



Welcome to Junior Night

What you can expect to know by the end of this Evening

- ▶ Getting Organized
- ▶ College Visits
- ▶ Admission Representative Visits to TP
- ▶ PSAT
- ▶ SAT vs ACT
- ▶ Subject Tests
- ▶ The Holistic Approach
- ▶ Naviance
- ▶ Teacher Recommendations
- ▶ EFC – Expected Family Contribution
- ▶ Summer Programs

Senior Year

- ▶ Parent Volunteers
- ▶ Fundraising
- ▶ Senior Expenses
- ▶ Senior Trip

Student Panel

- ▶ What do you recommend getting done
- ▶ Senior Thesis
- ▶ Q & A

Getting Organized

- ▶ E-mail address for your college search
- ▶ Electronic folder
- ▶ Paper file folder for land mail correspondence
- ▶ Create a college list of 10-15 schools that you are interested in researching
- ▶ Update your resume

The Value of College Visits

- ▶ Help determine if it's the right place for you
- ▶ Connect with interesting and helpful people
- ▶ Show demonstrated interest
- ▶ See how you relate to campus and students
- ▶ Help answer why you want to attend
- ▶ Identify type/location of school
 - Large, medium, small
 - Private, public, liberal arts, etc.
 - Urban, suburban, rural

Preparation is Key

- ▶ Do your homework
 - Have background knowledge before visiting
 - Website, publications, blogs, social media
 - Prepare questions
- ▶ Schedule your visit – no more than 2/day
 - At least two weeks in advance
 - Try to visit while in session
 - Fall break and spring break
- ▶ Know your Regional Admissions Rep
 - Name
 - E-mail
 - This is who will first review your application

What To Schedule

- ▶ Appointment with your Regional Admissions Representative
- ▶ Campus Tour
- ▶ Informational Meeting
- ▶ Ask if you can sit in a class
- ▶ If possible meet with a professor
- ▶ Meeting with a coach (if applicable)
- ▶ Contact alums, or friends who are current students

The Visit

- ▶ Dress appropriately
 - Only one first impression
 - Wear comfortable shoes
 - Plan for weather – umbrella, jacket
- ▶ Be on time
 - Plan for parking and traffic
 - Anticipate an extra 10 minutes from parking to appointment

The Visit

- ▶ Be attentive and interact with those you meet
- ▶ Take pictures and notes
 - The schools will begin to blur together
 - Keep records on every visit
 - Makes writing thank you notes easier
- ▶ Talk to students
 - Tour guides are paid to help sell the school
 - Ask open ended questions
- ▶ Observe how students interact with one another
- ▶ Look at the student newspaper

The Visit

- ▶ Peruse bulletin boards
 - See what's happening on campus
 - Is it interesting?
- ▶ Visit the Student Union
 - Have a snack
 - People watch
 - Ask yourself if you could see yourself here
- ▶ Leave time to visit the city/town

What Do I Do When I Can't Visit the Campus?

- ▶ Virtual Tours – Unigo
- ▶ Chat with current students or admission reps online
- ▶ Follow schools on social media platforms
- ▶ Attend College Symposium – Saturday 10/21/2017
- ▶ Attend local information sessions

After the Visit

- ▶ Take time to write more notes
 - Make a pro/con list
 - More notes will make it easier
 - Keep names and e-mails of those you spoke with
- ▶ Send thank you e-mails or handwritten notes
 - Admissions people you met
 - Your tour guide
 - Professors, coaches, students you interacted with

Admissions Representatives Visits to Trivium Prep

- ▶ Check the calendar regularly
- ▶ Let Counselors know you are interested
- ▶ Attend the visits
- ▶ Be prepared with questions
- ▶ Introduce yourself after the presentation
- ▶ Follow-up with a thank you e-mail or handwritten note

What is the PSAT?

- ▶ Standardized test – similar to the SAT
- ▶ Measures skills in three academic areas
- ▶ Improves Teaching and learning
- ▶ Being Administered 10/25/2017
- ▶ Great prep for the SAT
- ▶ National Merit Scholarship Program
 - Top 1%

PSAT

- ▶ October 25, 2017
- ▶ Should be preparing now
 - Khan Academy
 - Workbooks
 - Practice tests

SAT vs ACT

- ▶ March 2016 SAT format changed
 - More like ACT
 - On a 1600 scale rather than 2400 scale
- ▶ Recommend baseline for each test
 - Princeton Review and Kaplan offer “free” tests
 - Self-proctor tests
 - Use actual tests
 - Stick to time limits
- ▶ Focus on the one you score best
- ▶ Practice ACT on 11/4/2017 \$15.00

SAT/ACT

- ▶ Plan to take your first test between November and March
- ▶ Register at collegeboard.org for the SAT
- ▶ Register at act.org for the ACT Reminder Practice test 11/4/2017

Subject Tests

- ▶ Not all schools require these
- ▶ Most selective schools require two tests
- ▶ Tests TP students have historically done well on
 - Latin (schedule to take as soon as possible)
 - Literature (schedule to take after Poetry)
 - Chemistry
 - Math II (schedule to take as soon as possible)
 - Physics (schedule to take in June 2018 or soon thereafter)

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

Naviance

- ▶ Allows for official transcripts to be requested
- ▶ Tool for College Counselors to send recommendations to colleges
- ▶ Provides surveys to assist teachers and College Counselors with writing recommendations
- ▶ Assists students in managing their applications
- ▶ Students will learn how to utilize Naviance in College 101 sessions

Teacher Recommendations

- ▶ Not all colleges require teacher recommendations
 - Common Application DOES / Highly selective college's do as well
 - ASU, and NAU DO
 - Barrett, the Honors College DOES
 - U of A DOES NOT
 - U of A Honors College Does
- ▶ Important to build strong relationships
 - Utilize tutoring
 - Get help with current concepts
 - Talk to teacher about more in depth concepts
 - Great preparation for college professor's office hours
- ▶ Teacher will write a recommendation based on interactions within the classroom
- ▶ Complete Teacher Survey in Naviance & Parent Survey
 - Very important
 - Take your time

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 the 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 with ASU

Summer Programs

- ▶ Now is the time to start thinking about how to best utilize your time next summer
 - Participate in a summer program
 - Work
 - Get a job or internship
 - Find an interesting summer camp
 - Volunteer
 - Travel
 - Take a summer school class at a Community College
- ▶ Talk to seniors and ask them what they did this past summer

Take Aways

- ▶ Ensure you are up-to-date on your to-dos on your Junior timeline
- ▶ Plan college visits
- ▶ Check College Counseling Calendar regularly for Admission Representative visits
- ▶ Start prepping for the ACT/SAT
- ▶ Start preparing for and taking Latin and Math II Subject Tests
- ▶ Build great relationships with your teachers
- ▶ Start thinking about what you might want to do next summer
- ▶ Make sure you know your EFC