

College Application Parent Workshop

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

Informational Evening
Centereach High School
October 5, 2026





Introduction

- A video presentation has been posted for the students on the *Guidance Class of 2027 Google Classroom*; highlighting the college application process for this year.
Google Classroom Code = hlubobn
- All seniors received a full period presentation on 9/23/26 with an overview of all post-secondary planning, the college application process & a timeline to lay out where they should be in the process.
- 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



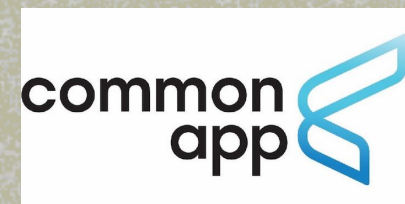
The Process Of Applying

- Submit Release of Records
- Sign on to *Naviance*/Update Resume
 - Access through CLEVER
- Request Letters Of Recommendation
 - In person AND via *Naviance*
- Work on/finalize college essay
 - Work with English teachers for grammar/format review
- Consider Early Action/Early Decision options & deadlines
- Have SAT/ACT scores sent to colleges (*if applicable*)
- Work on & Submit Applications Online
www.commonapp.org or www.suny.edu
- Complete NCAA eligibility (*if applicable*) www.eligibilitycenter.org
- "Pink Sheets" (Application Tracking Form)
 - 1 per college applying to, submitted to counselor in order for documentation to be sent



The Common Application...

- Register for the Common Application
 - www.commonapp.org
- To begin, everyone *MUST* complete the following sections:
 - EDUCATION
 - COLLEGE SEARCH (add at least 1 college)
 - FERPA
- How to Match Your Child's Naviance Account with The Common Application:
 - <https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1>





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 it's risky to check "no" 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!
 - 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 2027 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
NOVEMBER 17TH

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DECEMBER 3RD

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY
NOVEMBER 12TH

MOLLOY UNIVERSITY
DECEMBER 2ND

FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
NOVEMBER 10TH

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



Financial Aid & Scholarships

- FAFSA form - available now!
 - www.studentaid.gov
- FAFSA Info/Videos
 - Check out "Federal Student Aid" YouTube channel
- Financial Aid Night *VIRTUAL*
 - October 14, 2026 @ 7:00pm
- 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 2027 Google Classroom
 - Code = hlubobn
- Class of 2027 (Activities) Google Classroom
 - Code = ymu46on
- Class of 2027 Yearbook Google Classroom
 - Code = jormycux
- Class of 2027 GO Google Classroom
 - Code = g5tbdhd

REMIND

(For graduation updates & info)

[Text 81010 to:](#)

[@2027gradwe](#)

West Suite

last names A-Ga

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East Suite

last names Ge-N

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North Suite

last names O-Z



A couple extras...

- Fee Waivers
 - Fill out free/reduced lunch form

- Other Helpful Websites:
 - www.niche.com (*Niche - Research Colleges/Real Reviews*)
 - www.fastweb.com (*Fastweb - Scholarship Database*)
 - <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/> (*Occupational Outlook Handbook*)



* Student Checklist Recap*

- Watch the College Process "How To" video on the Guidance Class of 2027 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...



Please take a
moment to share
your thoughts with
us regarding
tonight's event!

