

Seniors and Parents...

Welcome

to

Senior College Night:

**“The College
Application Process”**

Time Line to College

- FIRST QUARTER
 - Request LOR(s)
 - Submit Short list-Naviance
 - Complete Senior Portfolio (online through Naviance)
 - Develop Essays
 - Consider retaking SAT I/II, ACT
 - Maintain your grades
 - Credit Check-graduation requirements

Second Quarter

- Submit Applications by
November 8, 2011 for:

January 1, 2011 to February 15th,
2011 deadlines

- Last chance for retaking
SAT I/II (**Nov 19** & Dec 3)
ACT

- Maintain your grades

The Short List of Colleges

Due: October 5th

- Input names of colleges/universities into your TCCi Naviance site
- Move from 'colleges I am thinking about to 'active applications'
- Average Short List is usually 5 to 8 colleges/universities
- Maximum is 10 applications

NAVIANCE

- Web-based College application tracking system
- You should be registered
- You should be familiar with Naviance
- Able to check application processing status
- See your counselor if you have questions

Senior Portfolio

- Senior Portfolio
 - Online through Naviance
 - Must be completed if you want a Counselor Letter of Recommendation (LOR)
 - Due by September 22nd
The sooner the better

Letters of Recommendation

- Process
 - Register with Counseling Department (use 'blue' forms)
 - Give Teachers ample time. *(Oct. 5 deadline)* and **inform them if applying to a 'Common Application School'**
 - Select two teachers that you have had recently in academic subjects and know you well
 - Thank you note

Counselor Responsibilities

- Inform students and parents of the college application process
- Advise/Review College Shortlist
- Write Counselor LOR
- Answer questions regarding college applications
- Review all application packets
- Serve as an advocate for the individual student and **for CAC**

Student Responsibilities

- Submit Senior Profile on Time
- Request Teacher LOR
- Become familiar with NAVIANCE and post your Short list by Oct. 5
 - Keep system updated
 - Complete 'Personal Data' in 'My Profile'
 - Check for college visits
- Submit applications in a timely manner.

Student Responsibilities

- KNOW individual college's requirements/qualifications AND DEADLINES
- Request transcripts and supporting CAC documents using 'Document Request Form.'
- Submit OFFICIAL SAT/ACT and TOEFL scores to colleges (online)
- Notify colleges of final decision

SENIORITIS....

- is not a disease
- is not inevitable
- does not help

FINISH WELL!

Family Responsibilities

- Have your son/daughter take OWNERSHIP of the College Application process including completion of applications and final notification of attendance
- Talk to and support each other throughout the process
- Research, discuss and narrow college options
- Follow timetables, deadlines and requirements
- Assess family financial aid needs and discuss options

Other Important Family Responsibilities

- Keep NAVIANCE updated
- Notify counselors of admission decisions
- Notify colleges and CAC of student's final decision

In your packet: Your Transcript

- Check for accuracy:
 - Name, Birth Date
 - Courses and credits
 - Your Cumulative GPA only includes CAC courses
- Transfer students:
 - Courses and credits from other high schools will be included on official CAC transcript.
 - CAC will send a copy of transcript(s) from previous school(s).

In your packet: Credit Check Form

- Notifies you of:
 - Credit(s) you must earn to meet CAC's graduation requirements
- Transfer students:
 - You will see if we are still in need of your transfer transcript(s).
 - These are needed ASAP!!!

Report of Rank by Quintiles

- Your Class Rank
 - Rank reported by CAC in quintiles with CAC School Profile for clarification
 - Your Quintile rank is on your profile in NAVIANCE
 - Calculated at end of Junior year and in January of Senior year
 - Weighted grades (AP, IB HL)

Grade Distribution by Quintiles

Class of 2012

Calculated at the end of Junior Year

1	4.20 - 3.73
2	3.68 - 3.39
3	3.38 - 3.15
4	3.11 - 2.79
5	2.76 and below

School Profile 2010

- This is the official academic document of CAC and is sent with all applications
- Post High School Plans
 - Four Year College 97%
 - 2 Year College 2%
 - Gap Year 1%
- College Locations
 - USA 65%
 - Canada 17%
 - United Kingdom 10%
 - Cont. Europe 3.4%
 - Egypt 2.3%
 - Other 2.3%

Document Request FORM

- Document Request Form in Counseling Office or Website
- Attach copy of application receipt or confirmation
- Specify whether online or paper application, transcript(s), fee, LOR's (with or without form), secondary school report, other info.
- Please follow-up with e-mail or phone call to the university

Counseling Center: Processing College Applications

Please submit Document Request
Form to:

- Ms. Hoda Tabet
for students A to K
- Ms. Vivian Tawadros
for students K to Z

If you have questions concerning
the 'Document Request Form'
please see your counselor

Electronic Applications

- The CAC HS Counseling Office is in our fourth year of sending supporting documents electronically
- Many application packets (support documents such as transcripts, LORs, school profile, etc.) will be sent electronically
- Some applications will still need to be mailed

Mailing

- Counselor will contact student if forms need to be mailed.
- APO Mailing through the U.S. Embassy for universities in North America (7 to 10 days)
- Regular mail can be used for sending to other countries
- DHL - (LE 115) – **Recommended**
 - Pay Reda – the CAC Cashier
 - Take receipt to Zeinab (CAC receptionist and pick-up DHL form)
 - Attach DHL form to your Application Cover Sheet

Online Applications

- Follow instructions carefully (press submit button)
- Please print a copy of the receipt confirmation and attach to 'Document Request Form'
- Supporting documentation will be sent electronically or by mail

Types of Applications

- Common Application
 - Used by 450 private and public U.S. universities
 - You must create an account (www.commonapp.org)
 - May have a supplement
 - Use for multiple universities
 - **Inform LOR Teachers**
 - **You must complete FERPA Waiver (on Naviance)**
 - **Using your CommonApp username and password**

Types of Applications

- **OUAC**
Common application for Ontario universities
- **UCAS – UK Universities**
- **U. of California**
Only online
- **Institute Application**
Online (download or submit)

WARNING!

