



Counselor Connection

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Freshmen

- **Postsecondary Exploration Resources**
While many students associate college with the next step after high school, there are a number of postsecondary options that they should consider. **NCompass** has more information on some of the most popular [postsecondary options](#) available.
- **[Spring College Exploration Activities](#)**
As we move toward spring, there are a number of upcoming college exploration opportunities. From the Illinois Regional College Fair at North Central College, to virtual national fairs, check out all upcoming opportunities in the link above.
- **[Get Involved this Semester!](#)**
Now that your 1st semester of high school is in the books, we want to encourage our freshmen to get involved at North! There are a multitude of clubs & activities to join - check out the link above for more information!

Sophomores

- **Save the Date: Postsecondary Planning Night (Feb. 25)**
We're excited to once again offer our Postsecondary Planning Night (formerly College Planning Night) on Feb. 25th at 6:00pm. For more information, please visit: <https://nnhs.naperville203.org/PSPNight>
- **Career Exploration Resources**
Sophomore year is a great time for students to explore the endless career opportunities available to them. We have a number of [career exploration tools](#) available for students on **NCompass**.
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Juniors

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- **Feb. 24 & 26: Junior Week Presentations!**
During Homeroom / WIN sessions of this week, Juniors will receive their Junior Week presentation from their counselors. Presentations will include a video to follow along, and a link to our comprehensive Junior Week FlowDoc!
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Seniors

- **Midyear (7th Semester) Transcripts Have Been Sent!**
All Common App Mid-Year Reports, as well as all non-Common App mid-year transcript form requests were processed as of 1/25. If Seniors receive requests for non-Common App mid-year transcripts, you need to complete [this form](#).
- **The Search for Scholarships**
Now that the first major college application deadline has passed, we wanted to make sure students were searching out scholarship opportunities. Please check out the bottom of [Step 6: Financial Aid & Scholarships](#), from our [Senior Week FlowDoc](#).
- **[College Deferrals - What Do I Do Next?](#)**
We have seen many Seniors stop by The PARC & Student Services asking what they can do because they were deferred from a school. The link above provides great information on next steps (like following the school's instructions **closely**).

The PARC Updates:

[Limited Spring College Visits this Spring at NNHS:](#) We will be piloting a limited run of spring college visits this semester on Wednesdays in February & March. Students must register for visits in SchoolLinks (linked above) & get a teacher-signed pass to attend (open to Soph. - Seniors).
[NCompass:](#) This is a link to our reimagined & collaborative Postsecondary Planning Guide for all grades, created in partnership with the PARC at Naperville Central.