HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR PARENT NIGHT
CLASS OF 2014

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013
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

- Transitioning into Senior Year
- Student/parent/college office responsibilities
- The College Process
- 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
- Naviance

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
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 and to NCAA
• File with NCAA (if applicable) and print out the transcript release form and submit to Ms. Klein
• Prepare YOUR college essay NOW......
• Follow-up with Mrs. Walsh and your guidance counselor on all admission decisions
**Parent Responsibilities**

- Educate yourself about the process
- Be a member of your child’s support team
- Continue to visit colleges with your child
- Accompany your child on college interviews
- Discuss financial resources with your child
- Assist in exploring financial aid/scholarship opportunities
COLLEGE OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist and facilitate the college application process
- Help students finalize their college list
- Review transcripts and send mid/final-year grades
- Encourage students to maintain high grades and academic rigor
- Write letters of recommendation
- Serve as a resource to students, parents, and staff
THE COLLEGE OFFICE
ROOM 120

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

• Applications
• View books
• 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
The Campus Visit

- Seniors 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 in 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)
- Early Decision (ED) contract and Final report
College Application Procedures

Online Application
Submit to the College Office:
- Records Release Form
- “9 x 12” manila envelope addressed to the college’s undergraduate admissions 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 Office:
- Records Release Form
- “9 x 12” manila envelope addressed to the college’s undergraduate admission office
- Application
- Activity résumé
- Essay(s)
- Payment

Application packets must be submitted to the College Office 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 TEST SUBMITTAL

- SAT 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
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- 2 core-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

- 527 colleges and universities, private and public (please refer to The Post-Secondary Planning Guide)

- 1 application, 1 main essay

- Various deadlines, application fees and supplemental applications

- Online application only (effective for this year)
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
11 senior colleges
7 community colleges
1,750 programs of study
Varying academic requirements
Macaulay Honors College at 8 senior colleges (12/2/13 deadline-11/5/13 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, 1/10/14 HHS suggested deadline

www.cuny.edu
**CSS/ Financial Aid Profile**
- Approximately 600 colleges & universities use the profile to distribute nonfederal student aid funds
- **Available beginning 10/01/2013**
  [https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp](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 1/01/2014**
  [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**HHS Financial Aid Night** – Tuesday, December 17, 2013
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

- Quarterly scholarship newsletters are posted on the website
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Learning Accommodations/Student Support Services

- NCAA [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
  Student-Athlete NCAA Eligibility Night, Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 7:00pm

- Portfolio requirements
  - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition

- Audition deadlines
  - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
NAVIANCE AND SENIOR YEAR

- Communications and announcements
- Important documents
- College searches
- Scattergrams
- Scholarship searches
- Résumé/Activity Sheet
HOME PAGE

what's new
- Champlain College will be visiting your school on Monday, September 16th at 12:08 pm. more info / register
- University of Rhode Island will be visiting your school on Monday, September 16th at 11:22 am. more info / register
- Providence College will be visiting your school on Monday, September 16th at 9:50 am. more info / register

12th grade
Welcome Seniors!
As you prepare to submit college applications, please be sure to utilize the resources on the Family Connection.
1. Scatter-gams can help you determine your Reach, Target and Safe schools
2. Build your resume/activity sheet
3. Research careers and their related majors via the Do What You Are personality assessment
4. Look for valuable scholarship money via the National Scholarship Search
5. The Document Library has several downloads you might find useful, including the Huntington High School Guidance Department's Post Secondary Planning Guide

Make sure you stop into the College Office often. Admission counselors will be visiting with seniors throughout the fall months. The most updated list of colleges is now available in the College Office. Please be sure to sign up and get a pass from Mrs. Catalano.

If you have any questions, please see your guidance counselor or Mrs. Walsh.

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