SENIOR YEAR CLASS OF 2027

Post High School Planning:

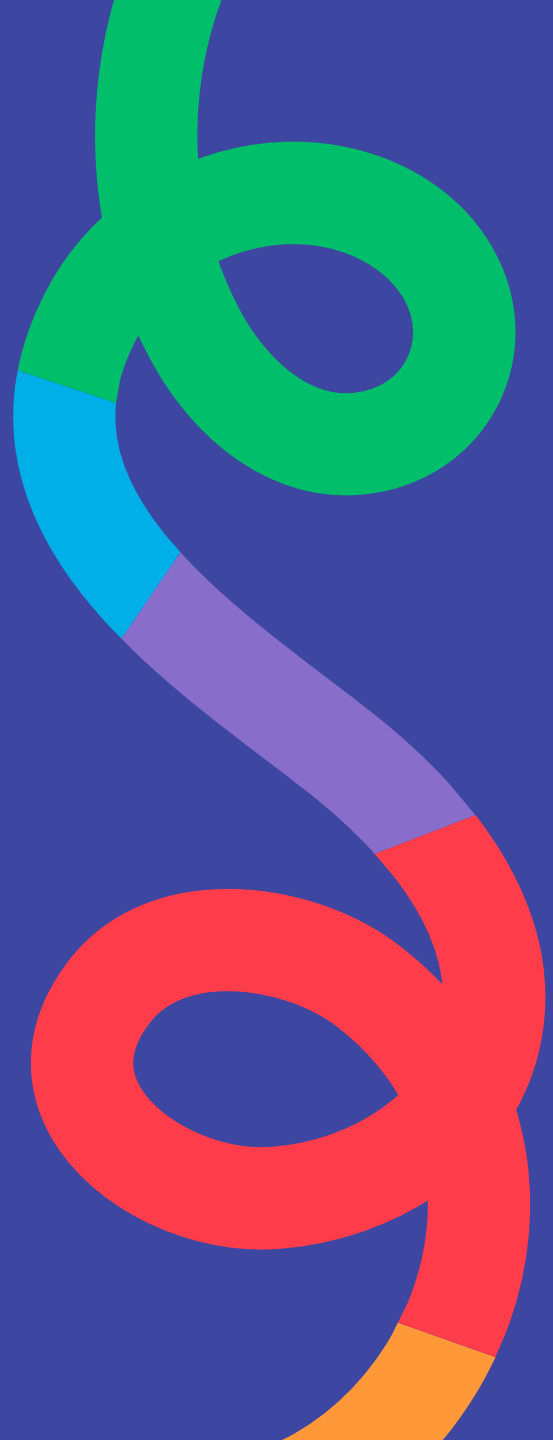
College Applications, SchooLinks, Resources

GRAD KNIGHT



TODAY WE WILL TALK ABOUT:

- Wellness & Managing Stress
- Post High School Options
- The Application Process
- SchooLinks & HSBP
- Senior Blitz
- Upcoming Events & Dates



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Career Exploration

RS Help

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HS Beyond Plan

College Visits

Workshops, Parent Nights, 1-1 Meetings, Resources



NEWPORT COUNSELING TEAM

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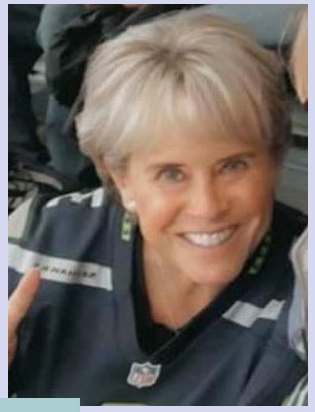
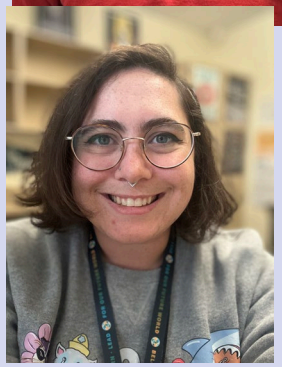




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NHS PTSA Membership

www.NewportPTSA.org

Join NEWPORT PTSA and ADVOCATE for EVERY CHILD!

