**FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE JUNIORS: POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING**

**College Admissions Panel January 8, 2015**

**JUNIORS**: Tonight is the unofficial kick off of your post high school planning. Listen to the various admissions officers who will give you an idea of the process at their specific schools. Take notes, feel free to ask lots of questions of these experts, and begin thinking more seriously about how to best plan for the future.

After tonight:

* Remember, this is your future: take responsibility for the planning and work necessary
* Keep up the focus on your school work and maintain consistent good grades
* Start thinking about your courses for senior year—the full process starts in late January
  + Attend the Course Selection Night with your parents on January 28, 2015
  + Listen carefully at the course selection class assemblies on February 2, 2015
    - Junior assembly will be period 4
* Discuss carefully with your teachers your options for courses and their suggestions
* Meet with your counselor to discuss and review your best options for your course selections—listen to their advice
* Log in to Naviance and begin searching for schools you might be interested in applying to next year
  + Keep your Naviance account up to date and encourage your parents to log in to their accounts
* Attend the Regional College Fair on March 24th at the Arena at Harbor Yard, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
* You can arrange (or your parent can call) with your school counselor for an Individual Junior Family Planning Meeting
  + These are scheduled with each student and parents between February 17th and April break
  + At this meeting your counselor will give you your copy of the *FLHS Junior Post High School Planning Guide*—an extensive guide to our planning process
  + Come prepared with questions and a list of what steps you have taken
    - Visit some colleges early or over the April break
* Register to take the SAT or ACT in May or June

The more research, visiting, discussing with your counselor, and planning you do between now and next September, the more enjoyable and relaxed your senior year will be, and the more successful you will be in the post high school process. Good luck!!

**SOPHOMORES:** Please review the above steps—many apply to you as well.

You should start thinking about your courses for junior year, log into Naviance and begin thinking about post high school options. Visit schools as possible and see the college representatives who visit FLHS this spring and next fall. You can discuss future plans with your counselor during the review of your course selections—parent meetings will be set next year.

Your next test should be the *NEW* PSAT in October. This is the official PSAT that you should take.

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On Thursday March 26th there will be a sophomore parent/student program here at FLHS at 7:00 p.m.