



Senior College Presentation

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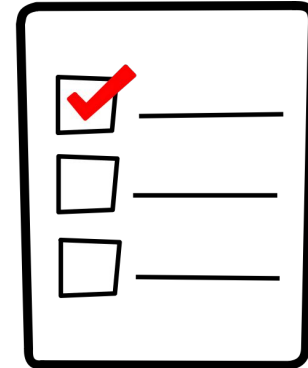
Meet Mrs. McAuley

- **Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC)**

- *Support all students; focus on substance use and social/emotional support*
 - Meet with students 1:1 and small group settings
 - Support school counselors and staff with student referrals
 - Provide counseling referral services for students
 - Mentoring Program, Therapy Dog Program, Student Groups
 - Assemblies/Community Service Providers
 - Information resource for substance abuse prevention and related intervention services

Tonight's Agenda

- College Applications
- Financial Aid / Scholarships
- College Planning Events
- NCAA Eligibility



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College Planning: Senior Conferences

- Senior conferences
 - *Senior conference packet is posted [online](#)*
 - 1-on-1, counselor with senior
 - Personally-tailored post-HS planning
 - 2-year school, 4-year school, vocational, military, work
 - Topics discussed:
 - Graduation requirements/audit
 - Reinforcement from junior meeting
 - College application process
 - Detailed on next slide
 - Other potential postsecondary options



College Applications To Do List:

- Apply to Colleges
- Letters of Recommendation
- Naviance Tasks
- Send Test Scores
- Transcript Request Form
- Financial Aid
- Update your Counselor

Items are not necessarily sequential; they may overlap.

College Applications: Apply

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- Applications completed via:
 - **Common App**
 - Common App: 1000+ schools
 - Made with personal email address
 - **Direct-to-Institution, through college website**
 - If school participates in Common App, BHS recommends utilizing Common App
 - **Coalition**
 - Similar to Common App but not as utilized





College Applications: Apply

- Application Essay
 - Opportunity to share personal information not reflected elsewhere
 - Authenticity is important
- Application deadlines
 - Early Decision - early deadline, binding
 - Early Action - early deadline
 - Regular - varies by college
 - Rolling - application reviewed upon receipt
- Safety vs. Target vs. Reach



College Applications: Letters of Recommendation

- Two Teachers
 - Choose teachers who can best speak to your academic ability, work ethic.
 - Consider your major and include teacher of relevant subject
- School Counselor
- Other Recommenders
 - Dependent upon circumstance, you may want to include a non-academic source (coach, boss)
 - This does not count as a teacher letter of recommendation
- Be aware of each college's requirements for letters of recommendation
- Teacher Recommendation Form / Counselor Recommendation Form
 - Available online and in Counseling Office
- FERPA - complete release authorization to waive right to read letters

College Applications: Naviance

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- Link with Common App
 - Sign into Naviance
 - Barnegat email, password can be reset by student
 - Colleges I'm Applying To
 - Match Accounts
- Request Letters of Recommendation
 - Colleges Tab
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Add Request
 - Select Teacher
 - General Request



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College Applications: Test Scores

- **Test scores to be sent directly from testing companies**
 - College Board (collegeboard.org or sat.org)
 - ACT (act.org)
 - Counselors are not involved in this
 - Plan ahead
 - Takes 2-4 weeks to process
- **Test Optional**
 - Check your college admissions' websites regarding testing requirements for the class of 2024.
 - www.fairtest.org/test-optional-list/ for list of test optional schools



College Applications: Transcript Request Form

- Complete once you submit application(s)
- Available on Counseling website
 - [BHS Transcript Request Form](#)
- Alerts counselor to send official documents
- Specify method of application
- Specify letters of recommendation to send, per college's requirements
- Can submit for up to five colleges on one form
- May take up to ten days

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College Applications: Financial Aid

- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - fafsa.gov
 - Opens in December
 - Based on 2022 income tax return information
- Additional forms
 - HESAA / NJFAMS
 - CSS Profiles
 - College-specific forms
 - Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)