NHS PTSA Facebook Page



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everychild.onevoice.



Gratitude for our PTSA!!

PTSA Funding and Support –

- Helped provide for the new Wellness Center
- Numerous classroom grants
- Funds the cost of teachers writing college LOR for seniors
- Enhanced mental health staffing and allowed us to add Youth Eastside Services (YES) counselors on campus
- …and so much more

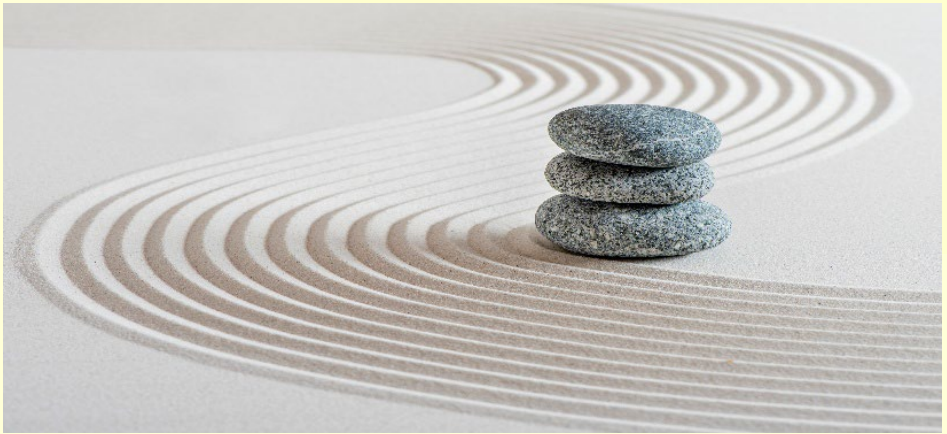


Collaborative Student Support

Counseling & Wellness Center

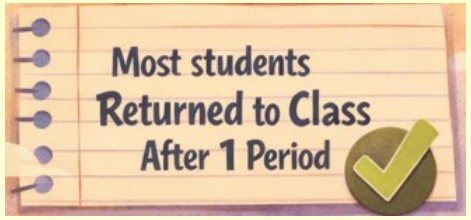
The TEAM:

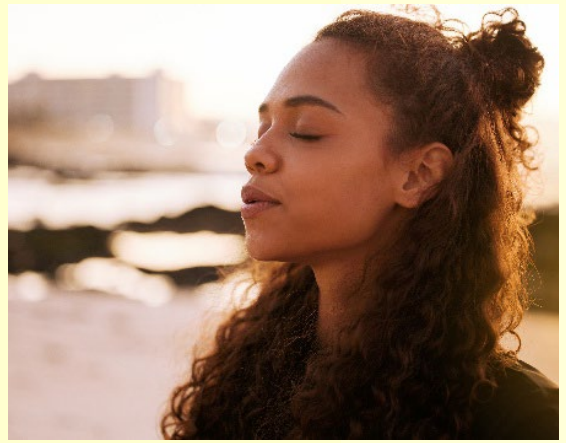
- School Counselors
- MHAT
- School Psychologists
- School Nurse
- YES



The PROGRAM

- Create a **safe space** for students to destress
- Students complete check in form and **rate stress level**
- Choose **mindful activity** to practice
- **Check out** ~ return to class or meet with counselor





A HUGE Thank you to the

NHS PTSA!!

Your Grant has made this possible!

SENIOR WELLNESS!



