# Senior Guidance Night

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# Things to keep in mind for the Class of 2024

- Test Blind v. Test Optional
- ☐ New FAFSA?
- Changes to the "traditional" application timelines
- Colleges shopping In-State
- ☐ Influx of applications
- Non-traditional routes to colleges and universities
- College Reps!
- Gap Year?

# Sept.-Oct. Activities

- ☐ Finalize college list
- Develop a personal calendar for completion of college placement responsibilities
- Complete all testing requirements necessary for applying
- Attend College Fairs and Representative Meetings
- Explore Evening College Meet and Greets
- ☐ Demonstrated Interest Goes A Long Way!
  - □ Deadlines\*\* Deadlines\*\*

# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Create an account on Commonapp.org
- In Naviance review the list of schools and list them in the "Colleges I am Applying to List".
- Request teacher recommendations
- Complete high school guidance information materials: Located in Guidance tab on the school's website and Naviance
  - -Transcript Request Form
  - -Activities Resume
  - -Student Brag Sheet
  - -Parent Information Sheet

## Important Naviance Information

- Naviance has a unique feature which easily allows information to be sent quickly to schools
- Students need to be aware that once they request their transcripts, it will automatically be sent at that moment
- Students should only request the transcript for the schools they are ready to submit fully!
- They should be careful to request All Schools until they are sure that they want their materials sent to all schools.

# COLLEGES I AM APPLYING TO

## colleges I'm applying to

+ add to this list | request transcripts | | compare me

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#### TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

#### STUDENT'S NAME

(Please list the full address of each institution or admissions center)

- DATES - DATES - DATES -

| NAME & ADDRESS<br>OF SCHOOL | PLEASE<br>CHECK | REQUEST<br>TRANSCRIPT | PUT ON<br>NAVIANCE | TRANSCRIPT<br>SENT | MID-YEAR<br>SENT |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1.                          | Online          |                       |                    |                    |                  |
|                             | Common          |                       |                    |                    |                  |
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# DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

## STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

### Regular Decision

#### **DEFINITION:**

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

#### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

#### **DEFINITION:**

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

#### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

#### **DEFINITION:**

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

#### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment. Early Decision (ED)

#### **DEFINITION:**

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

#### COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

#### **DEFINITION:**

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

#### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

# WRITING CENTER

- Open Daily for one-on-one conferences
- ☐ Period 5 in Room 208
- ☐ Period 7 Room 204
- Students can book appointments in advance on the AHS English
  - Department Writing Center Google
  - Classroom page

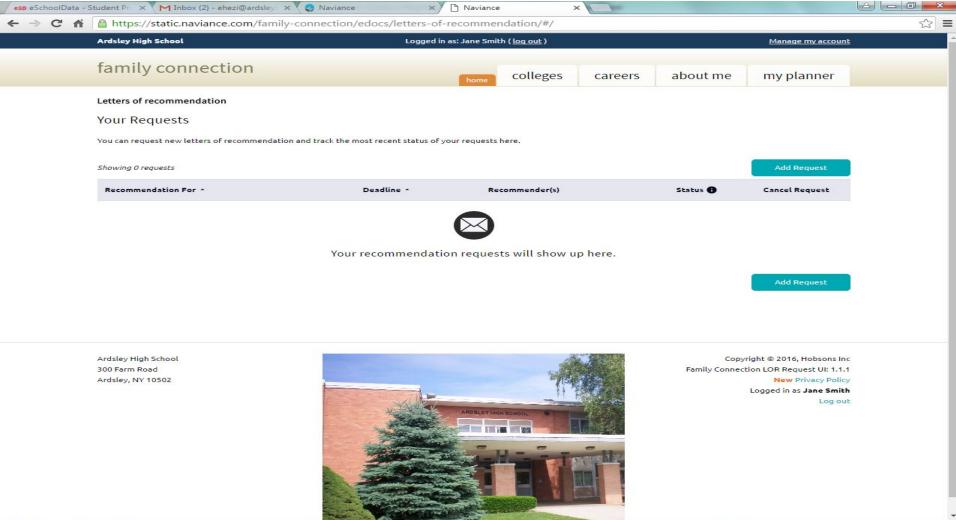
# College Essay Workshop

- Thursday, September 21st
  - During period 5, 7 and 9
- Students must reserve their spot to attend this workshop
- Students can visit the AHS English
   Department page on Google Classroom
- ☐ Classroom Code: eylfds3

