

SOPHOMORE PARENT NIGHT

PLANNING FOR JUNIOR YEAR

April 3, 2014

JUNIOR YEAR ACTIVITIES

- FIRST STEPS
- SUMMER EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES
- PSAT/NMSQT
- COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT
- FOCUS
- NAVIANCE
- JUNIOR APPOINTMENTS
- COLLEGE VISITS
- OTHER STANDARDIZED TESTS
- GENERAL TIMELINES

FIRST STEPS

- RELAX
- MANY OPPORTUNITIES
- GOOD FIT FOR ALL STUDENTS
- NOT ONE OPTION
- RESPONSIBILITY IS FOR THE STUDENTS
- COMMUNICATION IS KEY

SUMMER EXPERIENCES & OPPORTUNITIES

- DEVELOP YOUR INTERESTS
 - JOBS
 - VOLUNTEER WORK/COMMUNITY SERVICE
 - SPORTS
 - SUMMER PROGRAMS
 - COURSES, CLASSES, CAMPS
 - TRAVEL
 - CAMPUS VISITS
 - » Contact info--emails

PSAT/NMSQT

- BASELINE INFORMATION
- CRITICAL READING/MATH/WRITING PARTS
- SIGN UP IN SEPTEMBER
- TEST AT FLHS SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2014*
 - RESULTS IN MID-DECEMBER
 - SPECIFIC ANSWERS
 - LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY
 - STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAT'S
 - COLLEGE BOARD RESOURCES

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

FALL/WINTER 2014-15

- SEVERAL SPEAKERS FROM COLLEGES
 - OVERVIEW OF ADMISSIONS PROCESS
 - DIFFERENCES AMONG COLLEGES
 - WHAT'S IMPORTANT
 - HOW TO PRESENT APPLICATIONS
 - TIMELINES
 - HOW ARE ADMISSIONS DECISIONS MADE
 - FOCUS ON GRADES & ACTIVITIES

College Career Center

- Resources for Post High School Planning
 - College Listings
 - Alumni Ambassadors
 - Choosing a Major
 - Scholarship/Financial Aid
 - Test Prep Programs & Practice Materials
 - PSAT, SAT, ACT Registration Information
 - Summer Programs
 - Gap Year Options
 - Military Programs
 - Career Information
 - Job Searches

College Career Center

- Coordinate College Visits
 - Start in mid-September
 - Listed on Naviance
 - Register on-line to visit with a representative
 - Explore many other options

Part Time Job Bank

Register for job opportunities

Alice Gorman--coordinator

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Art School Fair—tentatively scheduled for Fall
- Area College Fairs
 - Dozens of Colleges visiting in the State
 - Early April—April 9, 2014 2—5 and 6—9 Arena at Harbor Yard
- Gap Year Fair—Winter
- Military Day—Spring
- Career Schools & Colleges Fair---Spring

- All information posted on FLHS website and in Infinite Campus

NAVIANCE

- WEB-BASED SERVICE
- REGISTRATION IN FALL SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES
- SIGNING UP FOR COLLEGE REP VISITS
- RESEARCHING COLLEGES
- CHECKING FLHS HISTORY & DATA
- SCHOLARSHIP
- HOME—SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
 - UPDATE EMAIL AND PROFILE DATA
 - [HTTP://CONNECTION.NAVIANCE.COM/LUDLOWE](http://connection.naviance.com/ludlowe)

JUNIOR APPOINTMENTS

- STUDENT AND BOTH PARENTS ATTEND
- SET IN SECOND SEMESTER—between Feb and April breaks
- OVERVIEW OF COLLEGES
 - STARTING TO SORT
 - SIZE, LOCATION, MAJORS, ACTIVITIES & SPORTS
 - DEVELOPING A “LIST”
 - TESTING TIMELINES
 - COMMUNICATION
 - RESPONSIBILITIES

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

- ANY TIME YOU TRAVEL—STOP IN
- PLAN AHEAD AND DECIDE WHAT TO SEE AND WHAT TO ASK
- VISIT WHILE IN SESSION IF POSSIBLE
- TAKE A TOUR
- STAY OVER IF POSSIBLE
- REGISTER WITH ADMISSIONS OFFICE FOR VISITS/OPEN HOUSES—ask for Acceptance information
- TALK WITH STUDENT/PROFESSORS
- GET A “FEEL” FOR CAMPUS
 - PICTURE YOURSELF HERE
 - SORT WHAT IS IMPORTANT AND WHAT IS NOT—FOR YOU
 - DON’T GO BY PR OR “THE NAME”

STANDARDIZED TESTS

- SAT AND SUBJECT TESTS
 - MARCH, MAY, JUNE
- ACT
 - ANOTHER NATIONAL EXAM
 - CURRICULUM BASED
 - DIFFERENT SCORE RANGE
- ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS—MAY
 - SCORES FOR CREDIT OR PLACEMENT

TIMELINES

- SEPTEMBER
 - PSAT REGISTRATION for FLHS—on-line
 - COLLEGE REP VISITS
 - VISIT COLLEGE CAREER CENTER
 - REGISTER ON NAVIANCE—EXPLORE OPTIONS
- OCTOBER
 - PSAT ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2014*
 - CONTINUE COLLEGE REP VISITS
 - ALUMNI DAY
 - CONTINUE COLLEGE REP VISITS
- NOVEMBER
 - CONTINUE NAVIANCE EXPLORATION
 - CONTINUE COLLEGE REP VISITS
 - ATTEND FINANCIAL AID NIGHT—OPTIONAL FOR JUNIORS
 - REVIEW PSAT RESULTS

TIMELINE

- JANUARY
 - ATTEND COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT
 - CONTINUE REVIEW OF PSAT RESULTS—PLAN FOR SAT’S—PTA ALPHA PREP SAT PREP CLASSES?
 - VISIT COLLEGES
- FEBRUARY
 - COURSE REGISTRATION
 - AP EXAM REGISTRATION
 - INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR PLANNING MEETINGS
 - VISIT COLLEGES
- MARCH
 - INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR PLANNING MEETINGS
 - SAT/ACT EXAMS
 - VISIT COLLEGES

TIMELINE

- APRIL
 - INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR APPOINTMENTS
 - ATTEND AREA COLLEGE FAIRS
 - SAT/ACT TESTS
 - VISIT COLLEGES
- MAY
 - SAT/ACT TESTS
 - AP EXAMS
 - VISIT COLLEGES
 - PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS—TEACHERS, OTHERS
- JUNE
 - SAT/ACT TESTS
 - VISIT COLLEGES
 - PLAN SUMMER VISITS/ACTIVITIES
 - PLAN DEVELOPMENT OF COLLEGES TO VISIT—CONSIDER EARLY APPLICATIONS
 - FINAL EXAMS

COMMUNICATION

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- READ READ READ