Senior Year Challenges

- Applications – acceptance, rejection
- Fear of saying good-bye to high school life
- Keeping up with academic demands
- Unsure of the future
- Burn out

Counseling and Wellness Center

- Place to destress during the day
- Meet with counselor
- MHAT/YES counselor referrals
- Mindfulness activities
- Build skills for life after high school
- Virtual Wellness page on website

SENIOR SUPPORT

Senior Blitz! Starting September 21st through October

Financial Aid – SchooLinks Lesson TBD

FAFSA/WASFA support – Wed (Oct-Dec)

Application Help - Email Mr. Rios for appointment

College App Workshop or SAT – Super Wednesday, Oct 7th

SENIOR BLITZ

- 1-1 Meeting with your counselor
- Review grad requirements
- Discuss post high school plans
- List of next steps
- Get questions answered
- Running Start students – Schedule apt with Ms. Huynh today.

SUPER WEDNESDAY:



SAT or
College App Workshop

Counselors, Mr. Rios, and English teachers will be available on Wednesday, October 7th from 8:30-11:00am in the library for help with:

- **Personal Essay**
- **SchooLinks**
- **Letters of Recommendation**
- **Common App**
- **Q&A**

SAT FOR SENIORS ~ OCT 7 (SUPER WEDNESDAY)

$60.00 VIA TOUCHBASE **MR. O'CONNOR SENT EMAIL TO REGISTER**

All Washington **public and private** universities **are test optional**. Does your college need it?? Check college websites to find out

If needed, order ACT/SAT scores directly from the testing agencies. **BSD does not send test scores to colleges**

Can send FREE reports to 4 colleges when you sign up at the test.

The ACT

SAT

WORLD LANGUAGE COMPETENCY TESTING

CREDITS AND SEAL OF BILITERACY

Do you have students who speak, read, and write in another language? They can earn up to 4 high school credits and the Seal of Biliteracy.

The test dates and locations are as follows:

NHS in library: Test date: 10/28/26
Registration closes: 10/18/26

Make up date:
@ SHS Library: Test date: 4/7/27
Registration closes: 3/28/27

Students must register themselves using their school email and laptop. Counselors can guide them, but each student can only register once.

https://www.bsd405.org/academics/language-programs/world-language/world-language-competency-credits

AP TEST REGISTRATION 2026-2027



First couple weeks of class:

- **Teachers** will give students a **join code** for each of their AP classes.
- Students use their College Board username and password and join code to **enroll** in their class section.

September and October:

- Students **pay for exams** in Touchbase

Note: Students must **join AND pay** for an exam to be ordered.

AP EXAM FEES FOR 2026-2027

	Deadlines	Cost
Fall Registration	Deadline to order AP Exam is Nov. 9th	$109
Late Registration	Ordered Nov. 9th – March 8th	$109 + $40 fee

There will be a late registration fee of $40 for each exam ordered after November 12th.

POST HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

Trade School & Apprenticeships

Vocational education to learn technical skills in a specific area

Service

Update your resume, explore options, interest/aptitude test

Military

Take the ASVAB Test and talk with Mr. Rios

Employment

Update your resume in SchooLinks, interest/aptitude test

Gap Year

We recommend applying to schools now and defer your acceptance

UNDECIDED??

That is okay! Here are some ways to get more information:



- Explore careers in SchooLinks
- Talk with mentors, employers, etc
- Make appointment with Mr. Rios

COMMUNITY & TECH COLLEGES



Go to www.sbctc.edu to research and find the right match. There are 34 C/T options in WA

Apply after January 1, 2027, for fall. Check the college website for priority deadlines. BC's priority deadline is in mid-May

Register to take a placement test, if needed (English and math)

No SAT/ACT or World Language needed

Meet with an academic advisor at the college to discuss career path, degree options, and classes

Many offer Bachelors degrees

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

September / October

Begin...
- Plan, prepare, organize
- Start SchooLinks
- Start Common App
- Teacher/Counselor LOR tasks
- Wed Work Sessions
- SAT (Oct 7th)
- Budget your time!



November/December



Submit...
- Early deadlines begin Nov 1
- Review, edit essays
- Check for accuracy

January



Regular Decision and City Colleges
- City Colleges – apps open Jan-Feb
- Regular decision deadlines Jan – Mar

Spring

Results and Decisions
- Admission results Feb – April
- May 1 – Commit and pay deposit
- Celebrate your hard work and look forward to your future!



