

WELCOME

CLASS OF

2013

COLLEGE PLANNING FOR JUNIORS



Why Now?

Where Do I Begin?

First, take time to figure out who you are, what you like to do and why you would want to pursue a certain career.

FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO BEGIN THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Arrange for standardized testing.
- It's all about FIT – think about what you want from a college.
- Find colleges that fit your needs and career interests.
- Visit colleges when possible – Make appointments
– Attend spring college fairs.

AUGUST – SENIOR YEAR

- Have your primary list of colleges ready for the application process.
- Update your resume before school begins to include summer activities and accomplishments.
- Instructions for counselor and teacher recommendations, transcript requests, and the application process will be given to you when you return as a senior.

Question #1 – What are colleges looking for?

Colleges are looking for:



1. Academic Record

- ◆ Transcript – grades and course selections
- ◆ Test Scores – SAT and ACT (with writing)

2. Personal Record

- ◆ Personal Interests – resume, essays and recommendations
- ◆ Employment

Question #2 – How do we, as a family, manage the application process?

1. Time of transition for both parent and student.
2. The college application process is a teachable moment.
 - ◆ How we make decisions about major purchases and plan within limits?

Question #3 – What should we look at when we make a major decision concerning college applications?

1. Personal analysis
2. Research
3. Internet
4. Visit schools
5. Decision analysis

*Applying to college is a student-driven
and
parent-supported process.*

Setting parameters is the parent's job.

*Applying is the **STUDENT'S** job.*