THIS EVENING’S AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction  Kitty R. Klein, Director of Guidance and Testing Services, K-12
- Video  Embracing Change: The Road to College
- Various Topics Discussed  Mrs. Bernadette Walsh, College Advisor
  - Student/parent/college office responsibilities
  - How the college application process begins
  - College admission criteria
  - College application options and procedures
  - Standardized tests (SAT’s and ACT’s)
  - Letters of recommendation
  - The Common Application, SUNY & CUNY
  - Financial aid & scholarships
  - Special considerations
  - Naviance
- Q & A
WELCOME TO SENIOR YEAR, MOM & DAD
TRANSITIONING INTO SENIOR YEAR

What your child may be going through:

😊 Developing Independence

😊 Social Changes

😊 Emotional Concerns

😊 Senioritis
POST SECONDARY PLANNING

- All students have options!
- It’s not where you go, but what you do when you get there
- Everyone’s path will be unique; try not to compare
- Organizing post secondary planning into steps can reduce stress
- Our role in the process = to advise and support
COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Student Responsibilities
- Parent Responsibilities
- College Office Responsibilities
STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Own the process! Have you verified the accuracy of your transcript?
- Maintain a rigorous academic program
- Research schools and complete applications on-time
- Complete Supplemental Applications (where applicable)
- Have your official SAT, ACT, and AP scores sent to colleges
- File with the NCAA and print out a transcript release form and submit to Mrs. Campsey in Guidance East
- Prepare YOUR college essay
- Follow-up with Mrs. Walsh and your guidance counselor on all admission decisions
PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be a member of your child’s support team
- Educate yourself about the process
- Continue to visit colleges with your child
- Accompany your child on college interviews
- Discuss financial resources with your child
- Assist in exploring scholarship opportunities
COLLEGE OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist and facilitate the college application process
- Help students finalize their college list
- Review transcripts and mail out mid-year grades
- Encourage students to maintain high grades
- Write letters of recommendation
- Serve as a resource to students, parents, and staff
THE COLLEGE OFFICE
ROOM 120

- Mrs. Bernadette Walsh
  673-2131
  bwalsh@hufsd.edu
- Room 120
- Mrs. Linda Catalano:
  College Office Secretary
- College visits
- College fairs
- Friday flyer

- Applications
- View books
- Scholarships
- Financial aid
- NCAA
- Computers
- Essay & Activity Résumés
HOW DOES THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS BEGIN?

☺ Meet with Mrs. Walsh (college advisor)

☺ Submit Necessary Forms
   - Activity Sheet
   - Appraising Myself as I Plan for the Future

☺ Complete Application Forms
   - Records Release Form
   - Common Application
   - Individual college applications
THE CAMPUS VISIT

• Seniors are provided with up to 5 college visitation days

• Helping to find the ‘Right Fit’ includes:
  • Attending Information sessions at the college, as well as local receptions on Long Island and the Tri-State area
  • Taking a campus tour
  • Sitting in on a class
  • Meeting with department professors and/or coaches
  • Visiting the Financial Aid office
COLLEGE ADMISSION CRITERIA

4 year colleges
- Transcript
- Standardized test scores (OR test optional)
- Extracurricular activities
- Recommendations
- Essay
- Demonstrated interest
- Interview (if offered or required)

2 year colleges
- Transcript
- Standardized tests (used for placement)
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.” (ED I & II)

- **Single Choice/Restrictive Early Action:** “I’m very interested, and you’re the one and only school I may apply to early.” (Non-binding)
WHAT MAY BE INCLUDE WITH YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION

- Application for undergraduate admission
- Huntington High School Profile
- Student transcript
- Counselor Recommendation and Secondary School Report
- Mid-year report
- 2 Teacher Evaluation Forms (one to each recommender)
- Optional Report (to Mrs. Walsh, if applicable)
- Essay
- Résumé
- Short answer
- Supplemental application (individual colleges)
- Arts & Athletic supplements, ED contract, Final report
COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCEDURES

**Online Application**
Submit to the College Office:
- Records Release Form
- “9 x 12” manila envelope addressed to the college’s undergraduate admissions office
- Any additional pieces to the application that were unable to be submitted online (e.g. payment, essay, supplemental application, activity résumé)

**Paper Application**
Submit to the College Office:
- Records Release Form
- “9 x 12” manila envelope addressed to the college’s undergraduate admission office
- Application
- Activity résumé
- Essay(s)
- Supplemental application (if necessary)
- Payment

Application packets must be submitted to the College Office **15 SCHOOL DAYS** prior to the application deadline to ensure timely processing. This processing time will begin when the student submits an application packet containing all of the **required** documents.
STANDARDIZED TESTS

- SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - **Test Date** | **Registration Date**
  - 10/6 | 9/7 (9/21 with late fee)
  - 11/3 (HHS) | 10/4 (10/19 with late fee)
  - 12/1 | 11/1 (11/16 with late fee)

  SAT Reasoning Test
  - 3 sections: Critical Reading, Math, Writing
  - 800 points per section

  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

- ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - **Test Date** | **Registration Date**
  - 10/27 (HHS) | 9/21 (10/5 with late fee)
  - 12/8 (HHS) | 11/2 (11/16 with late fee)

