WELCOME JUNIORS & PARENTS
OF HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2012
This Evening’s Agenda
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

- Introduction and Welcome
  Kitty R. Klein
  Director of Guidance and Testing, K-12

- Graduation Requirements/
  Diploma Options/Student Transcript
  Catherine Croke, Guidance Counselor

- Pre-Registration Process/NCAA
  Steve Lashin, Guidance Counselor

- Student Involvement/Activity Resume/
  Scholarships
  Jayne Hallett, Guidance Counselor

- Guidance Direct
  Kitty Klein, Director

- College Entrance Examinations
  Gloria Jaramillo, Guidance Counselor

- Post-Secondary Planning Options/
  The College Process/Financial Aid
  Bernadette Walsh, Guidance Counselor
  Lauren Baglivi, Guidance Counselor
  Catherine Croke, Guidance Counselor

- Summary
  - Role of the Student and Parent
  - Q & A Panel
  Kitty Klein, Director
Welcome eleventh grade students and parents. Tonight’s presentation is a continuation of the many conversations and meetings that we, the guidance department, have had throughout your child’s high school career. Additionally, tonight we will be placing greater emphasis on what students Need to be doing now so that they can put their best foot forward and continue to work towards achieving their goals; One being to gain acceptance into the college of their choice. As you may know, eleventh grade is a special year. It helps students recognize and self-evaluate their strengths as well as areas that may need improvement. Please continuously reach out to the guidance staff as needed. We are in this process together!
# Graduation Requirements

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REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION

Total of 9 Regents exams (minimum grade of 65 on all exams)

- 1 English
- 2 Social Studies
- 2 Science (Life Science & Physical Science)
- 3 Math (Integrated Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2/Trigonometry)
- 1 World Language *

* May substitute 5 units of a sequence in Art, Music, or Career and Technical Education
REGENTS DIPLOMA

Total of 5 Regents exams (minimum grade of 65)

- English
- World History
- U.S. History
- Integrated Algebra
- Science Regents
HONORS DESIGNATION

- Regents Diploma with Honors requires a total of 5 Regents exams with a 90 average or better

- Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors requires a total of 9 Regents exams with a 90 average or better
LOCAL & IEP DIPLOMA’S

Local Diploma

This option is available to special education students. It requires students to fulfill the necessary courses and credits (22) as well as pass all five Regents Competency Tests (RCT’s) with a minimum score of 65, or a minimum score of 55 on each of the five Regents examinations.

IEP Diploma

A classified student has not been able to fulfill one or more of the Regents exams with a 55 or better or an RCT exam with a 65 or better, but has met the learning standards as per the student’s Individual Educational Plan (IEP).
STUDENT TRANSCRIPT

- 8th grade high school credit-bearing courses
- 9 - 11th grade courses
- Total credits earned and cumulative GPA
- Weighted vs. un-weighted GPA
- Regents exam scores
- Senior year courses in progress
- HHS does not rank students
THE PRE-REGISTRATION & SCHEDULING PROCESS

January/February: Curriculum Guides were mailed home
Feb/March/April: Students and parents meet with their counselors to select courses
May: Course verification sheets are mailed home
May/June: Final recommendations are made by teachers/directors
August: Final schedules are mailed home
PRE-REGISTRATION TOPICS

- Review courses in progress

- Provide an overview of graduation requirements as well as diploma options and credits

- Discuss course selections (NCAA approved courses) – level placements recommended by teachers and necessary pre-requisites
All student-athletes planning to participate in Division I or Division II sports MUST register with the clearinghouse after the completion of junior year (following the sixth semester), or at the start of senior year (September).

To register, students MUST file online [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

Print out the transcript release form and give it to the guidance secretary (Mrs. Campsey in Guidance East). The guidance office will then process the student’s transcript to the NCAA for clearance/eligibility.

Talk to your Coach and Guidance Counselor about [http://corecoursegpa.com](http://corecoursegpa.com)

Send SAT scores to the clearinghouse (code 9999)

Verify NCAA criteria/requirements

Division III - You must meet the requirements of the specific school. No need to file with NCAA
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
(CLUBS/ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, EMPLOYMENT)

Why is it important?

