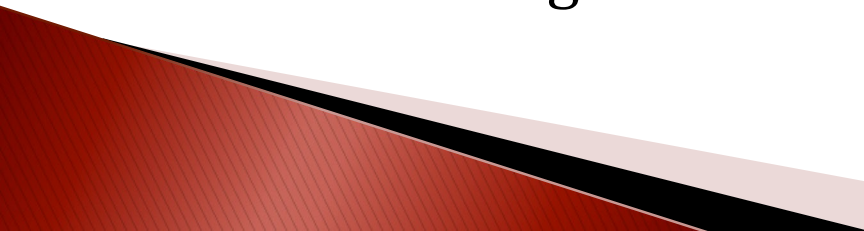


Welcome to Junior Night



CLASS OF
2022

What you can expect to know by the end of this event.

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

- ▶ Fundraising—Transfers over December 1st to Junior Parents
- ▶ Parent Volunteers
- ▶ Senior Expenses
- ▶ Senior Trip

Getting Ready for January Conferences

- ▶ E-mail address for your college search
- ▶ Electronic folder/paper folder for mail correspondence.
- ▶ Create a college list of 10-15 schools that you are interested in researching, due December 15th.
- ▶ Course selection in January/February
- ▶ Due March 26th
 - Finalized College lists
 - Resume
 - Essay
 - Letter of Recommendation

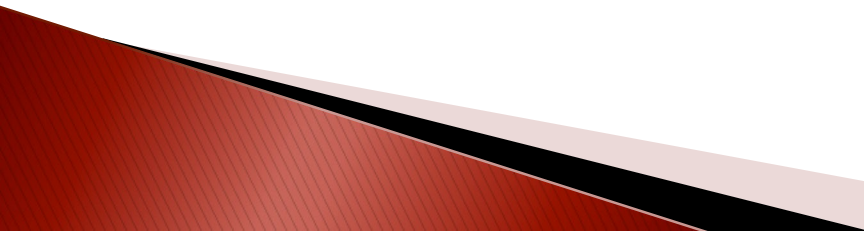
The Value of College Visits – Happening NOW

- ▶ 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

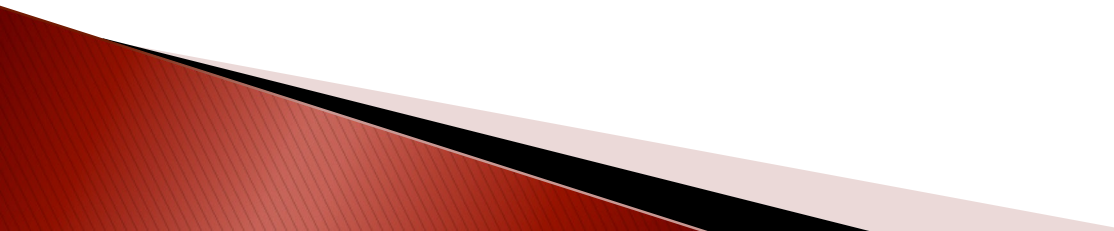
Preparation is Key

- ▶ 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 do when I cannot visit campus

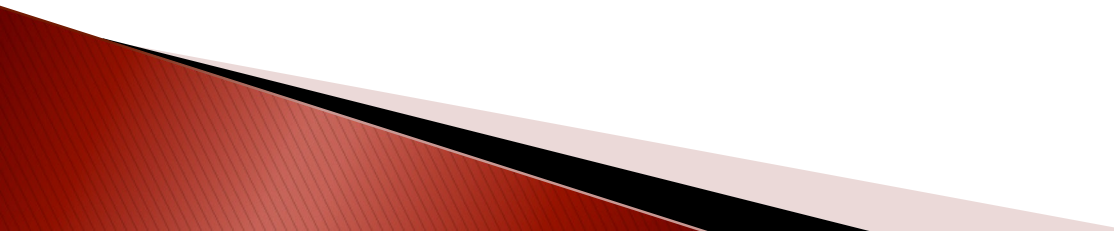
- ▶ Virtual Tours – Unigo
 - ▶ Chat with current students or admission reps online
 - ▶ Follow schools on social media platforms
 - ▶ Attend local information sessions
 - ▶ Go to school's websites to see what virtual presentations they have available.
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Admissions Representatives Visits to 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
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What is the PSAT?

- ▶ Standardized test – similar to the SAT
 - ▶ Measures skills in three academic areas
 - ▶ Improves Teaching and learning
 - ▶ Being Administered 1/26/2021 – New Date
 - ▶ Great prep for the SAT
 - ▶ National Merit Scholarship Program
 - Top 1%
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PSAT

- ▶ Tuesday, January 26, 2021
- ▶ Should be preparing by taking advantage of one or all of these resources.
 - Khan Academy
 - Workbooks
 - Practice tests

SAT vs ACT

- ▶ Recommend baseline for each test
 - Princeton Review and Kaplan offer “free” tests
 - Self-proctor tests
 - Use actual tests found online
 - Stick to time limits
- ▶ Focus on the one you score best
- ▶ Register at collegeboard.org for the SAT
- ▶ Register at act.org for the ACT

- ▶ Practice ACT: TBD NOT OFFICIAL, proctored by College Counseling \$15

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
 - Activities: What does this look like now?



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, UofA and NAU DO NOT
 - Uof A Honors, NAU Honors and ASU Barrett DO
- ▶ 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

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/ virtual visits
- ▶ Check College Counseling Calendar regularly for Admission Representative visits
- ▶ Start prepping for the ACT/SAT
- ▶ Build great relationships with your teachers
- ▶ Start thinking about what you might want to do next summer
- ▶ Make sure you know your EFC