# WELCOME TO SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

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HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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- Welcome
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  - Brad Kain: College Consultant A-K
  - Kevin Coy: College Consultant L-Z
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    - Melissa Sauder Lan-Moo
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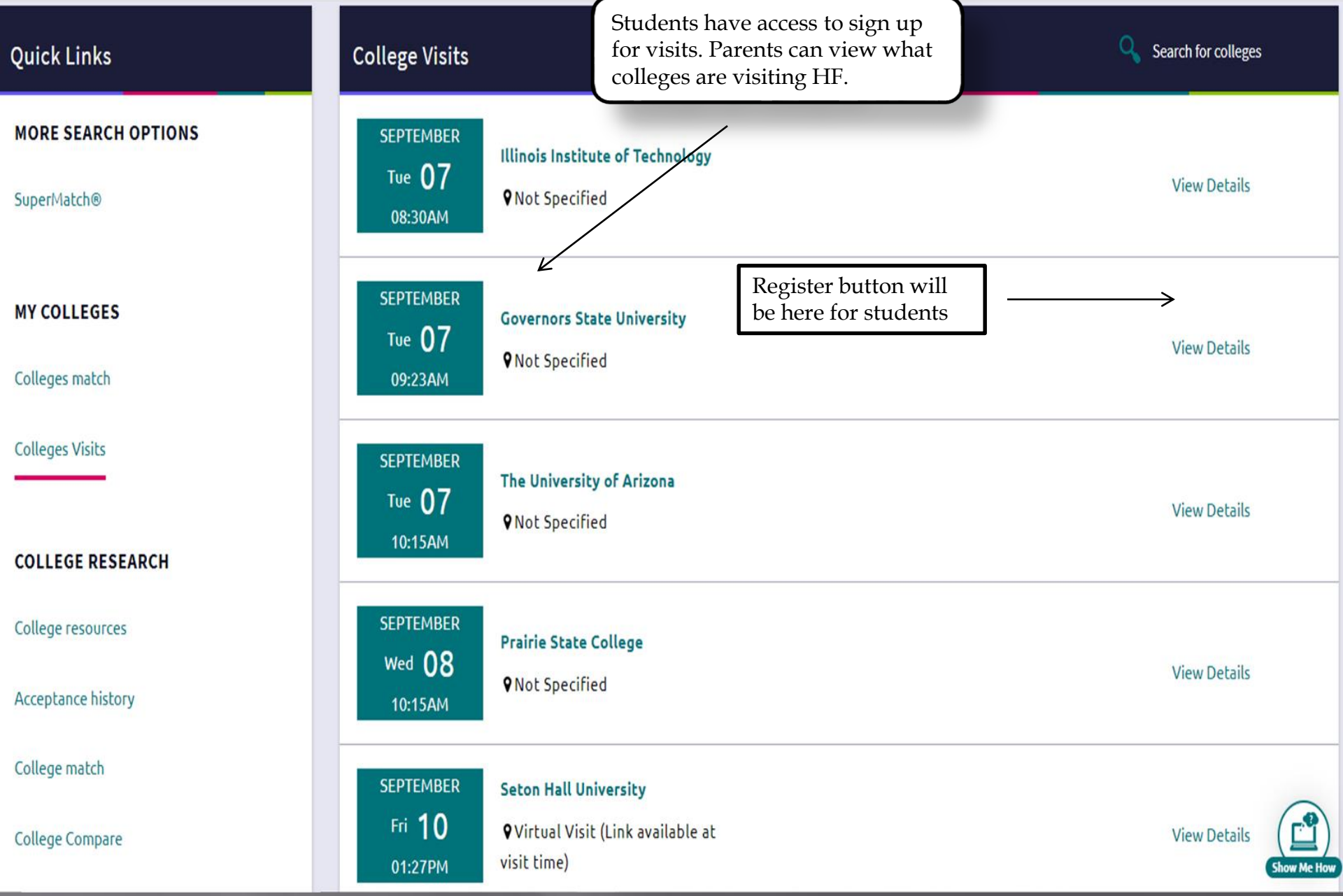
**Naviance Family Connection**

Naviance link

Username: Student email address

Password: “#HFhs” followed by ID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# Criteria for College Selection

- Academic Factors
- Facilities
- Financial Fit
- Right Fit/Feel Factors

# Campus Visits

- Visit, Visit, Visit!
- Touring the campus
- Talking to students
- Visiting a class
- Talking to Admissions
- When visit is over

# Student Checklist

**What makes a completed application?**

*Generally, schools require the following:*

- ✓ Completed application and application fee
- ✓ Official ACT/SAT/AP Scores
- ✓ Official High School Transcript

IF REQUIRED:

- ✓ Teacher Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Counselor Letter of Recommendation
- ✓ Counselor Form/Signature Page
- ✓ Supplemental material (i.e. art work, writing sample, portfolio, etc.)