Late action on your part does NOT create an emergency on our part:

**APPLICATIONS
(Document Request Forms)
SUBMITTED AFTER THE
November 8th
DEADLINE WILL BE
PROCESSED AFTER ALL
OTHERS. THERE ARE NO
GUARANTEES THEY
WILL MEET COLLEGE
DEADLINES.**

Admissions Qualifications

- Vary from country to country
- Vary from university to university
- Vary from program to program

The Best College or the Best Match?

The goal is not to GET IN

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It's to GET OUT of college!!!

*Students should want to attend
every school on their short list.*

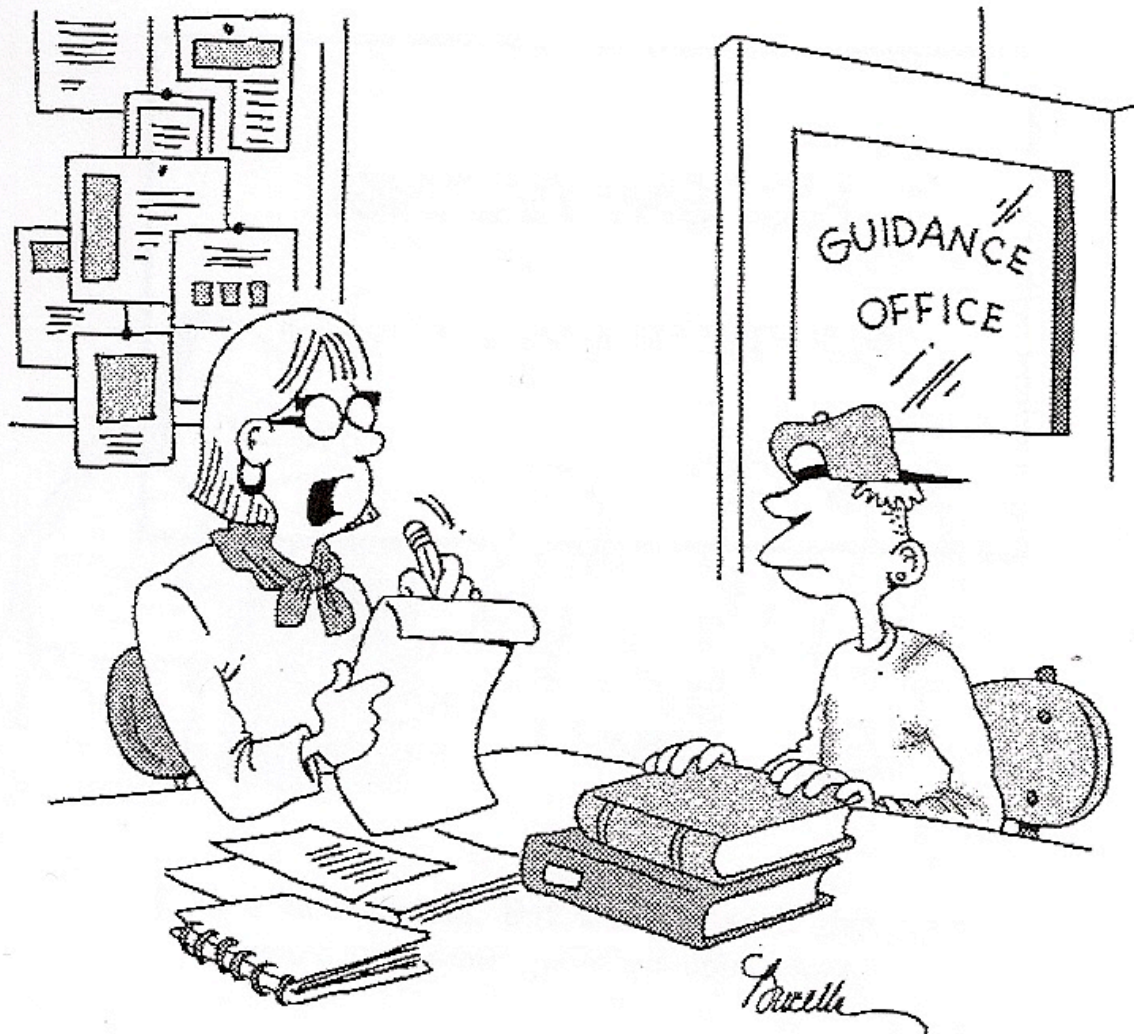
Factors in the Admissions Decision

- Grades in college prep courses
- Strength of curriculum
- Admissions test scores (SAT, ACT)
- Grades in all courses
- Essay or writing sample
- Counselor recommendation
- Teacher recommendation(s)
- Student's demonstrated interest

(Sited from the National Association of College Admissions Counseling)

SENIOR COLLEGE CONFERENCES

- Mr. Curless
 - students A to K
- Ms. Blohm
 - students L to Z



"Of course creative writing is important. You want to be able to write home for money when you go away to college, don't you?"

...a Sense of Humor, and a Sense of Prevention, Make a Lot of Sense!