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

  - Post Secondary Planning
  - Student/parent/college office responsibilities
  - The College Process and Procedures
  - Common Application Matching with Family Connection
  - Letters of Recommendation
  - Standardized tests (SAT’s and ACT’s)
  - The Common Application
  - SUNY & CUNY
  - Financial aid & scholarships
  - Special considerations

- Q & A
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?
  - Are you taking a rigorous academic program?
  - What steps have you taken to research schools and complete applications on-time?
  - Have you started working on your college essay?

- **Communicate and Monitor!**
  - Have you made an appointment with the College Office?
  - Have you requested official SAT/ACT/AP scores to be sent to colleges and the NCAA?
  - Do you know which of the schools you are applying to require supplemental Applications?
  - Have you downloaded the Family Connection/Naviance app on your iphone?
  - Do you know how to utilize Family Connection to request recommendation letters and transcripts?

- **Follow-up with the College Office on all admission decisions!**
Parent Responsibilities

- Educate yourself about the process
- Familiarize yourself with Family Connection
- Be a member of your child’s support team
- Continue to visit colleges with your child
- 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 lists
- 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

- Scholarships
- Friday flyer
- Financial aid
- NCAA
- Computers
- Essay & Activity Résumés
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)
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
What may be included with your college application?

- Application for undergraduate admission
- Student transcript
- Huntington High School Profile
- Counselor Recommendation and Secondary School Report
- Teacher Recommendations and evaluations
- Mid-year report
- Optional Report (if applicable)
- Essay
- Activity Résumé/SHEET
- Supplemental application (individual colleges)
- Early Decision (ED) contract and Final report
All college application related materials will be submitted electronically through our Naviance/Family Connection Program. This includes the following:

- Transcripts
- Teacher recommendations and evaluation forms
- Guidance counselor recommendations and secondary school reports
- Other relevant supplemental college application documents (ED agreements, FWs)
THE COMMON APPLICATION

- www.commonapp.org
- Over 500 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 this year).
COMMON APPLICATION FERPA
COMMON APPLICATION MATCHING WITH FAMILY CONNECTION
COLLEGES I’M APPLYING TO
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- 2 core-academic recommendations
  - Recommendation Request form
  - Student Brag Sheet
  - Request recommendation through the Family Connection
  - See the official Recommendation Request Form for specific procedures

- 1 guidance recommendation
  - Mrs. Walsh will write and forward to all Common Application colleges and non Common Application colleges where applicable
REQUESTING RECOMMENDATION LETTERS
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
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
- 7 community colleges
- 1,750 programs of study
- Varying academic requirements
- Macaulay Honors College at 8 senior colleges (12/1/14 deadline-11/3/14 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, 1/9/15 HHS suggested deadline

www.cuny.edu
Financial Aid

- CSS/ Financial Aid Profile
  - Approximately 600 colleges & universities use the profile to distribute nonfederal student aid funds
  - Available beginning 10/01/2014
    - [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 1/01/2015
    - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

- HHS Financial Aid Night – December 10, 2014 at 7:00pm
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)

- 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!