

Junior College Advisement Night

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SAT and ACT Dates/Resources

- **SAT**
 - [CollegeBoard](#)
 - Please see handout and counselors Google Classroom
- **ACT**
 - [ACT](#)
 - Please see handout and counselors Google Classroom
- **SAT & ACT Resources**
 - Please see handout and counselors Google Classroom
- **Test Optional Schools**
 - [FairTest](#)
 - "College Admissions" > "Optional List"



SAT TESTING 2021-2022

SAT DATE

REGISTER BY

LATE REGISTRATION

October 2, 2021

September 21, 2021

November 6, 2021

October 26, 2021

December 4, 2021

November 23, 2021

March 12, 2022

March 1, 2021

May 7, 2022

April 26, 2022

June 4, 2022

May 25, 2022

**August 27, 2022

September 3, 2021

October 8, 2021

November 4, 2021

February 11, 2022

April 8, 2022

May 5, 2022

July 29, 2022



ACT TESTING 2021-2022

<u>ACT DATE</u>		<u>REGISTER BY</u>
	<u>LATE REGISTRATION</u>	
October 23, 2021		September 17, 2021
October 1, 2021		
December 11, 2021		November 5, 2021
November 19, 2021		
February 12, 2022		January 7, 2022
January 21, 2022		
April 2, 2022		February 25, 2022
	March 11, 2022	
June 11, 2022		May 6, 2022
	May 20, 2022	
July 16, 2022		June 17, 2022
	June 24, 2022	

Register at www.actstudent.org



SAT AND ACT RESOURCES

Free Resources

<http://actstudent.org>

<http://collegeboard.org>

<http://march2success.com>

<http://petersons.com>

<http://4tests.com>

<http://khanacademy.org/sat> (link your collegeboard account to Khan Academy for custom SAT prep)

Resources That Require a Fee

<http://kaplan.com>

<http://barronstestprep.com>

<http://princetonreview.com>

<http://kaptest.com>

<http://esctestprep.com>

<http://magoosh.com>

https://huntingtonhelps.com/center/brick?utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=localmaps

<https://huntingtonhelps.com/sat-test-prep>

Phone Apps:

- The Official SAT Question of the Day
- Daily Practice SAT
- SAT Up
- SAT Vocab by MindSnacks
- ACT Prep
- ACT Up

Test Optional Colleges: <http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>



College Search

- There are many platforms to use during the college search process
 - [Naviance](#)
 - “College” > “SuperMatch College Search”
 - [CollegeBoard](#)
 - “Big Future” > “College Search”
 - Quick and user friendly way to see what colleges are looking for in the way of academic standing
 - Search a college by typing the college name in the upper right search bar, go to the “Admissions” tab and scroll down to the middle of the page to the “GPA Range”, “SAT Total Range” or “ACT Composite Range”
 - [Niche](#)
 - Google search
 - Directly on the college website
 - Family, friends, counselor, etc.

Naviance

- **Login Information**

- Your username is your Donovan Catholic email address
- Please see your School Counselor if you need your password reset

****IMPORTANT NOTE: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NAVIANCE, MOVING FORWARD YOU WILL USE A PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS (YOUR OWN) FOR COLLEGE PURPOSES****

- **Colleges I Am Applying To**

- Start adding colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” tab.
 - Click the “plus” sign to start adding your colleges.
 - This is not a commitment to the college that your are applying. .
 - This will allow the Guidance Department to send your transcripts, recommendation letters, and school profile once you submit your application through the Naviance eDocs system.
 - This needs to be completed before you request your letters of recommendation through Naviance.




Requesting Letters of Recommendation

- Requesting Letters of Recommendation
 - Always ask your teacher in person first. **We recommend asking your teacher for a letter of recommendation in early May of Junior year.**
 - After you have asked your teacher in person, you will need to make a request through Naviance. Go to the "College" tab on the top of your Naviance screen>"Letters of Recommendation">"Add a Request">1. Teacher dropdown menu> Selecting your teacher (***Important note: The first teacher you request should be the teacher that you would send to a college if they will only allow 1 letter of recommendation**)>2. Click the "Select All" box in the gray highlighted area>3. Write a personal note such as, Dear teacher, Thank you so much for agreeing to write me a letter of recommendation for college. Please let me know if you need further information>Submit Request.
 - Follow this procedure for all teacher letter of recommendation requests



Counselor Recommendation Letters

- Complete the brag sheet which is located on your counselor's Google Classroom and on the Guidance Counseling Webpage
 - Colleges want a counselor letter of recommendation. By completing the student brag sheet you are assisting your counselor with creating a recommendation letter that is specific and tailored to you.
 - **Please note: A counselor letter of recommendation will not be written without providing the student brag sheet**



Resume

- Naviance
 - “About Me” tab > Red Circle/Plus Sign > Start adding to topics that pertain to you
 - Why do I need a resume:
 - Teacher letters of recommendation
 - Help prepare for the application process
 - Application: Upload resume (OPTIONAL.....NOT OPTIONAL)



THE COMMON APPLICATION

Create your Common App Account

- [The Common App](#)
- REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS
- "Search College"
- "College List"
- "Common App"



ADMISSION PLANS

EARLY DECISION

- Binding decision/Commitment to attending

EARLY ACTION

- No binding contract
- High level of interest from student
- Receive admissions packet earlier