** All counselor evaluations (signature pages and letters of rec.) must be sent out of our office as they **will not** be handed back to students (may also apply for teachers)

# Timetable
## September

- Register for ACT/SAT
  - www.act.org
  - www.collegeboard.org
  - Most colleges have continued to remain test optional; FairTest website
- Narrow down schools
- Begin filling out applications
- Meet with college reps
- Research your college choices

# Timetable
## October

- FAFSA Time!!
- Take ACT/SAT
- Complete applications/turn in necessary supplemental forms to Registrar
- Attend college fair
- Meet with college reps
- Arrange off campus tours; Visit

# Timetable
## November

- Note all application deadlines
- Meet with college reps
- Visit
- Keep grades up!

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## Deadlines!!!

- Counselors are given ***10 school days*** *to process and send out supplemental materials…*

  **… <u>SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY!</u>**

- Be aware of application deadlines

- Those with **Jan. 1** deadlines need to be submitted to the registrar no later than **Friday, Dec. 10**

- *Examples of Priority Deadlines (Early Action)*
  - U of I (Urbana-Champaign) Nov. 1
    - STRONGLY encourage applying by EA deadline
  - ISU Nov. 1
  - NIU / DePaul Nov. 15
  - SIUC / SIUE Dec. 1

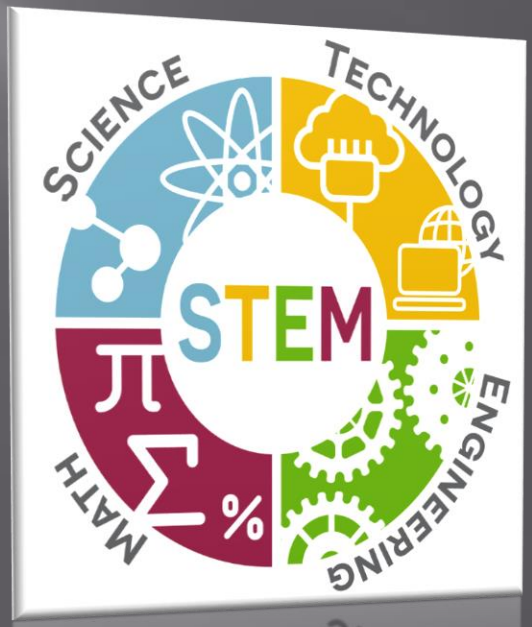
# Important Dates

- September 14- Financial Aid Night (Virtual)
- October 1- May start filing the FAFSA!!!!
- October 14- NACAC College Fair (Virtual)
- October 16- 100 Black Men College Fair (Virtual)
- October 13- Seniors should work on applications or visit college campuses, if possible
- October 18- College Night at HF
  - 6:30-8pm in Field House

**Keep an eye out for possible application workshops and FAFSA completion workshops

# Visual Performing Arts Schools

- NACAC Arts & STEM College Fair
  - Virtual
  - Tuesday, November 2, 3-7p.m.



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## Selecting a College & Senior Transitions

- Keep an open mind
- Many of the "best" schools for you may be schools you've never heard about
- BREATHE: Your child's dreams for his/her future may be different from yours
- TRUST:  You might not understand or agree with the path your child is taking, but trust that it will end up in a good place
- STEP BACK, LET GO, BE THERE

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The Counselors, College Consultants, and Guidance Office Staff are there to support seniors and parents through the college search and selection process.

*We are only a phone call or email away!*

Stay connected! Follow us on Twitter @hfcollegecorner!

Don't forget to visit the College Planning & Consulting page on the H-F website!

*Enjoy the journey!!*

*- The Guidance Department*