

Junior College Kick-off



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Junior Year – What to focus on

- * Improving/Maintaining Junior Year Grades
- * Create a Testing Schedule
- * Compile a College List/Visiting
- * Utilize Resources
- * Teacher Recommendations
- * Essay

Hard Work Pays Off

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.

Vince Lombardi

I was seldom able to see an opportunity until it had ceased to be one.

Mark Twain



Create a Testing Schedule

- * Recognize which test speaks to your strengths
- * Plan when you will take them:
 - SAT – November, December, March*, May*, June*
 - ACT – December, February*, April, June*, July (Not in NY)
 - *At Roslyn*
- * How are you preparing?
 - Testing Company? Class vs. Individual? Book? Online?
 - Khan Academy/Kaplan Test Prep
- * Castle Learning/Method Test Prep
- * Test Books

Putting Together a Starting List

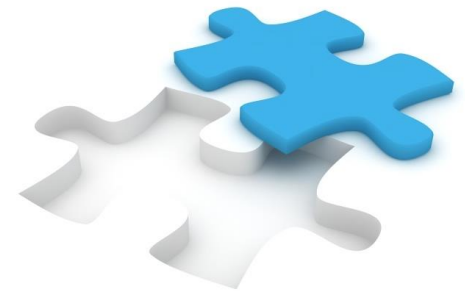
What characteristics about potential colleges are most important for your success and happiness:

- Size
 - Location
 - Major
 - School Spirit
 - Cost
- * Be realistic – When searching for colleges that are a good fit, you must start by identifying your own personal preferences and goals.



How to know if a college is right for you

- * Visit
 - Sign up for a tour
 - Information session
- * Can't visit – Try Google Maps
- * Research online – College Websites (Not just the homepage) – Niche.com
- * To rank or not to rank...



Maia Learning

- * Why we switched...
- * College Search
 - Helps narrow down options
 - Scattergrams
 - Career information
- * Online application submission

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College Essay

- * Your essay needs to be in your own voice and show the colleges who you are
- * It is possible that you will have new essay prompts
- * By completing your essay before senior year, you will make your life much easier – Started in English classes late spring
- * Most colleges have at least one supplemental essay.

If you apply to 8 colleges, you will possibly have to write one 500 word essay and at least eight 250 word essays, in some cases more.

Teacher Recommendations

- * The majority of colleges require 2 teacher letters
 - 11th vs 10th grade teachers
 - Should your grade in the class be considered?
- * Outside letters – Character reference
- * When and how to ask

How to Apply

- * Common Application – 900 Colleges
 - * Complete one general application and submit school specific supplements
- * Coalition Application – 140 Colleges
 - * Univ. of Maryland, Univ. of Washington, Virginia Tech are **all** Coalition Exclusive
 - * Different requirements from Common App
- * School Specific – VIP Applications
- * CUNY/California/Texas/SUNY

Financial Aid

- * FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- * CSS Profile
- * Net Price Calculator
- * Financial Aid Night – Wednesday, October 16th at 7pm
- * Independent Scholarships vs School-specific Scholarships
- * Goingmerry.com



Student Responsibilities

Who is going to college?

- * As a Junior, you should
 - * Be reflective – understand your needs and wants
 - * Build meaningful connections with your teachers
 - * Ask questions and look ahead
 - * Take initiative

In the end, you will be the one truly benefitting.

Available Support Senior Year

- * Counselor Workshops
- * Individual senior student meetings
- * Individual College Essay writing support through the English Department
- * The College Warehouse
 - * Complete College Applications
 - * Work on College List
 - * Brainstorm and Organize College Essays

Now What????

- * **An Evening with Binghamton** - 10/7 at 7pm at Roslyn High School
- * **SUNY College Fair** - 10/10 at 4pm at the Javits Center, NYC
- * **Discussion with George Washington University** - 10/21 at 6pm at Roslyn High School
- * Practice ACT on Saturday, November 2nd at 8am
- * Intro to Maia Learning – November 18th at 7pm
- * Junior College Night – Part II will be on January 14th at 7pm
- * Begin scheduling junior meetings with your counselor AFTER January 14th
- * College Admissions 101 - parent group