

College Application Process

Where you should be at this point:

- Applying NOW – In most cases there is no advantage to waiting for SAT/ACT scores.
- Have at least one “Likely” school and several realistic choices – to make sure that you fall in these categories; check college stats that can be found on SCOIR.
- Have you completed the student questionnaire in SCOIR that was due last spring? Did your parents complete the Parent Questionnaire? This must be completed if you want a letter of rec from teacher or counselor.
- Resource for locating all Catholic colleges and universities in the US. <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catholic-education/higher-education/catholic-colleges-and-universities-in-the-united-states.cfm>

APPLICATIONS - Suggested sites:

- Suggested site for all NC public and private universities is www.cfnc.org.
- Use Common Application www.commonapp.org for most public and private schools in the US.
- Coalition Application <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- www.eduinonline.com - allows you to apply to 34 historically black colleges & universities (HBCUs) with one single application, visit. Once completed, this application will be sent to all 34 HBCUs that are currently member institution
- **Transcripts:** Transcripts are ready after Labor Day. You can view the process for requesting transcripts here <https://www.charlottecatholic.org/Page/310>
- **Unofficial transcript will be emailed to students after Labor Day!**

STEP BY STEP GUIDE

SCOIR - MY PROFILE TAB:

- Your email address must be the same as the email address you use on The Common App
- Weighted GPA is on this page and listed on your transcript.

SCOIR - MY COLLEGES TAB:

Following:

- Drag and drop schools from “following” to “applying” once you know you will be applying to a school. Indicate the type (ex: early action or regular decision) and method (common app, college website, other (coalition))

Applying:

- It is your responsibility to know the type of application admission decision you are applying for, and the deadline that applies to each application.
- You also must have signed the FERPA waiver within the Common App. This is found under “My Profile” in the personal details section on the far right.

Applied:

- **Transcripts:** Once you have completed and submitted your application using Common App, Coalition App, or directly through the college website you will then update your SCOIR by moving the school from the “Applying” section to the “Applied” section, simply drag and drop. Confirm the type, method and major. This will notify Mrs. Cramer that your documents are ready to be sent. **Please allow 10 working days for your request to be processed by CCHS.** When the Registrar has sent the transcript, it will be marked as Sent. You will be able to keep track of your application materials through this website. **Please allow at least 4 weeks for colleges to show a record of receiving your transcript on their website.**

HELPFUL NOTES WHEN FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS

- **SAT & ACT Scores:** Students **MUST** request scores directly from the testing agency.
- Your GPA can be found in SCOIR; “My Profile” tab about halfway down the page
- **GPA is on a 4.0 scale and is WEIGHTED**
- Your semester classes are .5 credits. Year-long classes are 1 credit
- CCHS CEEB Code is 340665
- Class of 2022 size is 286
- Some colleges want you to list all your classes. Please note, all classes at CCHS are classified as college prep, advanced, honors or AP.

Teacher Recommendations:

- Only send teacher recommendations if the college requires/recommends it. If deferred, you can send additional recommendations.
- Please follow these steps
 1. Ask your teachers in person, at least **3 weeks in advance**
 2. If teacher agrees, answer questions in the ‘survey’ section and hit save
 3. At this point, the next step is to email your teacher letting them know you have completed the questions.
 4. Be sure to follow-up with a “*Thank You*” to show your appreciation

Counselor Recommendations:

- Counselors will write a letter of recommendation for students provided: Student questionnaire AND Parent questionnaires are completed in SCOIR. These were due the spring of junior year. Advise your counselor at least 3 weeks in advance.

College information:

- Visit college representatives at CCHS, signing up at least one day in advance through SCOIR.

Scholarships/money matters:

- Give a copy to your counselor of all scholarships you receive – this is the only way to have them listed in the graduation program.
- NEVER pay for any type of scholarship or scholarship search.
- CSS profile is available online at www.collegeboard.org. It is used to award non-federal student aid funds. You can file after October 1.
- FAFSA – can be completed online after October 1, 2021. This is a change in date from previous years. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

And remember.....

- The most popular choice of college is not always the best choice.
- Many students will be deferred until first semester grades are sent.
- You are only conditionally accepted until final transcripts are received.
- Goal is for YOU to own the process so you can make college decisions that are right for you.

We are here to help you with all college, university, and career planning and any academic or social concerns. It’s going to be a GREAT year!

Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Murlless, Mr. Needham, Mrs. Nobary, and Mrs. Sovchen (formerly Petruchik)