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College Applications: Financial Aid

- HESAA FSA ID Workshops:

- October 6, 2023 @ 12pm
- October 24, 2023 @ 6pm
- November 14, 2023 @ 6pm
- December 5, 2023 @ 6pm
- December 14, 2023 @ 6pm

- NJEA FAFSA 101 Webinar Dates:

- November 18, 2023 @ 10am
- January 10, 2024 @ 7pm
- March 12, 2024 @ 7pm

- Resources for more information regarding financial aid

- Studentaid.gov - Federal government's website about paying for college
- Hesaa.org - NJ financial aid resource
- Finaid.org - Free student resource for learning about all types of financial aid



Financial Aid 101

- **Needs-based**

- Driven by household income
- *Determined by FAFSA*
- Pending on family member #: income ratio
 - The bigger the family and/or the lower the income, the greater the funding

- **Merit-based**

- Driven by student's academic records
- *Determined by transcript and/or scores submitted*
- Incorporates one or more of the following:
 - GPA
 - SAT score / ACT score
 - Athletics

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Financial Aid 101

- **Gift Money:** no payback necessary
 - Grants
 - Typically need-based
 - Scholarship
 - Often merit-based
- **Loan Money:** payback required
 - Federal loans
 - Fixed, lower rates
 - Deferred interest accrual
 - Private loans
 - Often higher interest
 - May accrue interest as soon as loan is initiated



NJ STARS

- Students who finish in the top 15% of the class in **junior OR senior year** are eligible.
 - Covers the cost of tuition only for up to 5 semesters at community college
 - NJ STARS does not cover remedial courses
 - Remedial courses must be completed before NJ STARS tuition will be paid (1 year to complete remedial work).
 - Must take 12-18 college credits a semester and maintain GPA
- * Funding is dependent upon annual state appropriations*



Scholarships

- BHS Local Scholarships
 - Involves Barnegat community and related organizations
 - Assembly for all seniors prior to scholarship release
 - Instructions and application will be made available online at that time
 - Scholarship Night held annually in May
- National Scholarship Resources (some examples)
 - Fastweb.com
 - Cappex.com
 - Meritaid.com
 - Raise.me - Micro-scholarships earned throughout high school

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College Planning

- Naviance SuperMatch feature
- College Admissions Representatives visit BHS throughout fall/winter
 - Outside the cafeteria during lunches
 - List of upcoming visits on bulletin board near attendance
- Visiting campuses
 - College visit resources on BHS Counseling page
- Talk with your counselor



College Planning Events

- College Night at the Jersey Shore - 10/5/23
 - Toms River North
 - 6:00-8:00 pm
 - Financial Aid presentation 5:30, Athletics presentation 7:30
 - [Register in advance](#)
- NACAC College Fairs
 - <https://www.nacacfairs.org/>
 - [Philadelphia - 10/14/23](#)
 - [Virtual Event - 10/15/23](#)
 - [Virtual Event - 11/12/23](#)

A photograph of a brick school building with a sign that reads "BARNEGAT HIGH SCHOOL". The building has large windows and a modern architectural style. The sky is clear and blue.

Open Houses

- Check websites of colleges for information regarding Open Houses and Tours.
 - Many schools offer virtual tours of their campus
- Open House Websites
 - New Jersey colleges [Open House link](#)
 - Pennsylvania colleges [Open House link](#)
 - Delaware, DC, Maryland, New York, and Virginia colleges [Open House link](#)
- OCC Open House October 11, 4:00-7:00 pm
 - [Eventbrite registration](#)

NCAA Eligibility

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- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center
 - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- Submit transcript to NCAA Eligibility Center
 - Transcript Request Form
- Communication with BHS coaches, college coaches



Professionalism

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- Social Media
 - Make sure posts are appropriate
 - Accounts set to private
- Email address
 - Up to date and appropriate
- Attire to meetings with representatives





Update your Counselor!



Thank you for coming!