GUARANTEED ADMISSION PROGRAM

GAP

The GAP program works with the following colleges:

- WSU
- WWU
- EWU
- CWU
- Evergreen State
- UW Tacoma
- St. Martins
- PLU (Needs 3.30 GPA)

BSD student requirements:

- 3.0 minimum GPA
- Meet yearly CADRs (academic college requirements)
- Be on track to graduate
- Apply to the institutions

More information may be found here!

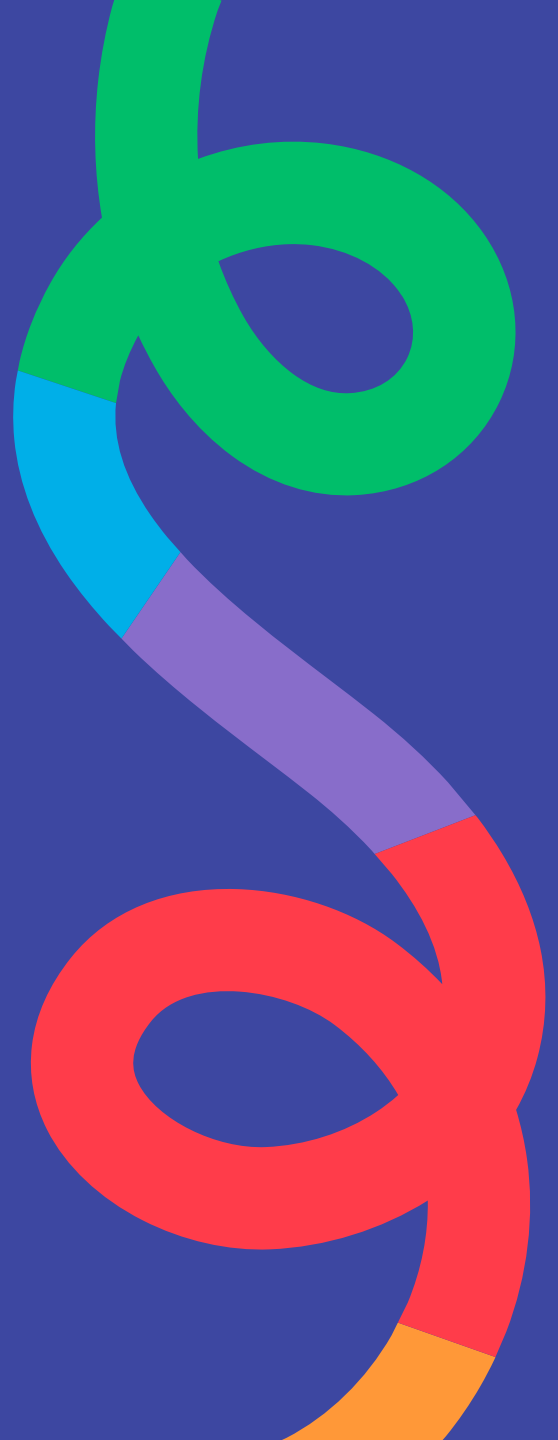
EARLY DECISION VS EARLY ACTION

Early Decision

- May apply to only one ED school
- Binding - If accepted, you must enroll (legal contract)
- Difficult to compare financial aid packages and scholarships
- Increases chances of admission for strong students

Early Action

- Can apply to more than one school
- Acceptance is non-binding
- Easier to compare different financial aid and scholarship packages
- May increase chances & admission decisions are made earlier



APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- The application (profile, essay, activities)
- Transcript
- FERPA waiver – multiple places
- Scores (if applicable)
- Letters of recommendation (if required)
- Fee waivers
- Portfolio (if applicable)

FERPA WAIVERS

Protects the privacy of students

Waive your rights and sign the FERPA to allow your transcripts and letters of recommendation to be sent

Email your signed FERPA Waiver to huynhm@bsd405.org

Sign FERPA in 3 places: CommonApp; SchooLinks; Paper

We cannot send your transcripts & LORs without it

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Counselors	Teachers
Student Tasks: • Determine if your colleges **require** a counselor LOR • Complete LOR **Packet 3 weeks** prior to first deadline • Note – you do NOT need to invite counselors in SchooLinks	**Student Tasks:** • **Ask teacher** if they will write a letter for you • Ask them what they need from you • List them as a recommender in SchooLinks • Note – **Only ask 1-2** teachers!