  5 sections: English, Math, Reading, Science (1-36), Writing (2-12, optional)

Beginning this fall (2012), all students MUST have photo ID when taking SAT’s and ACT’s. Furthermore, no walk-ins, stand-by’s and/or changes in testing exams will be permitted (No Exceptions!)
STANDARDIZED TEST SUBMITTAL

- SAT score reports
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - College Board customer service (866) 756-7346
  - Cumulative or Score Choice
- ACT score reports
  - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - ACT score reports (319) 337-1313
  - Report by test date
- AP scores
  - [www.collegeboard.com/apcentral](http://www.collegeboard.com/apcentral)
  - AP customer service (888) 225-5427

Huntington High School CEEB: 332490
SAT SCORE CHOICE

- Students can select which scores they send to colleges by test date for the SAT and by individual test for SAT Subject Tests.

- Scores from an entire SAT test are sent—scores of individual sections from different test dates cannot be selected independently for sending.

- Students can send any or all scores to a college on a single report—it does not cost more to send one, multiple or all test scores.

- Students are instructed to follow the different score-use practice for each college to which they apply.

- Score Choice is optional—if students do not use it, all scores will be sent automatically.

- Score Choice can be used on any score report that students send: please know students are provided with up to four free score reports when they initially register for the SAT exam either online or by phone.
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

• 2 core-academic recommendations
  • Recommendation Request form
  • Student Brag Sheet
  • One pre-stamped envelope per college, per recommender
  • Or, email prompt to recommender

• 1 guidance recommendation
  • Mrs. Walsh will write
  • Students must provide Mrs. Walsh with necessary documentation
    • Secondary school report and/or counselor recommendation form
THE COMMON APPLICATION

- www.commonapp.org

- 488 colleges and universities, private and public (please refer to The Post-Secondary Planning Guide)

- 1 application, 1 main essay

- Various deadlines, application fees and supplemental applications

- Paper or online application
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY)

- 64 campuses
  - 30 community colleges
- 5,000+ degree & certificate programs
- 426,314 students enrolled in the SUNY system (4 and 2 year colleges)
- Varying academic requirements
- Common application or SUNY application
- Various deadlines (EA, ED, RD or rolling)
- SOAR System (SUNY Online Academic Record) or STARS (Self Reported Testing and Academic Record System; Binghamton and Stony Brook)

www.suny.edu/student
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY)

- 11 senior colleges
- 7 community colleges
- 1,750 programs of study
- Varying academic requirements
- Macaulay Honors College at 8 senior colleges (12/1/12 deadline-11/7/12 HHS deadline)
- One application and one fee used for up to 6 campuses
- February 1st deadline (general freshman admission) and then rolling admission on a space available basis, 1/11/13 HHS suggested deadline

www.cuny.edu
• CSS/ Financial Aid Profile
  • Approximately 600 colleges & university use the profile to distribute nonfederal student aid funds
  • Available beginning 10/01/2012
    https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp

• Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  • Federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study. In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.
  • Available beginning 1/01/2013
    www.fafsa.ed.gov

• HHS Financial Aid Night – Monday, December 5, 2012
SCHOLARSHIPS

- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.freescholarshipfinder.com
- www.finaid.org

- Religious organizations, employer, cultural organizations, service organizations

- Merit scholarships: awarded in recognition of achievement, usually in academics, athletics or the arts

- Mrs. Hallett posts quarterly scholarship newsletters on the website
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services

- NCAA [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

- Portfolio requirements
  - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition

- Audition deadlines
  - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
NAVIANCE AND SENIOR YEAR

- Communications and announcements
- Important documents
- College searches
- Scattergrams
- Scholarship searches
- Résumé/Activity Sheet
12th grade

Welcome Seniors!

As you prepare to submit college applications, please be sure to utilize the resources on the Family Connection.

1. Scattergrams can help you determine your Reach, Target and Safe schools
2. Build your resume/ activity sheet
3. Research careers and their related majors via the Do What You Are personality assessment
4. Look for valuable scholarship money via the National Scholarship Search
5. The Document Library has several downloads you might find useful, including the Huntington High School Guidance Department’s Post Secondary Planning Guide

Make sure you stop into the College Office often. Admission counselors will be visiting with seniors throughout the fall months. The most updated list of colleges is now available in the College Office. Please be sure to sign up and get a pass from Mrs. Catalano.

And, please mark your calendars for the 12th Grade Student and Parent Night on September 13th at 7pm in the auditorium.

If you have any questions, please see your guidance counselor or Mrs. Walsh.

Have a great year!
### COMPARING COLLEGES

#### Compare Colleges

The averages below are for students from your high school that have been accepted to that particular college.

School averages are displayed in green when your number is higher and in red when your number is lower.

Your PSAT score, if available, has been converted to the equivalent SAT score and compared to the average single SAT score of an accepted student.

Your PLAN score can also serve as a direct estimate of your ACT score and can be compared to the average ACT score of an accepted student.

The column labeled "Accept" shows the number of students accepted out of the number of students that applied.

:: add another college

#### College Compare (All years to 2012)

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Thank you for coming.
Oh and don’t worry. You will get through this process and survive. You might even enjoy it!