Welcome and Introduction
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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

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 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 CENTER
ROOM 120

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

- Applications
- View books
- College catalogs
- College DVDs
- 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
TYPES OF COLLEGES

- **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.
THE CAMPUS VISIT

- Students 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 INCLUDED 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 Center:
- Records Release Form
- 8.5 x 11” manila envelope addressed to the college’s undergraduate admission 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 Center:
- Records Release Form
- 8.5 x 11” 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 center **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)

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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)

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

- SAT RT/ST 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: the four score reports available through online or phone registration (applying to already scored tests) and additional score reports.
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- 2 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

- 456 colleges and universities, private and public

- 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
- 6 community colleges
- 1,750 programs of study
- Varying academic requirements
- Macaulay Honors College at 7 senior colleges (12/1/11 deadline - 11/3/11 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, 12/2/11 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 10/01/2011
  • 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 1/01/2012
  • www.fafsa.ed.gov

• HHS Financial Aid Night – Monday, December 19, 2011
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 mails the HHS Scholarship Newsletter.
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services
- NCAA [www.ncaaclearinghouse.org](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.org)
  - October 17, 2011 Student Athlete Eligibility Night, 7pm HHS
- Portfolio requirements
  - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition
- Audition deadlines
  - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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