COUNSELOR LOR

PACKET DEADLINES

College Application Deadline	Counselor LOR Packet Due
October 15	September 18
November 1	October 2
November 15	October 16
November 30 / December 1	November 6
December 15	November 13
January 1 or Later	November 20

UW SEATTLE REMINDERS



- ❑ Apply now via Common App
- ❑ No transcripts or letters of rec accepted (unless applying to UW Honors Program or specifically requested by UW)
- ❑ Take your time with your application. Applying early won't give you an advantage. Focus on strong senior year, essays & activities
- ❑ Deadline: Nov 15th
- ❑ Admission notifications between March 1st – 15th



Professional

- Error free application
- Social Media – Be aware that your social networking pages may be reviewed

Unique

- What makes you different, unique and amazing? (90% of applicants are great student)
- Choose recommenders who know you

Accurate

- Answer the prompt(s)
- Review before submitting
- Use your legal name that matches your transcript (and SAT)

Fee Waivers - If you have F/R lunch- check fee waiver in SchooLinks

How Do I Actually Apply?

Common Application

- Start with Common App
- **"Match" Comm App to SchooLinks**
- All documents sent to colleges through SchooLinks

NON-Common Application (UC, ~~Georgetown~~, etc)

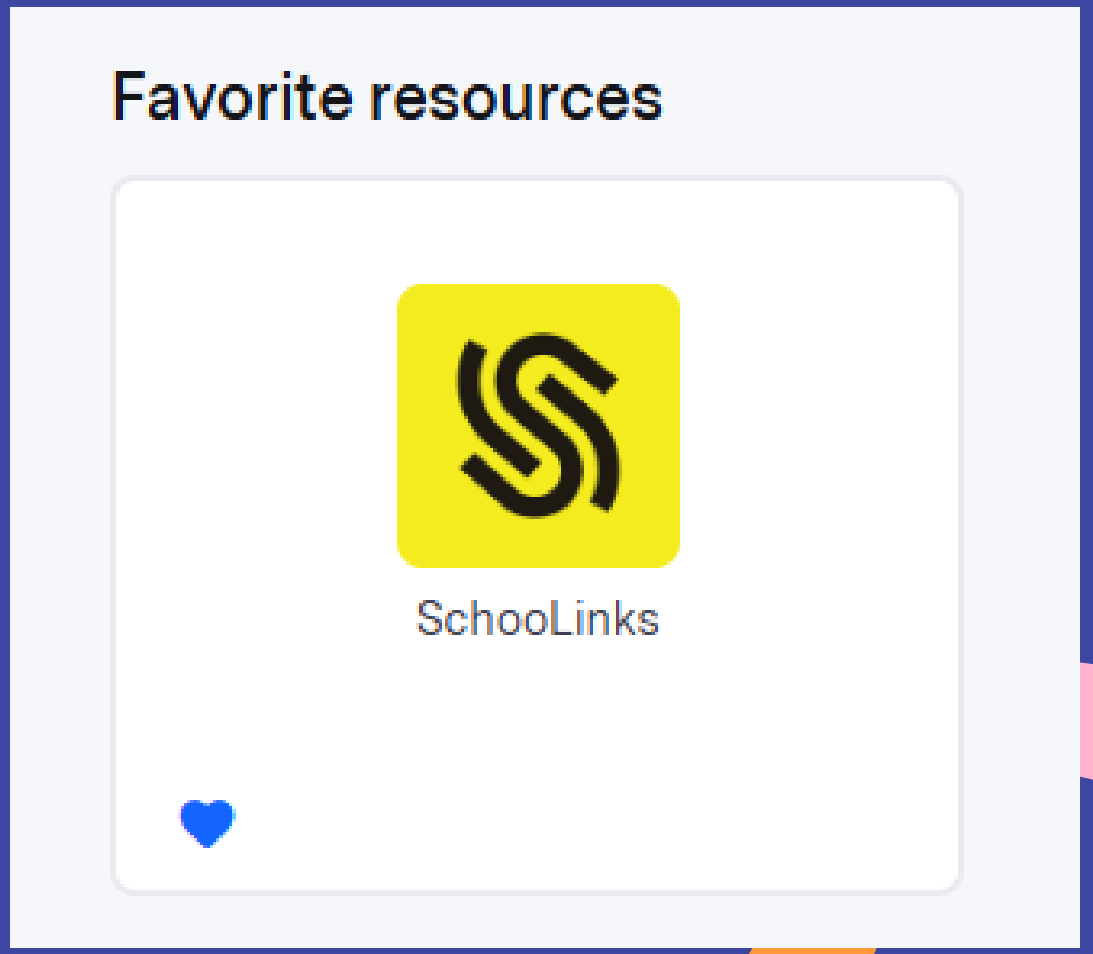
- Add to SchooLinks
- School documents sent through SchooLinks
- Colleges have their own application portals

