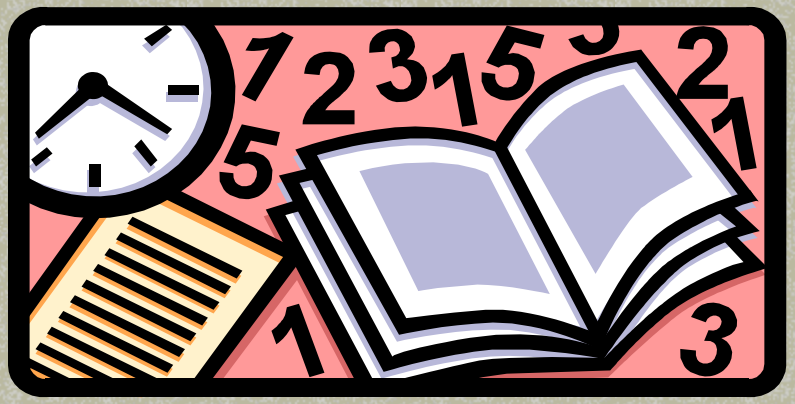
College Application Parent Workshop

"It's Not As Scary As It Seems!"

Informational Evening
Centereach High School
October 1, 2024



Introduction

- A video presentation has been posted for the students on the *Guidance Class of 2025 Google Classroom*; highlighting the college application process for this year.

Google Classroom Code = cnhjq6k

Feel free to contact your child's counselor if you would like to schedule an individual appointment

- West Suite ~ Ms. Blieberg & Ms. Shumway ~ (A-Ga) - #285-8160
- East Suite ~ Mr. Siragusa & Mr. Rivera ~ (Ge-N) - #285-8140
- North Suite ~ Ms. Thomas & Ms. Cifuni ~ (O-Z) - #285-8180