PRIORITY DECISION

- Financial Aid packet

REGULAR DECISION

ROLLING DECISION



Scholarships

- **Scholarship Resources**

- Raise.me.org
- Fastweb.com
- Finaid.org
- Local scholarship information to be announced on Naviance/Senior year




NJ STARS

- **Definition**

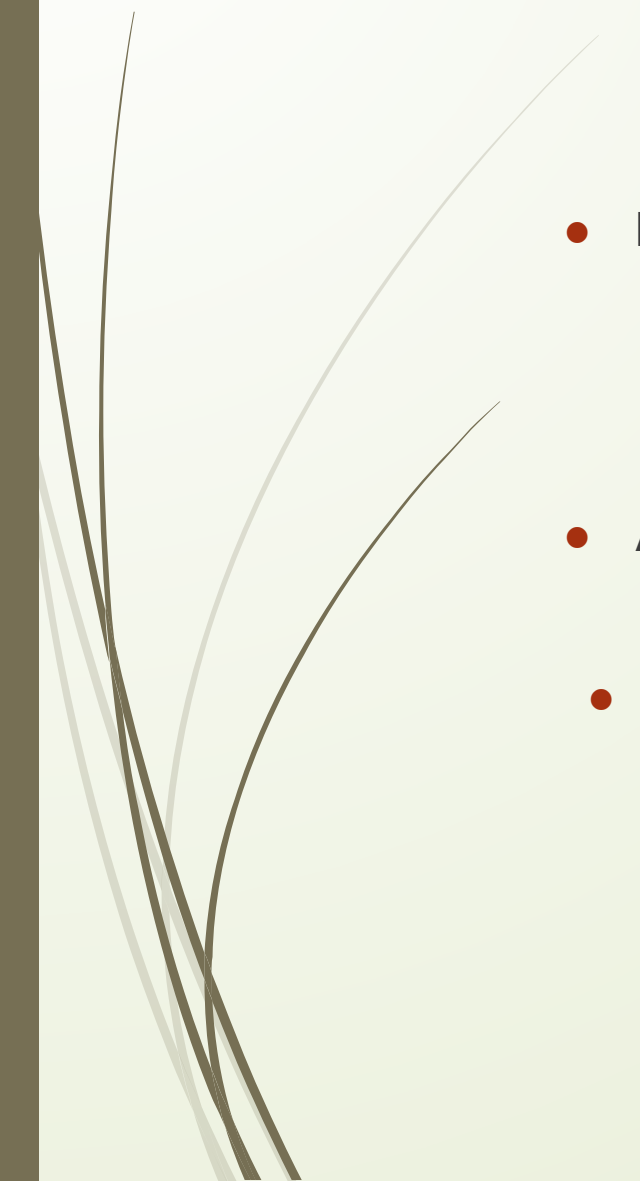
- NJ STARS program is an initiative created by the State of New Jersey that provides New Jersey's highest achieving students with free tuition at their home county colleges.

- **Am I Eligible?**

- New Jersey residents who rank in the top 15.0% of their class at the end of either the junior or senior year of high school may be eligible to receive an NJ STARS award for attendance at their home county college.
- Students may attend another New Jersey county college only if their desired program of study is not offered at the county college where they reside or is oversubscribed for at least one year.
- Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application and submit all required information within established State deadlines.
- Students must attain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher by the start of the second year of county college enrollment to meet the academic requirement for NJ STARS renewal.
- NJ STARS students must graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher to qualify academically for the NJ STARS II program.
- **For more information please go to the HESAA NJ Stars Webpage:**
https://www.hesaa.org/Documents/NJSTARS_program.pdf



NCAA Requirements



- **Donovan Catholic NCAA Liaison**
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- **Academic Eligibility Requirements for Division I and Division II**
 - Please see handout
- [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)



IMPORTANT NOTES

Junior Year

- Use your personal email for college purposes
- Keep all login information on the Notes section of your phone, Google Doc, and/or written down in a college file
- Finish the year strong!!!!
- Continue your college search/Reach/Target/Safety
- Visit colleges/Open House opportunities
- Work on your resume (Naviance)
- Request Teacher Letters of Recommendation in person (early May)
- Follow up in person request with requesting LOR in Naviance
- Complete the Counselor Brag Sheet
- Research National scholarship opportunities
- Create your Common App account
- Start your Common Application/Wait on the writing component until finalized sometime in June
- **BREATHE!!!!!!**



IMPORTANT NOTES CONTINUED

- **Senior Year:**
 - THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:
 - Meeting all college deadline dates
 - Requesting and sending SAT, ACT, and/or AP test scores directly from the testing center
 - Completing the **Transcript Request Form** as notification to Guidance that you have applied so that we can send out your school documents
 - **IMPORTANT NOTE: GUIDANCE REQUESTS AT LEAST 10 BUSINESS DAYS TO SUBMIT SCHOOL DOCUMENTS.**
 - THE COUNSELOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:
 - Sending the student's transcript, letters of recommendation, and school profile
 - Opportunities for assistance from your counselor
 - Small Group Meetings
 - Individual Meetings
 - Snacks and Apps (Senior Year)



**Thank You For Joining Us!
We Look Forward To Working With You On
The College Process**