# TEACHER RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- ☐ Teachers can easily upload and send the letter of recommendation electronically
- □ Requests and communication to teachers are online
- ☐ Teachers submit through Naviance and receive immediate notification of submission
- ☐ Be sure to carefully review the letters you plan on sending to each specific school
- Colleges have strict guidelines to what they will read

# SELECTING TEACHERS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS



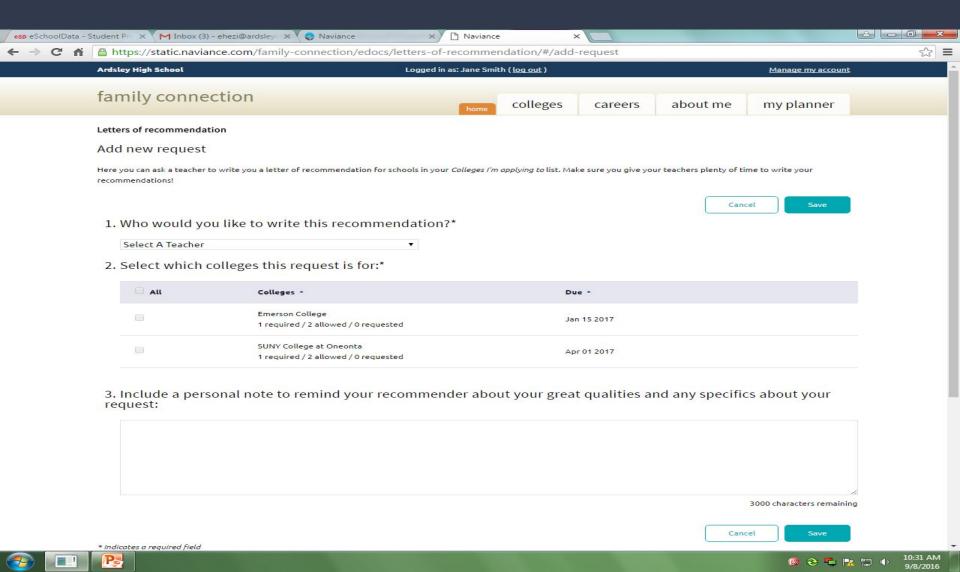








# SELECTING SPECIFIC TEACHERS FOR SPECIFIC SCHOOLS



# TRACKING RECOMMENDATION STATUS

## Teacher Recommendations add/cancel requests Your Note Teacher Status Requested Hi Mr. Gutherman! I have decided to apply to Wesleyan University early instead! The due date is the 15th! Thanks Brian Gutherman again!! Completed Hi Mr. Horlacher! Im applying early decision to Williams College and the deadline is november 10th. Thank you so much! Stuart Horlacher Im not sure about what other colleges I'm applying to regular decision yet but I will let you know soon! COMMON A PPLICATION PRIVACY NOTICE You have increased that you DO waive your right to access Common Application recommendation forms completed by your school. You have indicated that you authorize all secondary schools you have attended to release all requested records and review your application for the admission process. This information was recorded by you at September 13, 2012 12:19 PM from the following IP Address:

**Status Tracking** 

# Counselor Activities

- Senior Seminar
- **□** Application Process

☐ Interview/Visitation
Process

- Individual Student Meetings
- **☐** Family Meetings

# High School Role

# Secondary school application materials:

- -Secondary school report form
- -Transcript
- -Three Year GPA
- -First quarter grades (upon request)
- -Mid-year grades
- -Counselor Recommendation
- -School profile

# SUBMISSION STATUS

#### U of Michigan

hide full detail

- · This student has submitted the application for this college through t
- · This college requires 1 evaluation minimum; 4 evaluations maximum

