

WELCOME JUNIORS & PARENTS OF HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS OF 2013



THIS EVENING'S AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

- **Introduction and Welcome**
Kitty R. Klein
Director of Guidance, k-12
- **The Practice SAT (PSAT)**
Lauren Baglivi
Guidance Counselor
- **Pre-Registration Process/NCAA**
Gloria Jaramillo
Guidance Counselor
- **The College Application Process**
Bernadette Walsh
Guidance Counselor
- **Student Transcript**
Jayne Hallett
Guidance Counselor
- **College Entrance Examinations**
Catherine Croke
Guidance Counselor
- **Scholarships and Financial Aid**
Steve Lashin
Guidance Counselor

THE PRACTICE SAT (PSAT)

Saturday, October 15th, 2011 at 8:00AM

- What is the PSAT?
- How does my child qualify for National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)?
- Has your child pre-registered?
- My College Quickstart

THE PRE-REGISTRATION & SCHEDULING PROCESS

December

Curriculum Guides will be mailed home

January

Students and parents meet with their counselors to select courses

April/May

Course verification sheets are mailed home

June

Final recommendations are made by teachers/directors

August

Final schedules are mailed home





PRE-REGISTRATION TOPICS

- Review courses in progress
- Provide an overview of graduation requirements as well as diploma options and credits
- Discuss course selections (NCAA approved courses) – level placements recommended by teachers and necessary pre-requisites



NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

- All student-athletes planning to participate in Division I or Division II sports **MUST** register with the clearinghouse after the *completion* of junior year (following the sixth semester), or at the *start* of senior year (September)
- To register, students **MUST** file online www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Talk to your Coach and Guidance Counselor about <http://corecoursegpa.com>
- Student-Athlete Eligibility Night - Monday, October 17th, 2011, 7:00pm





5 MAJOR COMPONENTS TO THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

- Student Transcript
- Standardized Tests
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essay
- Activity Résumé/Sheet



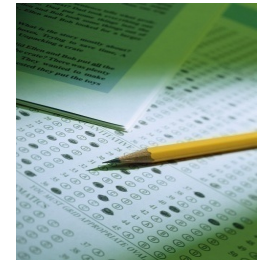
STUDENT TRANSCRIPT

- 8th grade high school credit-bearing courses
- 9 -11th grade courses
- Total credits earned and cumulative GPA
- Weighted vs. un-weighted GPA
- Regents exam scores
- Senior year courses in progress
- HHS does not rank students



SAT AND ACT EXAMS

- What are the SAT and ACT exams?
- Why should students take these exams?
- When should these exams be taken?
- How can my child prepare for these tests?
- How does my child register for these exams?
- Accommodation Forms
- Score Choice





SAT REASONING AND SUBJECT TESTS

SAT Reasoning Test

3 sections: Critical Reading, Math, Writing

800 points per section

To Register: www.collegeboard.com

2011-2012 Exam Fee: \$49

SAT Subject Tests

Literature, US History, World History, M1, M2, Biology E/M,
Chemistry, Physics, Chinese, French, Spanish, Italian,
Hebrew, Latin, Japanese, Korean

800 points per exam

To Register: www.collegeboard.com

2011-2012 Exam Fee: \$22 plus exam fee(s)



ACT EXAM

ACT Examination

5 sections: Verbal, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning

1-36 sub-score for each section

Writing section optional (score range is 2-12)

To Register: www.actstudent.org

2011-2012 Exam Fee: \$34 without writing

\$49.50 with writing



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- 2 academic recommendations
 - Junior year preferred
 - 5 core subjects: math, English, LOTE, science, social studies
 - Students request letters in June
- 1 counselor recommendation
 - Mrs. Walsh



THE COLLEGE ESSAY

- Distinguish yourself from the other applicants
- Roughly 500 words
- Grasp of grammar, ability to create lucid, structured prose, and a vivid portrait of the students personality and character
- Select a topic or choose your own
 - www.commonapp.org
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.teenink.com



THE ACTIVITY RÉSUMÉ/SHEET

- Grades 9 – 12
- Extracurricular activities
- Community Service
- Honors/Awards
- Work Experience
- Enrichment Experience



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- Family Funds
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
 - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - *Fafsa4caster
 - CSS Profile
 - *Net Price Calculator



SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

College-sponsored scholarships

Contact the colleges directly for academic/merit scholarships. Usually available in all disciplines including art, athletics, and music

Scholarship Bulletins

Published several times throughout the year is posted on the district's website

Websites

See Post-secondary Planning Guide

Guidance Direct

Student Access cards and log-in information



GUIDANCE DIRECT

- Available to all Huntington Middle and High School Students
- College, Career, and Scholarship Search Engine
- Build your Activity/Resume Sheet
- Student ID and Password set-up Cards
www.guidancedirect.com

School ID: 8478848

School Password: H81S6493

-Click on 'Create New Account'

- Take The Interest Profiler Today!



