

# SYOSSET HIGH SCHOOL



## COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

December 5, 2024

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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**COLLEGE TESTING CALENDAR**  
**2024-2025**

IT IS ADVISABLE TO REGISTER WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE REGULAR REGISTRATION TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO YOUR FIRST CHOICE TEST CENTER.

<u>TEST</u>	<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u>
SAT *	August 24	Aug 9
ACT & Writing Option *	September 14	August 9
SAT	October 5	September 20
PSAT	October 26	Info coming in September
ACT & Writing Option *	October 26	September 20
SAT *	November 2	October 18
SAT *	December 7	November 22
ACT & Writing Option *	December 14	November 8
ACT & Writing Option *	February 8	January 3
SAT *	March 8	February 21
ACT & Writing Option	April 5	Feb 28
SAT	May 3	April 18
SAT	June 7	May 22
ACT & Writing Option	June 14	May 9
ACT & Writing Option*	July 12	June 6

\* THESE TESTS ARE NOT GIVEN AT SYOSSET HIGH SCHOOL

Syosset School Code.....335-443  
SAT Test Center Number.....33-906  
ACT Test Center Number.....199590

Apply online at: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

Students must report to the Test Center at 7:30 a.m. with an admissions ticket, photo I.D., calculator and #2 pencils.

## **Questions to ask & consider during the College Search process:**

### **Questions for the College:**

- Do you require standardized testing for my cohort?
- What classes are needed or preferred for my intended major?
- How competitive is my intended major?
  - If not accepted, can I transfer into the program sophomore year?
- Do you give credit for dual enrollment courses?
- Do you have an AP credit transfer site to see what earns credit?
- What scholarships do you offer; need and merit based?
  - require additional applications or automatic consideration?
  - merit money: what's the range? maximum amount?
- Out of state enrollment? male/female ratio?
- Class size for typical freshman and sophomore classes, lecture halls?
  - Look beyond what they advertise

### **Family Conversations:**

- Talk honestly about college costs and what you want to spend?
  - Will your student be expected to apply for loans?
- What is a reasonable number of colleges to apply to?
- How many students from Syosset and from Long Island apply to this school?
- How hard did your student work in their SHS classes? Did they get a lot of support from tutors and family?
- Does your student have medical needs that need to be considered?
- Distance from home:
  - ability and ease of coming home, time and cost involved?

# COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

Junior Year	Summer Before Senior Year	Senior Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Schedule an Individual College Planning Meeting with your counselor, December-April.</li> <li>➤ Register for the SAT or ACT. Syosset school code is 335-443.</li> <li>➤ Fill out Parent and Student Brag Sheets (<i>found on Guidance webpage</i>). Completed forms <b>must be</b> emailed prior to your Junior Planning Meeting.</li> <li>➤ Student/ counselor groups in the spring.</li> <li>➤ Ask 1-2 teachers to write formal letters of recommendation.</li> <li>➤ Give out 1-2 Supplemental Comment forms (<i>forms on Guidance webpage</i>).</li> <li>➤ SHS College Night, April 3, 2025</li> <li>➤ Watch for Virtual college fairs &amp; regional presentations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Create your Common Application account at <a href="http://www.commonapp.org">www.commonapp.org</a></li> <li>➤ If you are planning to take SAT or ACT in the fall, register early.</li> <li>➤ Research colleges &amp; programs of interest.</li> <li>➤ Visit college campuses. The end of summer is a good time when college students return.</li> <li>➤ Start applications</li> <li>➤ Write essay(s).</li> <li>➤ Type Activity Resume.</li> <li>➤ Attend Syosset HS Boot Camp in August for help if needed.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="662 1247 1036 1717" data-label="Image"> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Senior Meetings –counselors review the application process.</li> <li>➤ Attend College Application Workshop to review process.</li> <li>➤ Do FERPA on Common Application and link your <i>Naviance</i> &amp; Common App accounts.</li> <li>➤ Watch SHS Financial Aid video to review FAFSA (<i>found on Guidance webpage</i>).</li> <li>➤ Parents complete FAFSA &amp; CSS Profile.</li> <li>➤ If necessary, take standardized tests.</li> <li>➤ Complete SRAR if needed</li> <li>➤ Follow-up with teachers writing formal letters of recommendation and send <i>Naviance</i> request.</li> <li>➤ Note applications deadline dates (early action, early decision, regular decision &amp; rolling).</li> <li>➤ Complete your application and submit with payment.</li> <li>➤ Attend Essay Writing Workshop if needed.</li> <li>➤ <b>Make appointment with counselor to submit the Transcript Request Form 3 wks. prior to deadline. Form link on guidance webpage.</b></li> <li>➤ Send official test scores to each college, 3wks. prior to deadline if required via:  <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>  <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a> </li> <li>➤ Follow-up on applications!</li> </ul>