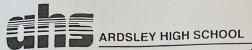
This is a Common App college - select the forms you'd like to submit online and click "submit selected forms"

| FORM           | why are some forms unavailable for selection? | INFORMATION                                     |  |  |  |  |
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| School Report  |   | sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery    |  |  |  |  |
| Written Eva    | aluation                                      | sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery    |  |  |  |  |
| School Prof    | file  | sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery    |  |  |  |  |
| Active Trans   | script (Initial)                              | sent on October 1, 2012 by Patricia Slattery    |  |  |  |  |
| Common App     | Teacher Eval.                                 | sent on October 18, 2012 by Jessica Berman      |  |  |  |  |
| Letter of Re   | ecommendation                                 | sent on October 18, 2012 by Jessica Berman      |  |  |  |  |
| Common App     | Teacher Eval.                                 | sent on October 16, 2012 by Dave Chason         |  |  |  |  |
| Letter of Re   | ecommendation                                 | sent on October 16, 2012 by Dave Chason         |  |  |  |  |
| Midyear Report | t   |   |  |  |  |  |
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| Final Report   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
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# SPECIFIC GROUPS

☐ The Student Athlete
Register with the
NCAA Eligibility
Center

■ Services for Students with Learning Differences
Fill out the Release of Confidential Information Form for Guidance and Psychologist.



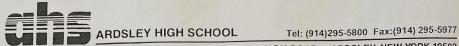
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#### PSYCHOLOGIST'S FORM

## RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS CLASSIFIED WITH A DISABILITY

| I hereby authorize the Ardsley Union Fr   | ree School District to release info | rmation concerning     |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| to  | o (name of person, agency/colleg    | ge, address):          |
| ( Student's Name)                         |                                     |                        |
| Individual Evaluation (including psychoe  | ducational and other specialized    | I CSE/504 evaluations) |
| Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Sectio |                                     |                        |
| Other (detail):                           |                                     |                        |
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| Name and Address of School/Program        | Contact Person                      | Special Program        |
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|   | Date:                               |                        |



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#### COUNSELOR'S FORM

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Date:\_

# COLLEGE INFO SESSIONS

- ☐ College Representative Information Sessions will take place in person during the school day
- ☐ Dates and times can be found on Naviance and will be shared to the students frequently
- ☐ Students need to be mindful of their etiquette, they are representing the AHS community and meetings are often held by the college representative who reads their applications.

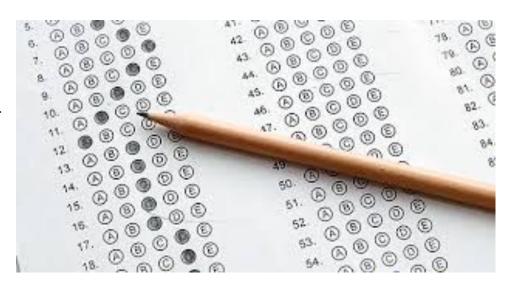
## College Fairs

- Southern
  - Westchester
  - Conference
- October 24th
- **□** 6-8:30pm
- WestchesterCounty Center

- NYSACAC
  - September 27th
    - at Sarah
    - Lawrence
    - College
- ☐ Big Apple College
  - Fair
  - October 8th
    - **□** 1-4pm

# STANDARDIZED TESTING

- □ SAT Reasoning Test
- **ACT**
- □ Test Optional



- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ☐ CSS Profile profileonline.collegeboa rd.com
- Institutional aid applications— Be sure to check each individual school's website to find out what forms are required and when they must be filed.

# THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS



# IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID DATE



Ardsley HS
Financial Aid
Night
October 11th at
7pm

Important Changes will be made...

# WEBSITES

## General Agency Sites:

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.ets.org
- www.act.org

## Commercial/General

College Search Sites:

- www.usnews.com
- www.unigo.com
- www.collegenet.com
- www.collegename.edu

# FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

- www.uncf.org
- <u>www.nasfaa.org</u>
- www.blackstudentfund.org
- www.free-4u.com/minority.html
- www.chase.com/educationfirst
- www.wiredscholar.com
- www.gmsp.org
- www.collegescholarships.com

- www.collegeview.com
- www.easi.ed.gov
- http://www.embark.com/
- www.excite.com
- www.grantsandfunding.com
- <u>www.collegeboard.com</u>
- www.collegenet.com/mach25
- www.fastaid.com
- www.fastweb.com
- http://www.finaid.org
- www.gomerry.com