POST-SECONDARY PLANNING OPTIONS

- Colleges and universities
 - Academic Programs
 - Technical Schools

- Career/work
 - Employment Day (sometime in May)
 - Job Corps

- Military
 - Air Force
 - Army
 - Coast Guard
 - Marines
 - Navy

- Gap-Year
 - Study Abroad
 - Community Service (AmeriCorps)
 - Cultural Awareness/exposure



WHAT TYPES OF COLLEGES EXIST?

- **Liberal Arts Colleges:** Offer a broad base of courses in the humanities, social sciences and sciences
- **Universities:** Offer more majors and facilities, class sizes are usually larger
- **Community or Junior Colleges:** Offer a degree after two years of full time study
- **Agriculture, Technical and Specialized Colleges:** Offer preparation for specific careers



HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD I APPLY TO?

■ Reach

- GPA and test score average are above the student's scores
- The low admission rate may make the probability of getting in more of a gamble

■ Target

- Student's GPA and test score average match those of the average admitted student
- Educational approach at the college matches the student's needs

■ Safety

- Student's GPA and test scores are above those of the average student admitted
- Admission rate indicates high probability of admission



INVESTIGATE & COMPARE COLLEGES

- 4,100 colleges, universities and technical schools nation wide
- Size of school
- Distance from home
- Commute vs. dorm
- Majors available
- Class size
- Activities
- NCAA
- Admission policies & criteria
- Academic, physical and emotional support services
- Financial aid



HELPFUL TIPS

- College is an investment!
- Demonstrate interest
 - Information session
 - Campus tour
 - Attend a class
 - Meet with academic department representatives and/or coaches
 - Meet with financial aid representatives
 - Interview (then send a thank you letter!)
 - Long Island and/or NYC admission receptions for out of state colleges
 - Alumni programs



COLLEGE APPLICATION OPTIONS

- **Regular Decision:** “I am interested and if accepted, I might want to attend.”
- **Early Action:** “I am very interested and if accepted, I will most likely attend.”
- **Early Decision:** “It’s true love, and if accepted, I *must attend*, because it is *contractually binding*.”
- **Single Choice Early Action:** “I’m very interested, and you’re the one and only school I may apply to early.” (Non-binding)



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Student Support Services
- Portfolio requirements
 - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition
- Audition deadlines
 - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance



THE COLLEGE CENTER

- Room 120
- 7am-3pm daily
- Mrs. Walsh: College Advisor
- Mrs. Catalano: College Center Secretary
- Appointments
- Applications
- View books
- College catalogs
- College dvds
- Scholarships
- Financial aid
- NCAA
- Computers
- Essay & activity résumés



ROLE OF THE STUDENT

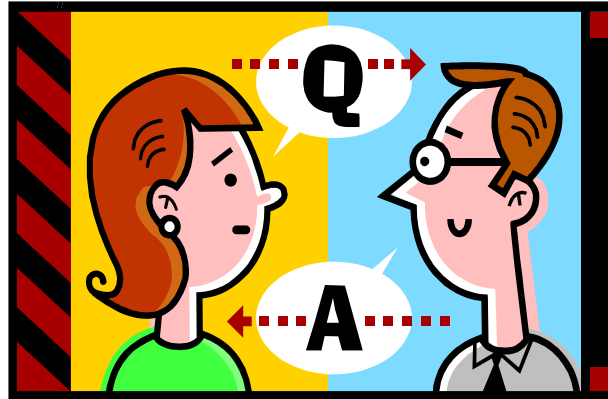
- Review academic course schedule
- Register for the SAT Reasoning Test, Subject Tests and ACTs, as you will need to send official scores to colleges in senior year
- Work towards maintaining/improving your grades as well as continue to participate in extra-curricular activities
- Research colleges and create a list of reach, target and safety schools



ROLE OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

- Educate yourself about the process
- Be a member of your child's support team –encourage and empower
- Monitor course selection with college/NCAA goals in mind
- Openly discuss college options
 - Financial considerations
 - Location
- Visit colleges & encourage students to attend college fairs
- Continue to attend Grade Level Parent Meetings
 - Senior parent night in the fall 2012
 - Financial aid night in the winter 2012
- Monitor test registration deadlines

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?



Thank you for coming!

Please feel free to e-mail us with your feedback

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