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# College Application Process

Senior Parent Meeting 2023



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# Counselor Website & Twitter



- ★ The Guidance Department has a Schoology Course called Counselor Corner: OLHS - all students have access to this course
- ★ Use the site to access up-to-date important information, student services forms, links, resources, seminars, announcements, etc.
- ★ Follow us on Twitter @OLHScounselors



# Presentation Goals

- ★ Application process
- ★ ACT/SAT Testing
- ★ Scholarship & Financial Aid
- ★ SchoolLinks



# APPLICATION PROCESS



# Where Do We Start?

- ★ Help your child narrow down their top choices
- ★ Have a list of schools to not limit options
  - The list should include a combination of reach, match and safety schools
  - Do not go overboard - applying to 10 or more schools can be excessive and expensive
- ★ Schedule campus tours either virtually or in-person

# Application - Required Items:

- ★ Submit the online application for each school
- ★ The High School Transcript
- ★ Test Scores (if applicable)
- ★ Letter(s) of Recommendation (if applicable)
- ★ Personal Statement/Essay

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE**





# The Application

- ★ First visit the university website for application instructions
- ★ School Specific Application
- ★ Common Application [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- ★ Coalition Application [www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org](http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org)

**KEEP TRACK OF DEADLINES**



# Transcript

- ★ Must be sent from Liberty High School to be official
- ★ Transcripts will be posted in SchooLinks for students to view
- ★ We will send transcripts through SchooLinks for each college/university on a student's Final Application List - **10 DAYS PRIOR TO DEADLINES**
- ★ Includes all courses taken/currently taking, GPA, and credit information
- ★ Does NOT include class rank



# Test Scores

- ★ Arrange to have scores sent at the time of registration (free)
- ★ Must be sent from the testing agency
  - ACT - [act.org](http://act.org)
  - SAT - [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)
- ★ Counselors do NOT send test scores
- ★ AP Exam scores are NOT used for admissions purposes



# Recommendations

- ★ Teacher Recommendation - 1-2 teachers (varies by college/university)
  - Do they want a core teacher? Elective? Coach?
- ★ Counselor Recommendation - all counselors will complete the Common App counselor forms - please be sure the school specifically states a LETTER of RECOMMENDATION from the school counselor prior to requesting
- ★ All requests for letters of recommendation will be made in SchoolLinks - **10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE**



# Personal Essay

- ★ Required by most colleges
- ★ Can be a vital component of the application
- ★ Shed light on what's behind the GPA and test scores
- ★ Reveal personality, passion and values



# Admission Plans

## ★ **Early Decision**

- Student has a clear top choice
- Can only apply to 1 school ED
- BINDING - the student must commit if accepted

## ★ **Early Action**

- Student can apply to as many schools EA
- Usually linked to academic scholarships
- NON-BINDING

## ★ **Regular Admission/Decision**

- Varies by school - apps are usually due by early-to-mid January

## ★ **Rolling Admission**

- Colleges assess application as they receive them
- No firm deadline - sooner the better



# NCAA

- ★ Students planning to participate in Division I and Division II athletics are required to register with the NCAA eligibility center ([ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org))
- ★ Submit necessary documentation according to NCAA Eligibility Center requirements
- ★ Students will request an official transcript (SchoolLinks)
- ★ Work with your counselor and coach to be sure you are taking eligible courses



# Rank

- ★ Due to the competitive nature of Liberty High School, students are not ranked for college admissions purposes
- ★ Our school profile accompanies every transcript and details the rigor of our school and the GPA deciles so a school can see where a student would fall in comparison
- ★ Very select schools may request rank and a student can request their rank be posted to the transcript (form in student services) - would only recommend to top 10% of students





# ACT/SAT Testing



# ACT

- ★ Most students have taken the ACT at least once by now
- ★ September will be the last test students can register and still meet most early deadlines
  - Student **MUST** select to send scores during registration
- ★ Test Optional Information



# ACT 2022-2023 Test Dates (National) & Registration Deadlines

<b>Test Dates</b>	<b>Regular Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Photo Upload and Standby Deadline</b>
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21	July 5



# SAT

- ★ Students can take ACT OR SAT - they do not need both
- ★ SAT Subject Tests have been discontinued
- ★ Test Optional Information



# SAT 2022-2023 Test Dates (National) & Registration Deadlines

<b>SAT Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration</b>
August 26, 2023	July 28	August 15
October 7, 2023	September 7	September 26
November 4, 2023	October 5	October 24
December 2, 2023	November 2	November 21
March 9, 2024 (Digital)	February 23	February 27
May 4, 2024 (Digital)	April 19	April 23
June 1, 2024 (Digital)	May 16	May 21



# Scholarship & Financial Aid



# Scholarships

- ★ Merit/Talent Based
  - application/audition
- ★ Primarily awarded by colleges/universities
  - upon admissions
- ★ SchoolLinks - list updated regularly
- ★ Local Scholarships
  - <https://www.delawarecf.org/> Delaware County Foundation

**MANY COLLEGES HAVE EARLIER APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION!**



# Financial Aid

- ★ Need Based
- ★ Must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- ★ Grants
- ★ Scholarships
- ★ Student Loans
- ★ Work-Study





# FAFSA

- ★ Lots of changes are happening with FAFSA this year!
- ★ OLHS is hosting a FAFSA parent night on Monday, November 6th from 6-7p in the theater
- ★ This meeting features a presentation about the changes to FAFSA by Bryan Erslan, Director of Strategic Analysis & Operations from The Ohio State University



# SchoolLinks



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- ★ What is SchoolLinks?
  - College and Career Readiness Platform to prepare students for what comes after graduation
- ★ How do I log into SchoolLinks?
  - Students have a SchoolLinks icon on their myOLSD portal and will be automatically logged in
  - On September 6th, parents will receive a personalized login to view their student's SchoolLinks page via InstaConnect



# SchoolLinks



## ★ What can SchoolLinks do?

SchoolLinks helps students discover their interests and strengths, explore colleges and careers, and create a personal graduation plan that best reflects their post-secondary goals.

- Access career interest, strength and mindset surveys
- Explore 2-year and 4-year colleges
- Take virtual reality college campus tours
- Search for scholarships
- Learn about financial aid
- Explore traditional, emerging and military career fields
- Create digital portfolios/resumes
- Log volunteer hours
- Track college applications
- Request transcripts
- Request letters of recommendation



# SchoolLinks



- ★ Want more information?
- ★ There is a SchoolLinks parent webinar on Wednesday, September 6th from 6:30-7:15pm
  - The session will be recorded and posted to the District website
- ★ Please scan the QR code to join



# Important Dates

- ★ October 17, 2023 - Transcript request deadline for November 1st
- ★ November 6, 2023 - FAFSA Parent Night
- ★ November 14, 2023 - Transcript request deadline for December 1st college application
- ★ December 7, 2023 - Transcript request deadline for January 1st college application
- ★ May 1, 2024 - National College Declaration Day
- ★ May 19, 2024 - Graduation Day @ 9AM



# Final Thoughts

- ★ Counselors are here to help!! Please have your student talk to their counselor when they have questions!
- ★ Seniors will have seminar and work on SchoolLinks on September 7th
- ★ Transcripts will not be ready to send until the 2nd week in September at the earliest
- ★ College Application Boot Camp
  - Tuesday/Thursday during 11th/12th period - October
  - In Student Services





THANK YOU