The Process Of Applying

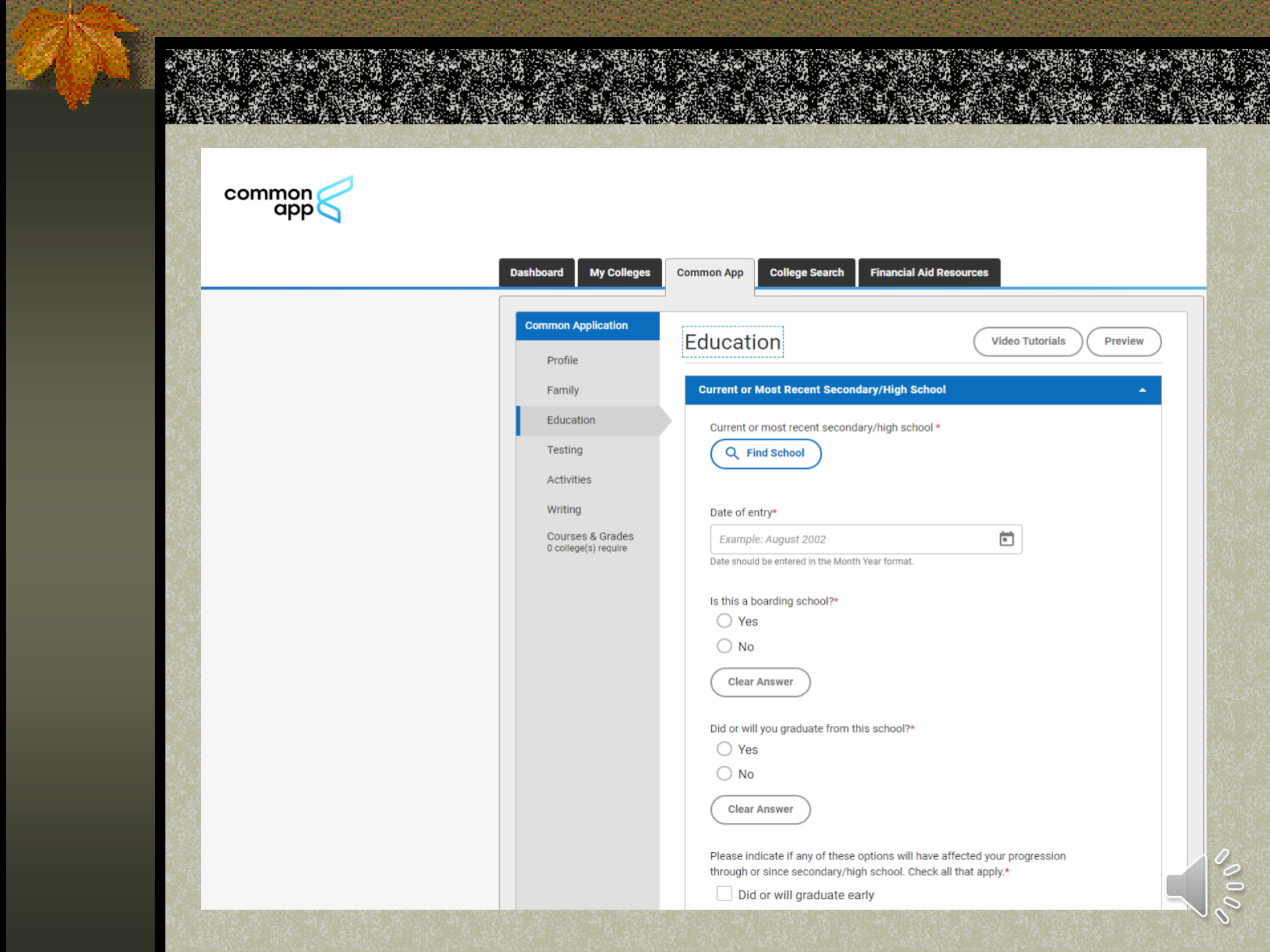
- Submit Release of Records
- Sign on to *Naviance* account
  - Access through CLEVER
- Request Letters Of Recommendation
  - In person or by email AND via *Naviance*
  - https://www.screencast.com/t/yFlgLhUy
- Complete college essay
  - Work with English teachers for grammar/format review
- Have SAT/ACT Scores Sent To Colleges *(if applicable)*
- Work on & Submit Applications Online
  - www.commonapp.org or www.suny.edu
- "Pink Sheets" (Application Tracking Form)
  - 1 per college applying to, submitted to counselor in order for documentation to be sent