# PARENT BRAG SHEET

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please help your counselor prepare your child's letter of recommendation by responding to the following:

1. If you had the opportunity to write to admissions about your child, what makes them stand out amongst their peers? Please share a paragraph to support this.
2. What strengths and/or personality traits does your child possess? Please share examples of when they demonstrated this.
3. Describe specific events from high school that have made you particularly proud of your child.
4. If applicable, provide an explanation of any family, health or other circumstance that has affected your child or their secondary school performance.

**Please type your responses and return to me via email.**

Thank you,  
Your School Counselor

# STUDENT BRAG SHEET

Dear Student,

Please help your counselor prepare your letter of recommendation by responding to the following questions with great detail. Please only include information you want your counselor to disclose to a college.

1. What are you most proud of (personal or academic) from high school?
2. What are your possible future career goals/college majors? What have you done outside of class to pursue them, i.e., internships, part-time jobs, community service, etc.?
3. Which extracurricular activities/community activities have been most meaningful to you and why? Have you assumed a leadership position?
4. Is there anything you would like me to communicate to a college on your behalf? Extenuating circumstances, things I don't know about you, special talents.

**Please type your responses and return them to me via email.**

Thank you,  
Your School Counselor

# SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT FORM

(optional)

**STUDENT:** This form can be given to the **Elective Teacher, Advisor, Employer or Coach** of your choice.

**STUDENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNSELOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER/ADVISOR/COACH** \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE/ACTIVITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE WHEN TAUGHT** \_\_\_\_\_

- *Please provide any anecdotes or examples that demonstrate the student's strengths, achievements or notable qualities. Thank you.*

# COMMON APPLICATION: ACTIVITY SECTION

## Directions:

- List up to 10 “Activities” from the categories below, in **order of importance**.
  - Less than 10, no worries
- Some universities allow you to upload a resume as well, but **not** in place of this section.
- Please be honest and realistic.

The screenshot shows the Common Application interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities (highlighted with a checkmark), Writing, and Courses & Grades (with a note '1 college(s) require'). The main content area is titled 'Activities' and includes a 'Preview' button. Below the title is a link to 'View Activities Tutorial'. The 'Activities' section contains a list of examples: Arts or music, Clubs, Community engagement, Family responsibilities, Hobbies, Sports, Work or volunteering, and Other experiences that have been meaningful to you. At the bottom, there is a question 'Do you have any activities that you wish to report?' with radio button options for 'Yes' and 'No'.

This block provides a detailed view of the 'Activity 1' form. A large black circle highlights the 'Position/Leadership description' field, with an arrow pointing to it from the right. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Activity 1**
- Activity type\***: A dropdown menu with the text 'Choose an option'.
- Position/Leadership description** (Max characters: 50)\*: A text input field, circled in black.
- Organization Name** (Max characters: 100): A text input field.
- Participation grade levels\***: A list of checkboxes for grades 9, 10, 11, 12, and Post-graduate.
- Timing of participation\***: A list of checkboxes for 'During school year', 'During school break', and 'All year'.
- Hours spent per week\***: A text input field.
- Weeks spent per year\***: A text input field.
- Please describe this activity, including what you accomplished and any recognition you received, etc.** (Max characters: 150)\*: A large text input field at the bottom.



