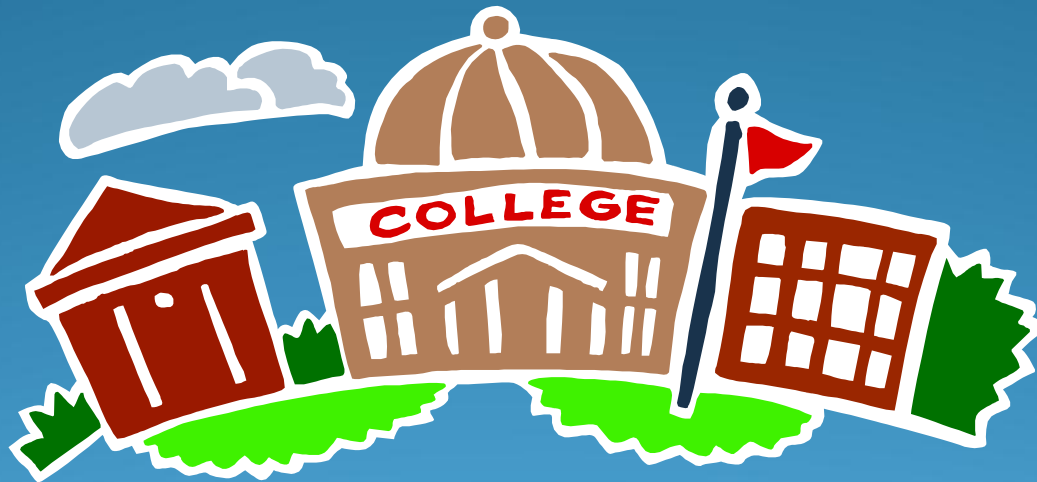
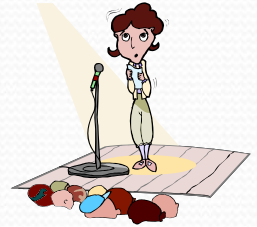


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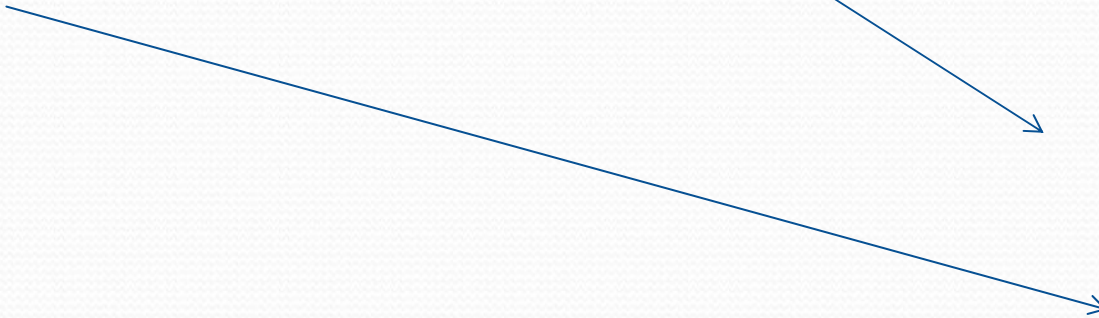
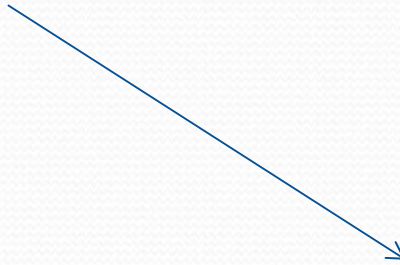
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# THIS EVENING'S AGENDA



- **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**
- **Q & A**

# WELCOME TO SENIOR YEAR, MOM & DAD



# TRANSITIONING INTO SENIOR YEAR

**What your child may be going through:**

☺ Developing Independence

☺ Social Changes

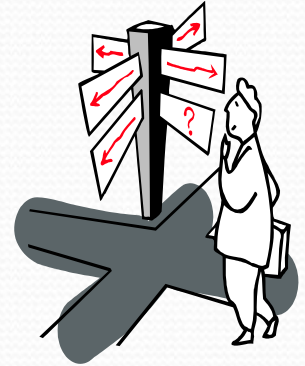
☺ Emotional Concerns

☺ 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)

Test Date	Registration Date
10/1	9/9 (9/21 with late fee)
11/5 (HHS)	10/7 (10/21 with late fee)
12/3	11/8 (11/20 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
10/22 (FMS)	9/16 (9/30 with late fee)
12/10 (HHS)	11/4 (11/18 with late fee)

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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> deadline (general freshman admission) and then rolling admission on a space available basis, 12/2/11 HHS suggested deadline

[www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu)



# FINANCIAL AID



- 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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- **HHS Financial Aid Night – Monday, December 19, 2011**

# SCHOLARSHIPS



- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.freescholarshipfinder.com](http://www.freescholarshipfinder.com)
- [www.finaid.org](http://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!