If Applying Via Common App…

- Register for the Common Application www.commonapp.org

- To Begin, Everyone MUST:
  - **complete the EDUCATION section**
  - **Add at least one college to the MY COLLEGES section**
  - **Sign the FERPA waiver**

- How to Match Your Child's Naviance Account with The Common Application:
- https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1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Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School
Current or most recent secondary/high school *
Find School
Date of entry*
Example: August 2002
Date should be entered in the Month Year format.
Is this a boarding school?*
Yes
No
Clear Answer
Did or will you graduate from this school?*
Yes
No
Clear Answer
Please indicate if any of these options will have affected your progression through or since secondary/high school. Check all that apply.*
Did or will graduate early

common app

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College Search

Application Requirements

College or City Name

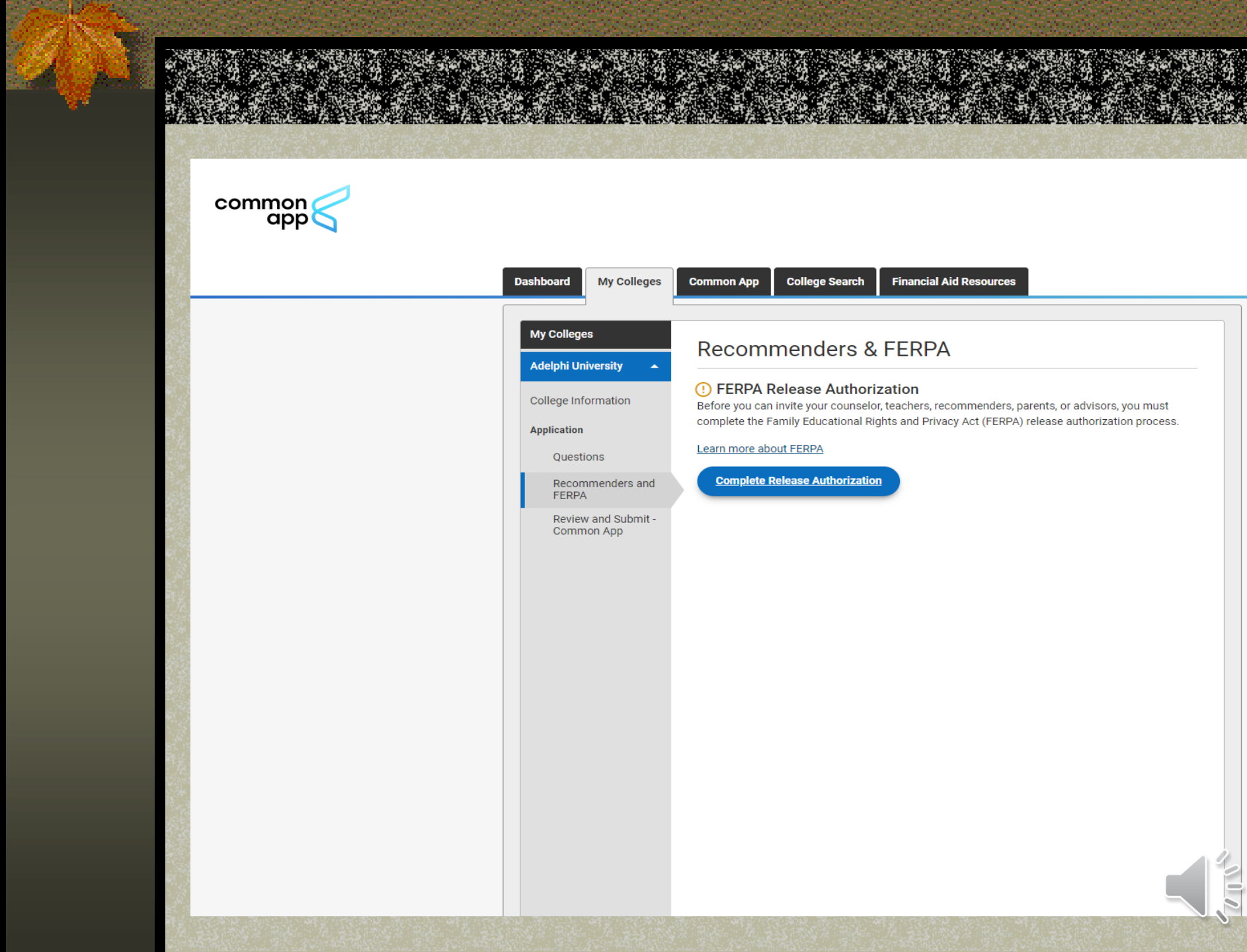
Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston

More filters

871 results

Sort by: College Name

- Adelphi University — Garden City, NY - USA
- Agnes Scott College — Decatur, GA - USA
- Alaska Pacific University — Anchorage, AK - USA
- Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences — Albany, NY - USA
- Albertus Magnus College — New Haven, CT - USA
- Albion College — Albion, MI - USA
- Albright College — Reading, PA - USA
- Alfred University — Alfred, NY - USA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FERPA Release Authorization
Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.
Learn more about FERPA
Complete Release Authorization

FERPA explained

- **The typical expectation for letters of recommendation in college admissions is that they are kept confidential.** *Admissions officers give most weight to letters that provide an honest and qualified assessment of the applicant. If you don't waive your FERPA right, you could accidentally signal to admissions officers that you don't trust your recommender or that the recommendation is less candid or genuine.*

- *You won't be penalized for your response, but* **it's risky to check "no"** *since you don't know how admissions officers or your recommenders will interpret it.*

