs to be submitted to Guidance **ONLY ONCE!!**
- Please allow **5** school days for transcripts to be processed.



Sayreville War Memorial High School
Guidance Office
820 Washington Road
Parlin, New Jersey 08859
(732) 525-5281
Fax (732) 316-9307

BLANKET TRANSCRIPT RELEASE

I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO RELEASE THE HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS OF MY SON/DAUGHTER

STUDENT NAME

PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING
(IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CHECK ALL FIVE)

_____ POST HIGH SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH HE/SHE APPLIES FOR ADMISSION.

_____ AGENCIES AND/OR PERSONS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND WHO REQUEST THESE RECORDS.

_____ PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS WHO REQUEST THESE RECORDS.

_____ COACHES AND/OR SCOUTS INTERESTED IN THESE RECORDS FOR ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSES.

_____ ANY/ALL UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE _____

TO DO

1. Log on to your Naviance account at student.naviance.com/swmhs
2. Print out and sign Transcript Release Form.
3. Add colleges to your list under Colleges tab and click on “*Colleges I’m Applying To*” in Naviance.
4. Create a Common Application account at www.commonapp.org , add schools to your list, and sign FERPA waiver. Then go to your Naviance account, and do the Common App Account Match. (Make sure you use the same email for the Common App that you use for Naviance).
5. Invite teachers to write you a letter of recommendation under Colleges tab and click on Colleges I’m Applying To. Be sure to ask them in person and then send a personal message thanking them. Include any deadlines and list the schools for them.
6. Request your transcripts as you add schools to your “*Colleges I’m Applying To*” followed by clicking “*Request Transcripts*”
7. Send your SAT/ACT test scores officially to each college you are applying to.
8. Create your resume! Go to About Me tab and click Resume below your name and class year.
9. Be sure to check Naviance email for important messages from all SWMHS counselors as well as Guidance Google Classroom and individual counselor’s Google Classrooms.

The Common Application

www.commonapp.org



- More than 800 colleges and universities nationwide use the **Common Application**.
- If you are applying to more than one participating school, you can use the **Common Application**. Complete the application only once and then pay each college's application fee separately.
- You don't have to complete two different applications!

The Coalition Application

www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/



- The Coalition for College is a diverse group of more than 140 distinguished colleges and universities across the U.S. that is committed to making college a reality for all high school students through its set of free, online college planning tools that helps them learn about, prepare for, and apply to college.

Rutger's Web address...

<http://admissions.rutgers.edu/>



Apply Now

APPLY TO RU

(QUICK LINKS)



ShortCuts

- [Application Preview](#)
- [Self-Reported Academic Record \(SRAR\)](#)
- [Preview the SRAR](#)
- [NJ EOF Program](#)
- [Admissions Profile](#)

Timetable for Fall/September Admission

Student Type and Action	Application Due Date* +	Online Decision**	Candidate's Reply Date
First Year, Early Action[^]	November 1, 2020	February 15, 2021	May 1, 2021
First Year, Regular Action	December 1, 2020	March 31, 2021	May 1, 2021

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(QUICK LINKS)



- If you are applying to Rutgers, you must **SELF REPORT** your grades. **SRAR (Self-Reported Academic Record)**
- Each student will receive their unofficial transcript in the mail.

UNOFFICIAL Student Transcript

Sayreville War Memorial High School

Gender: Male

Local Id #
 State Id #
 Birth Date:
 Graduation Year:

Principal: Mr. James Brown
 School State Id# 23-4660-050
 820 Washington Road
 Parlin, NJ 08859
 Ph: 732-525-5252

2015-2016	Grade Level: 9th Grade	Grade	Credits
Algebra 1-9 CP		89 B+	5.00
English 9 CP		77 C+	5.00
General Sci CP		90 A-	5.00
PE 1S (2.5)		97 A+	2.50
PE 2S (2.5)		97 A+	2.50
Robotics		90 A-	5.00
Spanish 1		90 A-	5.00
World History CP		88 B+	5.00
		GPA: 3.471	35.00

Intro. To Computer Science (s)	0.00
PE12 - PE/HE 99340 (L)	0.00
PE12 - PE/PE 99342 L	0.00
Physics(6)	0.00
Pre-Calculus	0.00
Prog./App Des. & Game Dev. (s)	0.00
Trends in Computer Science (s)	0.00
GPA: 0.000	
0.00	

2016-2017	Grade Level: 10th Grade	Grade	Credits
Biology CP (6)		94 A	6.00
Economics(s)		84 B	2.50
English 10 CP		84 B	5.00
Health 1S (lab)		93 A	2.00
Intro. to Art (s)		96 A	2.50
PE [EPJ] 2.0 Lab (S2)		94 A	2.00
Plane Geometry		98 A+	5.00
Spanish 2		91 A-	5.00
US History 1 CP		96 A	5.00
		GPA: 3.786	35.00

ACTIVITIES

TEST SCORES

2017-2018	Grade Level: 11th Grade	Grade	Credits
Algebra 2 Honors		93 A	5.00
Chemistry Honors		93 A	6.00
Digital Arts (s)		97 A+	2.50
English 11 CP		91 A-	5.00
Health 2S 11 (1.00)		97 A+	1.00
PESS 1 (11) (1.00)		100 A+	1.00
PESS 2 (11) (1.00)		99 A+	1.00
PE6S 3 (11) (1.00)		97 A+	1.00
Prep for SAT(s)		93 A	2.50
Spanish 3		92 A-	5.00
U.S. Hist. 2 CP		91 A-	5.00
		GPA: 4.084	35.00

2018-2019	Grade Level: 12th Grade	Grade	Credits
AP Statistics			0.00
Business Org. (s)			0.00
English 12 Honors			0.00

CEEB NUMBER 311355

Rank: 103 of 433
 Total Earned Credits: 105.00
Cumulative GPA: 3.780
 Graduation Date: 06/24/2019

Authorized Signature

Title

Date



You must send your SAT or ACT test scores to each college OFFICIALLY from **COLLEGEBOARD.ORG** or **ACT.ORG** on order for your application to be complete.

When you register for the SAT or ACT, you can send your scores to four schools for **FREE!**



CHECKLIST

- _____ Meet with your counselor
- _____ Make final list of schools
- _____ Complete and have parents sign transcript forms
- _____ Make Resume
- _____ Request Letters of Recommendation
- _____ Complete Applications (Rutgers Nov. 1st or Dec. 1st) Watch your deadlines!
- _____ Send SAT/ACT scores officially
- _____ FAFSA (October 1st)