College Application Parent Workshop

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

Informational Evening
Centereach High School
October 6, 2025

Introduction

- A video presentation has been posted for the students on the *Guidance Class of 2026 Google Classroom*; highlighting the college application process for this year.

  Google Classroom Code = rlv33jn

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/gxEQkEIyo1

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* <u>**it's risky to check "no"**</u> *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 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 2026 Guidance Google Classroom* and can be found in the West Suite

- Students must sign up for on-site opportunities in the West Suite

COLLEGES SPONSORING ON-SITE ADMISSIONS

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
DECEMBER 4TH

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NOVEMBER 21ST

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY
NOVEMBER 18TH

MOLLOY UNIVERSITY
NOVEMBER 20TH

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
DECEMBER 2ND

** For additional information and application requirements please visit the West Suite**

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- FAFSA form - online beginning October 2025
  - www.fafsa.gov

- FAFSA Info/Videos
  - Check out "Federal Student Aid" YouTube channel

- Financial Aid Night
  - November 10, 2025 @ Centereach High School

- 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 2026 Google Classroom
  - Code = rlv33jn

- Class of 2026 (Activities) Google Classroom
  - Code = xvwuiis

- Class of 2026 Yearbook Google Classroom
  - Code = d7yb6wzv

- Class of 2026 GO Google Classroom
  - Code = qquutt6

REMIND
(For graduation updates & info)

Text 81010 to:

@2026gradwe
West Suite
last names A-Ga

@2026gradea
East Suite
last names Ge-N

@2026gradno
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 2026 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 ???