



Welcome Class of 2016 Students & Parents

August 25, 2015

College Rep Visits

- Seniors are HIGHLY encouraged to attend on campus presentations by college/university reps
- All presentations will be held at either lunch or conference in **room 2** unless otherwise announced
- List of colleges and universities coming to visit posted in my office



- The Tri-School College Fair will be held on October 19 at Servite
- All seniors are encouraged to attend

Naviance

- Familiarize yourself with Naviance & Family Connection
- Use Naviance as a research tool
- Helpful interest profilers and surveys available
- See Ms. Wegman if you have lost/forgotten your access code

E-Mail Communication

- Students should have ONE e-mail account for all college related activity
- E-Mail addresses should be:
 - ❖ Appropriate
 - ❖ Checked daily
 - ❖ The student's
- Keep all ID's and passwords!



How Do Colleges Make Decisions?



- Transcript
- Standardized Tests (SAT, SAT Subjects, ACT)
- Activities/Involvement
- Personal Statement
- Recommendations

Transcript

- Reflects academic rigor
- Every student at Connelly completes college prep curriculum
- Connelly's graduation requirements are more difficult than the entry requirements for the UC and CSU systems



GPA

UC's & CSU's

- Calculate their own unique GPA using only 10th and 11th year grades
- Only from A-G courses

Private Colleges/Universities

- Generally use all four years of high school to calculate GPA
- SENIOR YEAR DOES COUNT

Standardized Tests

- SAT Reasoning Test

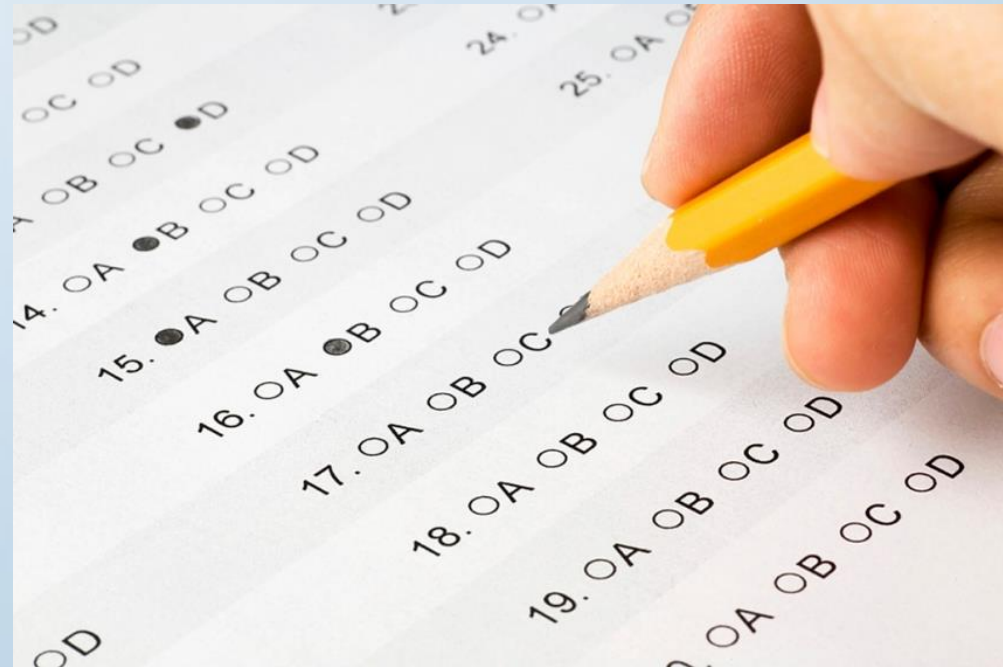
- ACT with Writing

- SAT Subject Tests

- AP Exams

Sending Test Scores

- Students must send all test scores to the colleges/universities you are applying to **DIRECTLY** through the testing agency (i.e. The College Board)
- **SEND ALL SCORES**



Community Colleges

- Community colleges do not require SAT or ACT scores for admission, but they may be used for placement
- Register early in March at several campuses
- CC's are about having options

California State University

- Apply online at www.csumentor.edu
- Filing period is October 1 – November 30; apply early!
- SAT or ACT with Writing is **REQUIRED**
- Send your test scores
- No transcripts are required until requested by CSU

University of California

- MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
 - ❖ UC GPA 3.0 minimum
 - ❖ A-G courses with no D's or F's
 - ❖ SAT or ACT with Writing
- Apply online at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
- Filing Period: November 1-30
- Apply early
- Subject tests not required but recommended
- Send test scores
- Transcripts not required until requested by UC

Private Colleges & Universities

- Apply online
- Most via Common App
- Deadlines and supplemental info vary by school
- Testing requirements vary by school
- Send test scores directly from testing agencies

Personal Statements

- Opportunity for applicant to provide info that adds depth to your application
- Student's voice
- Applications tell WHAT you have done; personal statements tell WHO you are
- Personal Statement Writing Workshop
 - ❖ September 14th & September 28th from 3-5pm
 - ❖ Must have a rough draft of a personal statement
 - ❖ Must attend both workshops
 - ❖ RSVP to Ms. Wegman ASAP!

Activities & Involvement

- Better to choose a few things and make a bigger impact
- Examples: NCL or other service organizations, Girl Scouts, sports, dance, clubs
- Show leadership and dedication

Recommendation Letters

- Most private schools require at least two letters
- FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS
- Allow recommenders at least TWO WEEKS to write your letter ← very important!

Early Action vs. Early Decision

- Early Action (EA): Non-binding agreement; apply early, find out early
- Early Decision (ED): Binding agreement; Entering into a LEGAL contract with the school; must attend if accepted

Financial Aid

- FAFSA is required for consideration for financial aid at ANY college/university in the United States
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Filing period: Jan 1- Feb 1
- Must re-apply each year
- ATTEND FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION LATER IN YEAR!

NCAA Athletics

- Register with NCSS Eligibility Clearing House
- www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org

Who is Responsible?

➤ THE STUDENT

➤ EVERY COMPONENT OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE STUDENT. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR STUDENT!

Helpful Hints

- The most important factor is FIT
- A big name, high US NEWS ranking, and a great football team DOES NOT mean you will be *more* successful in life
- Choose a college where you will be happy!



Recap

- Senior year DOES count
- Always follow directions
- Ask questions – YOURSELF
- Research and visit colleges
- Take advantage of your opportunities
- Apply to schools that fit YOU
- Take control of this process

Now What?

- Review your College Planning Guide
- Sign up for a one-on-one meeting with Ms. Wegman
- Have your college list ready prior to your meeting
- Have questions ready to ask
- Respect everyone's time

COMING UP....

CASE STUDY EVENT!

September 10 from 6:30pm – 8pm

Please RSVP to Ms. Wegman ASAP

Thank you all for coming!

Please do not hesitate to contact me at

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