WELCOME TO SCHOOLINKS!

Get out Laptop

Open Clever

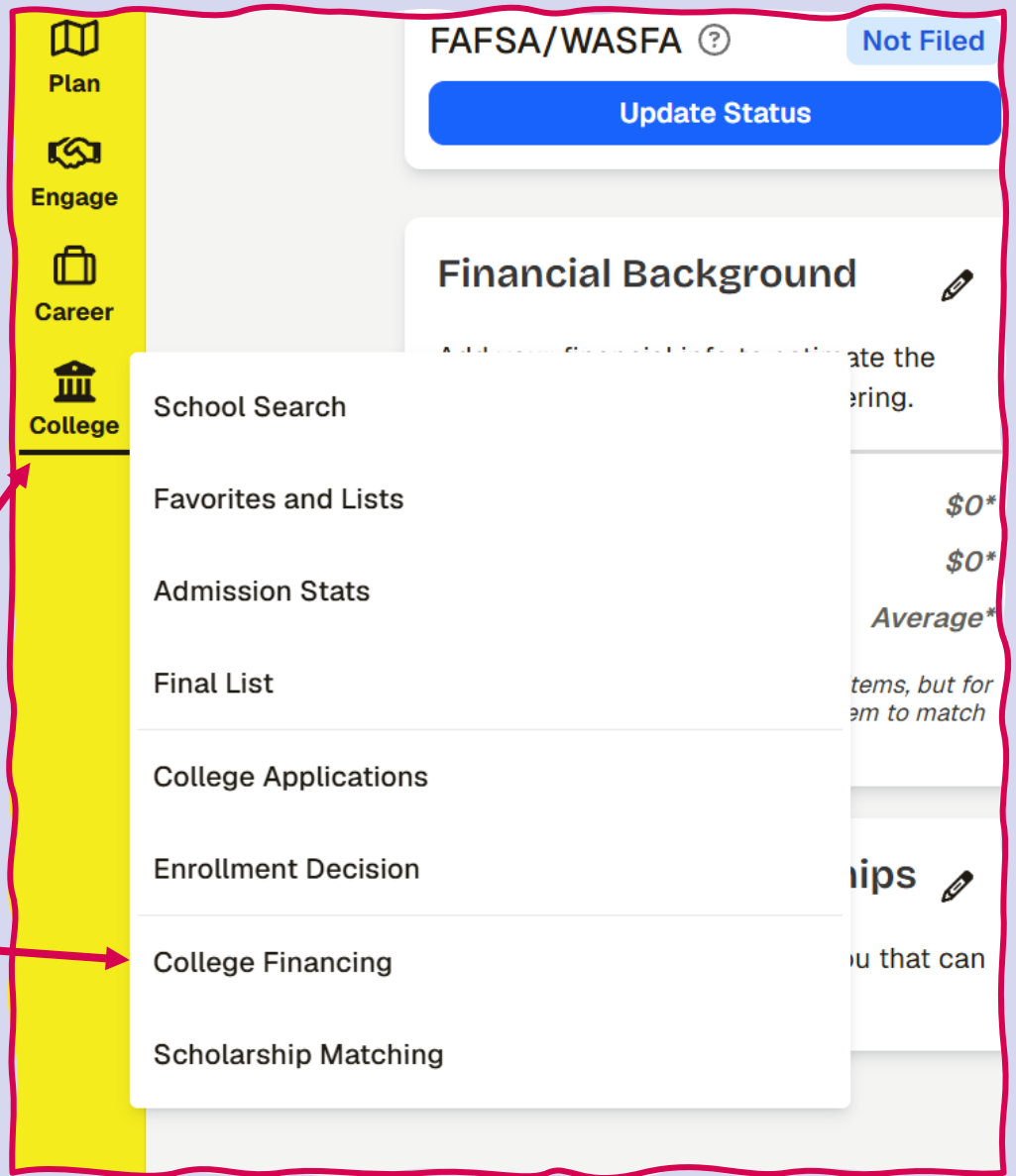
Find SchooLinks and Favorite



FINANCIAL AID $

