



Welcome

Welcome Connelly Parents!



# College Fairs

The Tri School College Night is October 17<sup>th</sup> from  
6:45 – 8:30 pm at Servite.



# College Rep Visits

Seniors are invited to attend presentations by visiting college/university representatives. All presentations will be at lunch or during conference.

The schedule will be announced as representatives are confirmed.



# Email Communication

Email addresses for college use should be:

- Appropriate
- use only one
- check frequently
- make sure to check your spam and trash for

Keep all your IDs and passwords!



# Requirements for College

1. Transcript
2. Tests
3. Activities/Involvement
4. Personal Statements
5. Recommendations

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# Courses

- Every student at Connelly takes a College Preparatory Curriculum
- Each year when she registers for classes, she goes over her four year plan with an advisor
- Our graduation requirements are tougher than those required for entrance by the UC system



# Grades

- UC and Cal States factor a unique GPA for applicants using the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> year grades.
- Senior year does count



# Tests

1. SAT Reasoning Test
2. ACT
3. SAT Subject Tests
4. AP Exams



# SATs

Tests reasoning & logic

Lose points for incorrect answers

Topics are math (up to algebra II), reading,  
writing and grammar

Sign up on: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)



# ACT

Based closer to the curriculum in high school

No penalty for incorrect answers

Topics are math (up to trig), reading, science and grammar

Sign up on: [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)



# ACT

Every college/university in the country accepts either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT/ Writing.

The ACT measures what a student learns in the classroom rather than their ability to use their study skills.

It has less math and no points are deducted for wrong answers.



# ACT

The Writing section is optional but as the UC's require it, I recommend every student include it.

The basic test is divided into four sections:

English

Math

Reading

Science



# Sending Scores

- \* You must send scores to the schools you apply to directly from the testing agency
- SEND ALL SCORES.



# California Community Colleges

Don't require SAT or ACT for admission. However, scores may be used for placement or special programs.

Apply early March-even if you are NOT planning on attending a community college

It's all about having options.



# Cal State Universities

- Apply online @ [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- Filing: Oct 1-Nov 30<sup>th</sup>-apply early
- SAT or ACT are required
- Send your scores through [csumentor.com](http://csumentor.com)
- No transcripts needed until they request
- Work-sheet in your book to calculate CSU eligibility



# UCs

## MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- GPA
- A-G courses (no Ds or Fs)
- SAT or ACT/Writing
- Calculate your preliminary eligibility....
- [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions)



# UCs continued

- To apply: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply/](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply/)
- Available Oct 1
- Filing period Nov 1 - Nov 30th
- No longer require require 2 subject tests
- send SAT/ACT scores directly from testing agency



# Private Colleges/Universities

- Apply online
- Deadlines/Supplemental info varies by school
- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Check testing requirements
- Send scores directly from the testing agencies



# Personal Statements

- opportunity for you to provide info that provides depth to your application
- your voice-written by student
- “Application tells WHAT you have done. Personal statement tells WHO you are.”
- Attend a personal statement writing workshop at lunch: September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>



# Activities

- better to choose a few and “concentrate”
- student council, sports, clubs, theater, etc.
- demonstrate leadership and dedication

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# Recommendation Letters

- Most private schools require recommendation letters
- Follow the directions: If it asks for two, provide two...not THREE
- Allow at least 2 weeks for letters to reach the schools



# Early Action vs Early Decision

Early Decision: BINDING!!!! You are entering into a contract.  
All other applications must be withdrawn.

You **MUST** meet with your counselor if you are considering  
Early Decision.

Early Action: Non-Binding!!!  
Apply early, decision early.

Most schools do not require you to withdraw your other  
applications.



# Financial Aid

- FAFSA is required for consideration for financial aid at any college/university in the U.S.
- Available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Filing: Jan 1-Feb 1
- You must re-apply every year
- Connelly will host a financial aid night for parents in January
- No school at this point should be ruled out purely on finances



# More Useful Advice

- The most important factor to consider is “fit”.
- Research has shown that attendance at big name, prestigious colleges/universities does not necessarily mean you will be more successful in life.
- Your daughters should choose a college where she will be happy; that has challenging courses in which she is interested; where she will make friends that will last a lifetime.



# NCAA Athletes

Register with NCAA Eligibility Center:

[www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org](http://www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org)



# Summary

1. Senior year still counts
2. Follow Directions
3. Ask Questions
4. Research and visit colleges
5. Apply to schools that “fit.”
6. Seniors need to take control of this process



# What Happens Next?

- ✚ Review your binder
- ✚ You will sign up for a one on one meeting with your counselor.
- ✚ Have list prepared
- ✚ Questions to ask
- ✚ Keep your meeting time
- ✚ Please respect everyone's time



Thank You

Thank you all for coming!