WELCOME JUNIORS & PARENTS
OF HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2017

Part II

The College Process
What is the new redesigned PSAT?

Can my child qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)?

Has your child registered?

What is the Interactive Score Report and Khan Academy all about?
SAT AND ACT EXAMS

- What are the SAT and ACT exams?
- Why should students take these exams?
- When should these exams be taken?
- How can my child prepare for these exams?
- How does my child register for these exams?
- What are the admission photo registration requirements?
- How do I file an accommodation form?
- Are there Score Choice options?
SAT REASONING AND SUBJECT TESTS

- **SAT Reasoning Test**
  - 3 sections: Critical Reading, Math, Writing
  - 800 points per section
  - To Register: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - 2015-2016 Exam Fee (from March 2016 on: $43.00 w/o+ writing
  - 2015-2016 Exam Fee (from March 2016 on: $54.50 with writing

- **SAT Subject Tests**
  - Literature, US History, World History, Math Level 1, Math Level 2, Biology E/M, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Hebrew, Latin, Japanese, Korean
  - 800 points per exam
  - To Register: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - 2015-2016 Exam Fee: $26.00 plus exam fee(s)
ACT EXAM

- ACT Examination
  5 sections: Verbal, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning
  1-36 sub-score for each section
  Writing section optional (score range is 2-12)

- To Register:  www.actstudent.org

- 2015-2016 Exam Fees:  $39.50 without writing
  $56.50 with writing

- Mock ACT Exam – Saturday, January 9th, 2016
POST-SECONDARY PLANNING OPTIONS

- Colleges and universities
  - Academic Programs
  - Technical Schools

- Career/work
  - Employment Day (sometime in May)
  - Job Corps

- Military
  - Air Force
  - Army
  - Coast Guard
  - Marines
  - Navy

- Gap-Year
  - Study Abroad
  - Community Service (AmeriCorps)
  - Cultural Awareness/exposure
Investigate & Compare Colleges

- Over 4,100 colleges, universities and technical schools nation wide
- Size of school
- Distance from home
- Commute vs. dorm
- Majors available
- Class size

- Activities
- NCAA
- Admission policies & criteria
- Academic, physical and emotional support services
- Financial aid
**WHAT TYPES OF COLLEGES EXIST?**

- **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.
HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD I APPLY TO?

- **Reach**
  - GPA and test score average are above the student’s scores
  - The low admission rate may make the probability of getting in more of a gamble

- **Target**
  - Student’s GPA and test score average match those of the average admitted student
  - Educational approach at the college matches the student’s needs

- **Safety**
  - Student’s GPA and test scores are above those of the average student admitted
  - Admission rate indicates high probability of admission
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.”

- **Single Choice Early Action**: “I’m very interested, and you’re the one and only school I may apply to early.” (Non-binding)

- **Rolling Admission**: “I must apply as soon as possible because applications are reviewed and decisions are made on a rolling basis.”
HELPFUL TIPS

- College is an investment!
- Demonstrate interest
  - Information session
  - Campus tour
  - Attend a class
  - Meet with academic department representatives and/or coaches
  - Meet with financial aid representatives
  - Interview (then send a thank you letter!)
  - Long Island and/or NYC admission receptions for out of state colleges
  - Alumni programs
COLLECTING INFORMATION

- College visits
  - Juniors are entitled to 2 college visitation days
  - Seniors are entitled to 5 college visitation days
  - College admission counselors visit with seniors throughout the fall months
- Open houses
- College fairs
- Friday Flyer
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Student Support Services
- Portfolio requirements
  - Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Architecture, Writing, Music Composition
- Audition deadlines
  - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
- Athletics
  - Division I, Division II, or Division III
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- **2 academic recommendations**
  - Students request letters in June
  - Junior year teachers are preferred
  - 5 core subjects: English, LOTE, math, science, social studies

- **1 counselor recommendation**
  - Mrs. Bernadette Walsh
THE COLLEGE ESSAY

- Distinguish yourself from the other applicants
- Roughly 500 words
- Grasp of grammar, ability to create a lucid, structured prose; and a vivid portrait of the student’s personality and character
- Select a topic or choose your own
  - www.commonapp.org
  - www.collegeboard.com
  - www.teenink.com
THE ACTIVITY RÉSUMÉ/SHEET

- Grades 9 – 12
- Extracurricular activities
- Community Service
- Honors/Awards
- Work Experience
- Enrichment Experience
PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- Family Funds
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
  - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Fafsa4caster
  - CSS Profile
  - Net Price Calculator
SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- **College-sponsored scholarships**
  Contact the colleges directly for academic/merit scholarships. Usually available in all disciplines including art, athletics, and music.

- **Scholarship Bulletins**
  Published four times throughout the year; and posted on the district’s website.

- **Websites**
  Refer to the Post-Secondary Planning Guide.
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?

Thank you for coming!

Please feel free to e-mail us with your feedback at
kklein@hufsd.edu