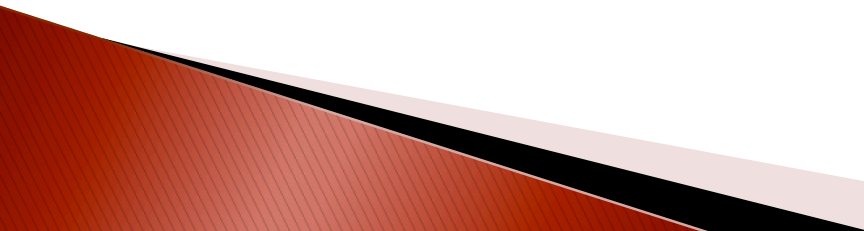


Welcome to Freshman Night



What We Want to Share with You

- ▶ Our Goals
 - ▶ How to be the best student possible
 - ▶ The Holistic Approach
 - ▶ EFC – Expected Family Contribution
 - ▶ Summers – make them meaningful
 - ▶ College Visits
 - ▶ PSAT
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College Counselors Goals

- ▶ Provide a value-added service to our students
 - Two college counselors
 - Focus is 100% on college counseling
- ▶ Help students keep as many options open as possible
- ▶ Guide students to finding a good fit
- ▶ Provide milestones and steps for each grade
- ▶ Keep

Be The Best Student You Can Be

START STRONG

- ▶ Commit to further developing your own personal love of learning
- ▶ Utilize tutoring
- ▶ Go to every class prepared
 - Have questions ready
 - Annotate and constantly ask yourself “why?”
 - Be engaged
 - Participate to get the most out of every class
- ▶ Create a quiet study space
- ▶ Schedule time each day to study
- ▶ Don't get behind

The Holistic Approach

- ▶ It's not just about the grades!
- ▶ Consistency shows tenacity and commitment
 - Stick with your sport
 - Continue studying your instrument
 - Stay committed to Boy/Girl Scouts
 - Get more involved with your church group

The Holistic Approach

- ▶ Try new activities and get involved
 - Sports
 - Mentorship
 - Student Life
 - Community Service
 - Church groups
 - Girl/Boy Scouts
 - Music
 - Theatre
 - Art

EFC – Expected Family Contribution

- ▶ What is an EFC?
 - The amount the federal government believes you can contribute to your child's education
 - Determines need-based federal student aid
- ▶ Do you know your EFC?
- ▶ If yes, great!
- ▶ If no, now is a great time to determine what it is
 - Financial advisor can provide this information
 - Contact HEFAR 602-396-7840 or Monica Felton 602-903-3988
- ▶ Financial Aid night is October 5th

Summers

- ▶ Make them meaningful
 - Take a summer class
 - Does not have to be academic
 - Take something you are interested in learning about
 - College program
 - Summer Camp
 - Work
 - Volunteer
 - Travel
- ▶ Plan your summers
 - Be intentional
 - Stick with the same activity
 - Do something different each summer

College Visits

- Start thinking about them now
- Consider visiting one large school, one medium-sized school, and one smaller school
- The value of college visits
 - Help determine if it is a good fit
 - Identify what types of schools might be good fits
 - Large, medium, small
 - Urban, suburban, rural
 - STEM, liberal arts, religious affiliation
- Try to fit a college visit into a vacation

The PSAT

- ▶ Standardized test – similar to the SAT
- ▶ Great prep for the SAT
- ▶ No need to prepare
 - Get a great night's sleep
 - Eat a nutritious breakfast
 - Bring a calculator and multiple number 2 pencils with clean erasers
- ▶ Great opportunity to get a baseline

What You Can Do

- ▶ Help us help you
 - Keep options open by being the best student possible
 - Come by our offices and introduce yourselves
- ▶ Get involved
 - Continue with activities you are currently doing
 - Try something new
- ▶ Parents – determine your EFC
- ▶ Start thinking about what you would like to do next summer
- ▶ Try to get in a few college visits
- ▶ Don't forget to take the PSAT on October 25, 2017