

# Senior Meeting Summary

## College Application Process

### Applications

- ◆ Keep an eye on the deadlines.
- ◆ All students must use NAVIANCE.
- ◆ **Make sure you follow directions** accordingly and **proofread** your work. Spelling and grammatical errors may hinder your acceptance to a college.
  - ◆ It is a good idea to download copies of your applications. This prevents more work if your application gets lost or if the college wants you to expand upon a certain area of the application.
- ◆ Attending college fairs and college meetings can be very beneficial to you. This is one way you can make contact with schools you are interested in applying to. It also gives you the opportunity to speak with college representatives and learn more about the college. Furthermore, you can ask them for their business card and e-mail address so you can communicate with them directly.
- ◆ **Rolling admissions-** get applications in early. The sooner you apply, the sooner you will hear about the college's decision. The advantage is that you will know earlier if you are accepted to the college.
- ◆ **Early decision-** Please have a conversation with your counselor if you are thinking about applying early decision. Do this if you know that this is the college that you absolutely want to attend because this is a binding agreement between yourself and the college. The advantage is that you will know early on if you are accepted or not. The disadvantage is financial aid. You may or may not receive it. Regardless, you are now legally bound to that college.
- ◆ **Early action-** The sooner you apply, the sooner you will find out if you are accepted. This is not a binding agreement.
- ◆ All counselors will complete the Secondary School Report for Common Application through Naviance.

### Essays

- ◆ These are very important. They provide the colleges with an idea of who you are. Make sure you take your time.
- ◆ If an essay is optional, DO IT! It shows that you are interested and motivated.
- ◆ It is also a good idea to have someone review your essay.
- ◆ Other suggestions: entertain the reader, make them laugh or cry; don't write a poem; don't start with a quote; think outside the box.
- ◆ Don't just "Tell" you must "Show"

### **Transcript / Teacher Recommendation Requests**

- ◆ Allow the school counseling office **TWO WEEKS** to process your transcript.
- ◆ You should ask two teachers if they are willing to write a recommendation letter for you as soon as possible. AFTER your teacher has agreed to write a letter for you, then formally invite your teacher through Naviance. Finalize your list of colleges before making this request. Give your teachers plenty of time to prepare and write your letter.
- ◆ Upload your resume to Naviance and fill out the Letter of Rec Student Personal Analysis Form.

### **SAT/ACT Scores**

- ◆ SAT/ACT scores are on transcripts.
- ◆ If a college is requesting an official score report, you must pay for your test scores to be sent directly to the college from College Board or ACT.
- ◆ Check with your college to see if they are Test Optional for Fall 2021 admission.

### **Important Things To Remember**

- ◆ Take the SAT or ACT if you haven't already!
- ◆ Visit colleges if you can.
- ◆ Sign up to meet with an admissions' rep from the colleges you are interested in when they are here at THS. You can sign up and see a list of all the College Visits on Naviance (instructions are on the Google Classroom).
- ◆ Start searching for scholarships. All local scholarships will be available on Naviance under **scholarship list**.
- ◆ Complete the FAFSA regardless of family socioeconomic status. The application is available October 1<sup>st</sup> at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).
- ◆ Attn. ATHLETES: Transcript requests for college coaches should be processed separately. Don't forget to register with NCAA and request that your standardized test scores be sent directly from the College Board or ACT.

2020-2021 SAT Test Dates: Register at [sat.org](https://sat.org)

<b>SAT Date</b>	<b>Test Type</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
August 29, 2020	SAT and SAT Subject	July 31, 2020
October 3, 2020	SAT and SAT Subject	September 4, 2020
November 7, 2020	SAT and SAT Subject	October 9, 2020
December 5, 2020	SAT and SAT Subject	November 5, 2020
March 13, 2020	SAT Only	February 12, 2020
May 8, 2020	SAT and SAT Subject	April 8, 2020
June 5, 2020	SAT and SAT Subject	May 6, 2020

2020-2021 ACT Test Dates: Register at [act.org](https://act.org)

<b>ACT Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021