

Senior College Advisement Night

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Naviance

- ❑ **Login Information**

- ❑ **Colleges I Am Applying To**

- ❑ Once you have solidified your list of colleges that you will be applying to login to your Naviance account, go to the “College” tab (tabs are located on top of the page) to “Apply to College” to “Colleges I am Applying to”. Click the “plus” sign to start adding your colleges.
 - ❑ This is not a commitment to the college that your are applying. The colleges will not see your Naviance information.
 - ❑ 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 Through Naviance

- Requesting Letters of Recommendation
 - Always ask your teacher in person first. If for any reason you cannot touch base with your teacher in person then you can send them an email
 - After you add your colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” tab, login to your Naviance account: Go to the “College” tab to “Apply to College” to “Letters of Recommendation”
 - Request a recommendation by going to the dropdown menu and selecting your teacher. Recommendation request type: click the all current and future colleges (you do not want to select a specific college because all of your letters of recommendation will be linked to only this college). Type your request in the text box and submit your request. Remember to thank your teachers in advance for their consideration and time!! Follow this procedure for all teacher letter of recommendation requests.



Counselor Recommendation Letters

- Complete the brag sheet which is located on Mrs. Torkos' Google Classroom and on the Guidance Counseling Webpage
 - Colleges want a counselor recommendation letter by completing the student brag sheet you are assisting me in creating a recommendation letter that is specific and tailored to you



College Search

- There are many platforms to use during the college search process
 - Naviance
 - “College” tab to “Find Your Fit” to “Advanced College Search”
 - “College” tab to “Find Your Fit” to “College Match”
 - Scoir
 - CollegeBoard
 - Quick and user friendly way to see what colleges are looking for in the way of GPA and test scores
 - Search a college by typing the college name in the upper right search bar, go to the “Applying” tab and scroll down to the middle of the page to the “Academic GPA” tab and the “Test Score” tab
 - Google search
 - Directly on the college website
 - Family, friends, counselor, etc.



Scholarships



- **Scholarship Resources**

- Raise.me.org

- Fastweb.com

- Finaid.org

- Local scholarship information to be announced at a later date



College Application Process



□ Overview of the timeline

- If needed register for another SAT/ACT
- Ask for teacher letter of recommendations
- Start working on the Common Application or the application provided directly on the college website
- Start working on your college essay (Common App or directly on the college website)
- Work on a college resume
- Once you apply to the colleges request your transcript via the Google form on Mrs. Torkos' Google Classroom and the Guidance webpage
- Submit your standardized test scores through CollegeBoard or ACT
- Visit colleges either in person or virtually
- And BREATHE!!!!!!



APPLICATION TYPES

- **Common Application**
 - www.commonapp.org
- **Coalition**
 - <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- **Self-Reporting**
 - Rutgers
- **College Specific**



Admission Plans

- Early Decision**
 - Binding
- Early Action**
 - Non-Binding
- Regular Decision**
- Rolling**
- Priority**
 - Financial Aid and Scholarship Based



Financial Aid



- **What is FAFSA?**

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an online form that must be submitted annually by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid

- **When Should I Apply for Financial Aid**

- The FAFSA is available starting October 1st

- **What You Will Need to Start Your FAFSA**

- Create your FAFSA ID at www.fsaaid.ed.gov for parent and student
- Prior prior year Tax Returns for parent and student
- Social Security numbers for parent and student
- State issued Driver's License
- Documentation as U.S. Permanent Residents or Eligible Citizens

- **To complete the FAFSA, go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>**

- **Contact HESAA (Higher Education Student Assistance Authority) for free assistance and other Financial Aid Resources**

- HESAA Customer Service
 - 609-584-4480
 - 800-792-8670
 - www.hesaa.org



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

- **Registration**

- www.eligibilitycenter.org



SAT and ACT Dates/Resources

- **SAT**
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - Please see handout
- **ACT**
 - www.actstudent.org
 - Please see handout
- **SAT & ACT Resources**
 - Please see handout
- **Test Optional Schools**
 - www.fairtest.org



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



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