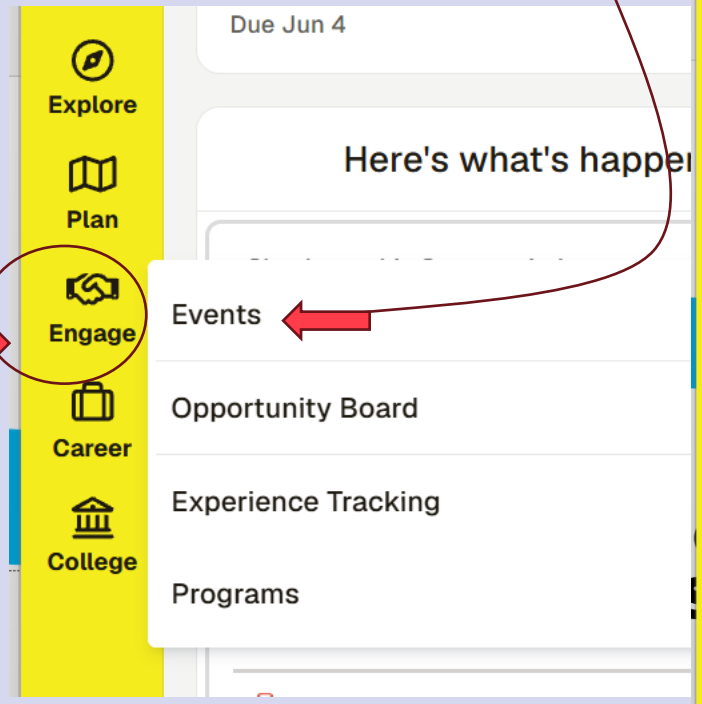
SchooLinks Financial Aid lesson will be available soon!

If you want to research on your own...

