

Senior Meeting Agenda, Oct. 2011

1. Send SAT/ACT scores
 - Remember you have 4 free per SAT sitting
 - www.collegeboard.com/www.act.org
 - Test scores are not on your transcript
 - Score Choice

2. www.jesuihighschool.orgNaviance Family Connection
 - College Planning Handbook
 - Create college email accounts

3. Transcripts
 - Transcripts/private schools/scholarships-see your counselor
 - Transcripts can be requested through Naviance
 - See Mrs. Case in the Main Office if you need a transcript for another reason
 - Check your transcript for accuracy today and see Mrs. Case if there are problems

4. Jesuit does not report rank in class for college applications. We do report rank for scholarships when asked for this information. There are 246 seniors in your class.

5. GPA is reported unweighted and weighted on college applications by counselors. On scholarship applications, GPA is reported to the student's advantage. Many universities calculate GPA beginning with the freshman year.

6. NCAA
 - You must register with the eligibility center if you are interested in playing Div. I or Div. II sports in an NCAA program.
 - Register at eligibilitycenter.org
 - Send test scores directly to the Eligibility Center (9999)

7. Complete your applications thoroughly and accurately. If you feel a need to embellish your extra-curriculars, work experience or grades, you should not be applying to that particular school.

8. Community College
 - Please register in early Spring to get first priority in choosing classes.
 - Assist.org

9. CSU Application
 - Filing period is Oct. 1-Nov. 30 - Begin now!
 - Online applications are available at www.csumentor.edu
 - Download completed application and confirmation page
 - Cal Poly early decision deadline is Oct. (online only)
 - Check individual campuses for priority admission days if available

- 3594 SAT code - will send scores to all CSU schools (not ACT)
- Impacted campuses
- Testing by November preferred
- Apply early//Housing early
- First priority is to admit by local area (Sacramento State)

10. UC Applications (3.0 min gpa)

- Personal statement vs. essay/very important element in your application package (I am happy to review)
- Use a-g sheets to complete self report. Don't forget to fill in senior course work.
- Each UC campus computes a GPA for the applicant. List all honors and AP courses.
- UC campuses have rescinded admissions to students who were not honest in their application or who have grades that dropped significantly.
- Online application www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- Download your completed application copy and confirmation.
- Filing period is Nov. 1- 30. Apply by Nov. 30! You cannot be late.
- When you send test scores to one UC, all UC campuses have access to them.

11. Private Colleges

- Each has different deadlines for applications and scholarships
- Check individual websites
- Utilize the CommonApp at www.commonapp.org
- Please read all information with regard to early decision and early action
- Make copies of applications and print confirmation pages
- Call colleges/email/reply cards to get applications and get on their mailing lists
- VISIT REPS ON CAMPUS!
- Use forms from your College Planning Handbook
- Resume
- Parent Brag Sheet
- Student Assessment

12. Secondary School Report/Mid-Yr. Report

- This is a counselor form
- Counselors send the school report with transcript and profile to the private colleges
- School Code/CEEB **052714**

13. Naviance and Common Application: **REQUIREMENTS!**

- You **MUST** add colleges to both your Naviance and CommonApp accounts!
- You **MUST** move your colleges from the “colleges I’m thinking about” to “colleges I am applying to” within Naviance.
- **AFTER** you talk with your teacher(s) about writing a letter of recommendation and **IF** your teacher is submitting your letter online through Naviance -
- You **MUST** add the teacher’s name into your Naviance account under “colleges I’m applying to.”

14. CommonApp (Used for applying to many private colleges)

- Create account and keep your username and password handy.
- Add colleges to the “my colleges” section.
- Click on those colleges to find important college info. Scroll down to “view details”.
- Don’t forget to click on the supplements section to find out what additional information is being asked for by a particular university.

14. Letters of Recommendation

- You will not be able to read my letter of recommendation.
- Remember to prepare early (dates on calendar & handbook/give teachers at least 3 weeks).
- Work around Christmas vacation.
- Remember to ask teachers “Would you have time to write me a good letter of recommendation?”
- Ask teachers if they will be using the Naviance online system or would prefer hard copy.
- If teachers prefer hard copy forms include a stamped and addressed envelope, resume, and request form.
- Leave the return address blank. Teacher’s and counselor’s names belong in the return address.
- Include a hard copy of the parent brag sheet and student assessment.

The school report/secondary school report referred to on the CommonApp is a form that counselors fill out. Counselors write letters of recommendation for nearly every private school. When a college requests a secondary school report, this means that the counselor will be filling out this form and attaching a letter of recommendation.

Most colleges only require one academic letter of recommendation. Some selective colleges require more. Read the requirements under “view details” on the CommonApp once you have added colleges in the “my colleges” tab.

Ask one teacher to write for multiple universities. Teachers and counselors will be completing letters electronically and can easily send your letter to multiple schools.