



# 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

- **[Postsecondary Planning Night Presentations](#)**  
On February 25th, we hosted our Postsecondary Planning Night program. Families who attended had a general presentation on postsecondary resources, and then grade-level specific breakouts on how to prepare for the rest of this year.
- **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

- **Junior Week Follow-up**  
During Homeroom & WIN sessions at the end of February, Juniors received their Junior Week presentations. This included our [Junior Week FlowDoc](#) as well as our [Walkthrough Video](#) on how to utilize this valuable resource!
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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.