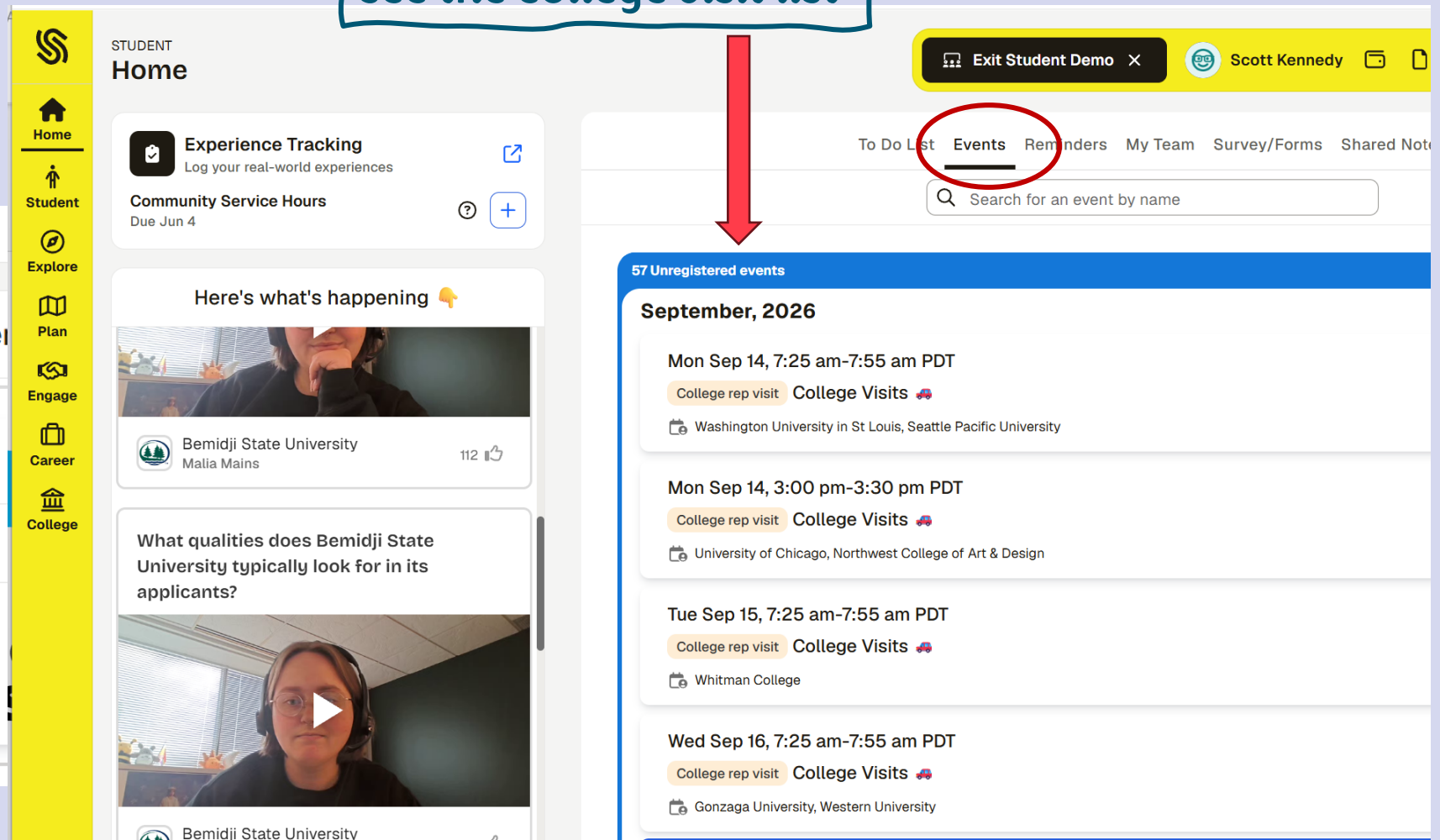


COLLEGE VISITS

1. Click “Engage”
2. Then “Events”



In “Events”, you can see the college visit list



TIPS FOR PARENTS



Communicate

- What is your student looking for in a post-high school experience/college
- Allow **space and time** for open sharing about goals & values
- Are there financial considerations?

Empower

- Provide resources and allow them to do their own work
- Nurture problem-solving
- Be a non-anxious presence

WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH ORGANIZATION



- Start early
- Encourage independence but ask how you can help/share your expertise
- Spreadsheet/folder system for deadlines
- Put big deadlines on a shared calendar
  - College Apps
  - FAFSA
  - Scholarship Deadlines

RESOURCES

- Your Counselor ☺
- Mr. Rios!
- SchooLinks (Clever, SchooLinks)
- NHS Counseling “Applying to College” Webpage
- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)
- Washboard – Scholarship match
- OtterBot Great source of info about financial aid, college planning and reminders OtterBot | WSAC