## Activity Worksheet

(\*Note: Characters not words)

**1. Activity Type:** Choose- arts or music, clubs, community, family responsibilities, hobbies, sports, work or volunteer, other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Position/leadership:**(50 characters) \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization Name:**(100 characters)

**Describe Activity:**(150 characters)

**2. Activity Type:** Choose- arts or music, clubs, community, family responsibilities, hobbies, sports, work or volunteer, other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Position/leadership:**(50 characters) \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization Name:**(100 characters)

**Describe Activity:**(150 characters)

**3. Activity Type:** Choose- arts or music, clubs, community, family responsibilities, hobbies, sports, work or volunteer, other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Position/leadership:** (50 characters) \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization Name:**(100 characters)

**Describe Activity:**(150 characters)

Syosset High School  
Class of 2024  
Enrollment Summary

Adelphi University	5	Georgetown University	2
American University	1	Hampton University	1
Amherst College	1	High Point University	6
Babson College	1	Hofstra University	11
Barnard College	1	Indiana University-Bloomington	15
Belmont University	1	Ithaca College	1
Bentley University	1	James Madison University	1
Berklee College of Music	1	Lehigh University	1
Binghamton University	33	Long Island University - Post	9
Boston College	2	Louisiana State University & Agricult. & Mechan. Coll	1
Boston University	15	Lynn University	3
Bowdoin College	1	Madonna University	1
Brown University	1	Marist College	4
Bryn Mawr College	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
Carnegie Mellon University	2	Merrimack College	1
Case Western Reserve University	2	Michigan State University	1
Clemson University	2	Michigan Technological University	1
Colgate University	2	Millsaps College	1
College of Charleston	5	Molloy University	2
Columbia University in the City of New York	3	Mount St. Mary's University	1
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	2	Nassau Community College	7
Cornell University	11	New York Institute of Technology	4
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	6	New York University	16
CUNY City College	1	Northwestern University	15
CUNY Hunter College	1	Ohio State University-Main Campus	14
CUNY Macaulay Honors College	1	Pace University, Westchester Campus	3
CUNY Queens College	2	Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University	1
Dartmouth College	3	Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus	5
Drexel University	1	Princeton University	1
Duke University	4	Purdue University-Main Campus	3
Eastern Michigan University	1	Quinnipiac University	2
Elon University	1	Rice University	1
Emmanuel College	2	Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Emory University	8	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	4
Fairfield University	1	Sacred Heart University	8
Farmingdale State College	8	Saint Michael's College	1
Fashion Institute of Technology	4	St. John's University-New York	5
Five Towns College	1	State University of New York at New Paltz	2
Florida Atlantic University	1	Stevens Institute of Technology	1

Stony Brook University	28	University of Connecticut	9
SUNY Brockport	1	University of Delaware	13
SUNY College at Geneseo	3	University of Florida	7
SUNY College at Oswego	1	University of Georgia	6
SUNY College of Technology at Delhi	1	University of Guelph	1
SUNY Cortland	8	University of Hawaii at Manoa	1
SUNY Fredonia	2	University of Hertfordshire	1
SUNY Maritime College	1	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2
SUNY Old Westbury	7	University of Maryland-College Park	1
SUNY Polytechnic Institute	1	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	5
Syracuse University	6	University of Miami	6
The George Washington University	3	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	11
The Juilliard School	1	University of New Haven	2
The University of Alabama	2	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1
The University of Tampa	2	University of Pennsylvania	2
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	1	University of Rhode Island	5
The University of Texas at Austin	6	University of Scranton	2
Towson University	1	University of South Carolina-Columbia	10
Tufts University	4	University of Southern California	2
Tulane University of Louisiana	1	University of the Pacific	1
United States Merchant Marine Academy	1	University of Vermont	1
University at Albany, SUNY	4	University of Virginia-Main Campus	1
University at Buffalo	9	University of Washington-Seattle Campus	1
University of California-Berkeley	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	8
University of California-Davis	1	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology	1
University of California-San Diego	2	Villanova University	1
University of California-Santa Barbara	1	Virginia Tech	1
University of California-Santa Cruz	1	Washington University in St Louis	4
University of Chicago	1	Wellesley College	1
University of Colorado Boulder	4	Yale University	2