- Intrinsic Value
- Meeting New People
- Exploring Careers/Jobs
- Developing Leadership Skills
- Enhancing Applications (The National Honor Society, College Admissions, Contests, Scholarships and Competitions)
- Activity Resume
THE ACTIVITY RESUME

- Grades 9 - 12
- Extracurricular activities
- Community Service
- Honors/Awards
- Work Experience
- Enrichment Experience
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 several times throughout the year and are mailed home, as well as posted on the district’s website.

Websites
See Hand-out

Guidance Direct
Student Access cards and log-in information
GUIDANCE DIRECT

- Available to all Huntington Middle and High School Students
- College, Career, and Scholarship Search Engine
- Build your activity and Resume Sheet
- Student ID and Password set-up Cards
- Take The Interest Profiler Today!
PSAT, SAT AND ACT EXAMS

- What are the PSAT, SAT, and ACT exams?
- What do these exams cover?
- How can my child prepare for these tests?
- How does my child register for these exams?
- Accommodation Forms? Score Choice Options?
STANDARDIZED TESTS

To Register for SAT Examinations: www.collegeboard.com

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

To Register for ACT Examinations: www.actstudent.org
5 sections: Verbal, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning
1-36 sub-score for each section
Writing section optional (score range is 2-12)
POST-SECONDARY PLANNING OPTIONS

- Colleges and universities
  - Academic Programs
  - Technical Schools

- Career/work
  - Employment Day, Tuesday, May 10, 2011 *See your counselor!*
  - Job Corps

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

- Gap-Year
  - Study Abroad
  - Community Service (AmeriCorps)
  - Cultural Awareness/exposure
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
INVESTIGATE & COMPARE COLLEGES

- 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
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
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)
WHAT DOES THE APPLICATION PACKAGE ENTAIL?

- Application (online or paper)
- Fee
- Transcript
- Standardized Tests
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essay
- Activity Résumé
- Portfolio and/or Audition
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Student Support Services

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

- Audition deadlines
  - Drama, Music, Voice, Dance
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- 2 academic recommendations
  - Junior year preferred
  - 5 core subjects: math, English, LOTE, science, social studies
  - Students request letters in June
- 1 counselor recommendation
  - Mrs. Walsh
THE COLLEGE ESSAY

- Distinguish yourself from the other applicants
- Roughly 500 words
- Grasp of grammar, ability to create 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.essayedge.com
  - www.teenink.com
Paying for College

- Family Funds
- Scholarships
- Financial Aid (forms needed)
  - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - CSS Profile
FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - State Grant
  - Pell Grant
  - Institutional Grant
  - Student loans
  - College work-study
  - Available 1/01/2012
  - www.fafsa.ed.gov
  - Use the FAFSA4caster NOW!
    https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1
CSS/Financial Aid Profile

- 600+ colleges & universities use the Profile to distribute nonfederal student aid funds
- Available 10/1/2011
- Initial fee includes one school report
- Extra fee for each additional report
- Fee waivers available
- [https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp](https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp)
THE COLLEGE CENTER

- Room 120
- 7am-3pm daily
- Mrs. Walsh: College Advisor
- Mrs. Abner: College Center Secretary
- Appointments

- Applications
- View books
- College catalogs
- College dvds
- Scholarships
- Financial aid
- NCAA
- Computers
- Essay & activity résumés
ROLE OF THE STUDENT

- Review academic course schedule
- Register for the SAT Reasoning Test, Subject Tests and ACTs
- Retake college entrance examinations as needed, and send official scores to colleges in senior year
- Research colleges and create a list of reach, target and safety schools
ROLE OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

Educate yourself about the process

- Be a member of your child’s support team – encourage and empower
- Monitor course selection with college/NCAA goals in mind
- Openly discuss college options
  - Financial considerations
  - Location
  - Equal balance of reach, target and safety schools
- Visit colleges & encourage students to attend college fairs
- Attend Grade Level Parent Meetings
  - Senior parent night in the fall 2011
  - Financial aid night in the winter 2011
- Monitor test registration deadlines
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?

Thank you for coming!
Oh, and don’t worry. You will get through this process and survive.

Please feel free to e-mail us with your feedback

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