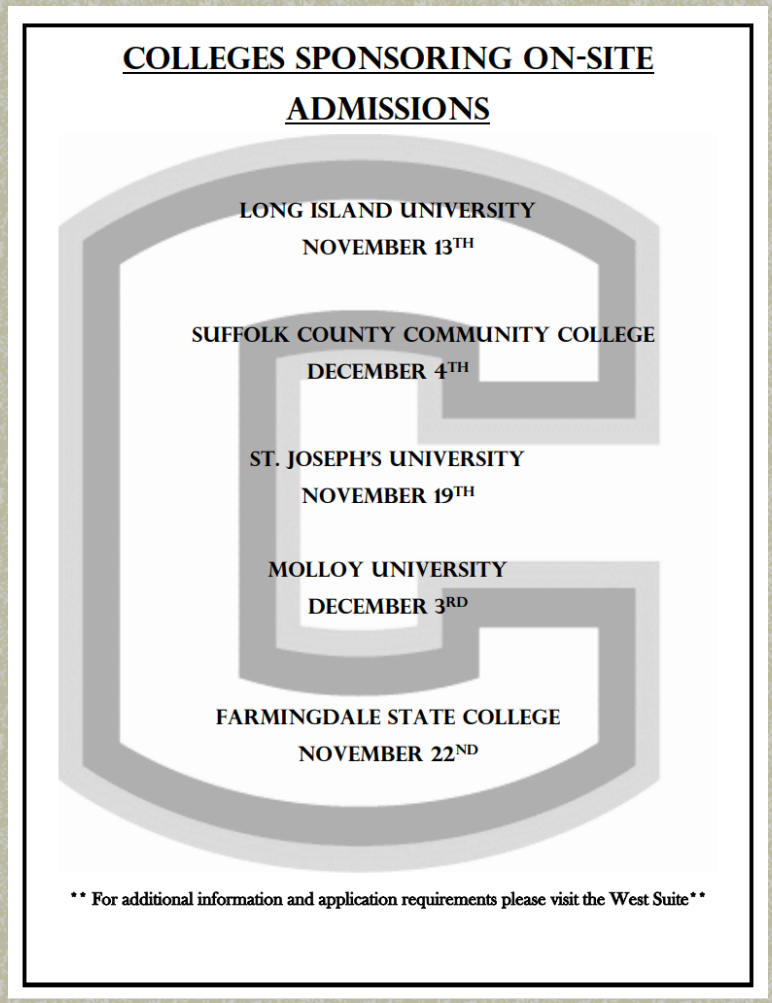
* SAT / ACT *

- Be aware of upcoming deadlines & new procedures
  - Register early; No walk-ins accepted anymore!
  - Photo I.D. is required upon registering
- Students must send SAT/ACT scores to each college directly through the testing website:
  - www.collegeboard.org
  - www.act.org
- Contact your colleges of interest to inquire about possible updates on SAT/ACT requirements related to admissions *(specifically for SAT Optional schools)*

College Rep Visits and On-Site Admissions at Centereach High School

Please refer to your child's *Naviance* account to view upcoming college visits and the Guidance Google Classroom for on-site opportunities:

- Click on the "Colleges" tab to view all upcoming college rep visits
- All of the directions for these opportunities are posted on *Class of 2025 Guidance Google Classroom* and can be found in the West Suite
- Students must sign up for on-site opportunities in the West Suite



Financial Aid & Scholarships

- FAFSA form should be filled out online beginning December 1, 2024 *new* (www.fafsa.gov)
- FAFSA Overview
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zkw463ke8ho

  After FAFSA Submission : What Happens NEXT!
  - www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHaAtCMmB2c
- Financial Aid Night
  - November 18, 2024 @ Centereach High School *updated*
- National Scholarships are posted in *Naviance*, select these links:
  - "Colleges" - "Scholarship Search" (For a list of posted scholarships)
  - "Colleges" - "National Scholarship Search" (A search engine for scholarships)
- Local scholarship information given to seniors in February

Guidance Website & Google Classrooms

- District Guidance Website
  - www.mccsd.net/guidance
- Guidance Class of 2025 Google Classroom
  - Code = cnhjq6k
- Class of 2025 (Activities) Google Classroom
  - Code = 3o4gwa
- Class of 2025 Yearbook Google Classroom
  - Code = lze7ug6

REMIND
(For graduation updates & info)

Text 81010 to:

@grad2025we
West Suite
last names A-Ga

@grad2025ea
East Suite
last names Ge-N

@grad2025no
North Suite
last names O-Z

A few extras…

- Early Action / Early Decision
- Fee Waivers
  - Fill out free/reduced lunch form
- NCAA
  - Register with the Eligibility Center if planning to play a D1 or D2 sport
- Other Helpful Websites
  - www.niche.com, www.fastweb.com

* Student Checklist *

- Watch the College Process "How To" video on the Guidance Class of 2025 Google Classroom
- Do Your Research!
- Complete Resume/Activity Sheet
- Request teacher recommendations
- Complete NCAA eligibility *(if applicable)*
- Send SAT/ACT scores
- Submit applications
- Fill out and sign a "pink form" for each school & submit to your counselor!

??? Questions ???