

DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE SERVICES

Sleepy Hollow High School
210 North Broadway
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591
914-332-6207 • 914-332-6219 FAX



December 22, 2021

Dear SHHS 11th Grade Students, Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the college process and creating plans for beyond your time here at Sleepy Hollow High School. Developing a college list, preparing for a standardized test, financial aid, scholarships, and all that the college process brings upon us can sometimes seem overwhelming, confusing, and stressful. As counselors, we are ready and able to help you navigate this process. The more active and organized you are the easier and more relaxed it will be. Outlined below is a list of junior year college planning activities and tools that we hope you take advantage of.

David Ziegler
Department Chair
914-332-6230
dziegler@tufsd.org

Leticia Andujar
School Counselor
914-332-6210
landujar@tufsd.org

Patricia Bonitatibus
School Counselor
914-332-6206
pbonitatibus@tufsd.org

Michael Genua
School Counselor
914-332-6208
mgenua@tufsd.org

Amanda Green
School Counselor
914-332-6209
agreen@tufsd.org

College Night for Juniors – Monday, January 10th at 7:00pm SHHS Auditorium. (Please note: This is NOT printed on the paper copy of the district calendar) HS Counselors will be hosting a presentation designed to prepare students and parents for the timeline of events between now and your first college application deadline. We will offer both an in-person option and virtual option. Should you opt to attend virtually, here is the google meet link for this event: meet.google.com/vxu-edxa-wan

Classroom Presentations – High School Counselors will be working with 11th grade students in a classroom setting. Topics covered include: *Naviance* training, SAT/ACT test registration, essay writing, resume development, college list building, and many more lessons related to post high school planning.

SAT Prep – The SHHS Spring SAT Prep Evening course begins on January 31st and is coordinated by Mr. Choi and Mrs. McGough in the evenings from 6-9pm. The registration form for our evening SAT Prep course is included in this message. Return this to the counseling department ASAP, or simply email Gladys Melendez, our SHHS Registrar here in the Counseling Office: gmelendez@tufsd.org.

PSAT Exams – Results from the PSAT Exam administered earlier in the Fall are available to students through the email they received from College Board. Results have also been uploaded to student Naviance accounts. Counselors visited with students in classroom settings before the Holiday break to discuss with students.

Junior Family Planning Conference – Each 11th grade student and their family will be invited to meet with their student's counselor to help with developing a systematic approach in navigating the post high school planning process. These conferences take place in the Spring, 2022 semester. A personal letter will be sent home to coordinate the scheduling of this conference. At this point, we plan on offering both in person and remote meeting options.

SHHS College Fair – Sophomores and Juniors will have the opportunity on **April 6th from 9am – 11am** to meet with a variety of college and career representatives here on our campus. Classroom teachers will escort their kids to this event as this takes place during the school day.

SHHS Financial Aid Night – On **May 11th at 7pm** we will host an evening program designed to help students and parents with the process of applying for aid and help with any questions related to this process.

Guidance Department Website & College/Career Center – Please visit the TUFSD homepage to access our site. You will find a listing of helpful resources. Our College and Career Center also provides a space for students to meet with college representatives, access chrome books, and take home any college/career planning books they may want to borrow from us.

SHHS College Planning Guide – Each family will be provided with a step-by-step guide to the college admission process. This guide is updated on a regular basis and includes helpful hints, tips, and insight into what colleges are looking for and how students can best showcase their abilities and talents.

The counselors are looking forward to helping you through this process. Please do not hesitate to contact us to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

David Ziegler
Department Chair of Guidance