

12th Grade Parent Meeting

**Sponsored By The
Counseling Department
Generic High School**

September 2018

Agenda

Welcome: Ms. Principal & Mrs. 12th Grade
Administrator

Introductions of Counselors

Yearbook Information

Senior Class Information

Counseling Department Information

College Application Process

Transcript Request Process

College/Career Center Information

Financial Aid & Scholarship Information

- After the introductions section of the program, parents who would like to hear the presentation in Spanish will have an opportunity to transition to the Career Center.
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Despues de las Introducciones de la seccion del programa, los padres que quieren escuchar la presentacion en Español tendran la oportunidad de ir al Career Center.

Information from the Yearbook Advisor

Information From The Senior Class Sponsor

Parent Volunteers Needed For

- **September 26 – 27, 11:00 am-1:00 pm**
Senior Unity Day distributing of T shirts
- **College Readiness Day**
- **May/June TBA**
Cap and Gown Distribution

SIGN UP SHEETS IN BACK OF AUDITORIUM

PTSA College Admissions Panel

September 26, at 7:00 pm

- College Admissions representatives from several different colleges will attend the PTSA College Admissions Panel Night. (Exact College Participation pending)
- Parents will hear admissions counselors' perspectives on the relative importance of standardized test scores and GPAs; how AP coursework and scores factor into college admissions; what makes for a winning essay; how extracurricular activities factor into college admissions; and how financial aid factors that may or may not factor into admissions.

- The remainder of the program will also be translated into Spanish. If you would like to hear the presentation in Spanish, at this time please go to the Career Center.
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- El resto de el programa tambien sera traducido al Español. Si le gustaria escuchar la presentacion en Español, por favor ir al cuarto 121-Career Center.

Counseling Department Information

College/Career Information Coordinator

Registrar's Office

Secretaries

Counseling Department Information

Office Hours

7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Counseling Office Phone

Email Addresses

List school website

Twitter: include any departmental twitter handles

Graduation Requirements

- 22 credits in required courses
- High School Assessments/PARCC/MISA
- Student Service Learning Hours

Graduation Requirements

High School Assessments

- The State of Maryland requires students to successfully complete the necessary requirements for statewide assessments (HSA or PARCC) in Algebra 1, Biology, English 10 & NSL Government.
- For more information about this requirement visit www.mcpshsa.org

Graduation Requirements

- **Student Service Learning Hours**
 - Students must earn a minimum of 75 SSL Hours.
 - Those who earn 260+ hours will receive a purple tassel to wear at graduation.
 - For more information please contact School SSL Coordinator at :

College Application Process

Types of Admission Options

Non-Restrictive Application Plans

- Regular Decision
- Rolling Admission
- Early Action
- Priority Deadline (UMCP-Nov 1)

Restrictive Application Process

- Early Decision
- Restrictive Early Action Plan

College Application Process

What Has Happened So Far:

- Trailblazer College/Career Planning Information Given Spring of Junior Year
- 11th grade parent meeting
- Counselor Visits To 12th Grade English Classes
- College Visits & Tours
- College Representatives In The Career Center
- College Fairs
- Students should have taken (or are in the process of taking) college entrance exams (SAT, ACT, and in some cases the SAT Subject test(s)).

College Application Process

Students received a College/Career Planning Information packet (Senior Packet) in the Spring of junior year. The following items are required **BEFORE** requesting official transcripts:

- Student Self-Evaluation Survey (online)
- Four Year Summary of Activities/Resume (online or provide copy of one you have)
- Parent Questionnaire (online)
- Authorization to Release Records Form
- Blue Teacher Checklists

College Application Process

What To Do....

- Complete Application (Online or Common App is Preferred)
- Request Teacher Recommendations (ask teachers in person & indicate in Naviance-there is a slightly **NEW** process)
- Request Transcript/Counselor Letter (Use official transcript request form from the Registrar's office)
- Complete Essays (if needed)
- Send SAT or ACT scores to colleges (from College Board or ACT directly)
- Prepare for interview (if needed)

Transcript Request Process

Student Responsibilities

- Complete all Senior Packet documents
- Create a Common App account & link it to your Naviance account
- Add your college(s) to the “List of Schools I am Applying to” in Naviance.
- Complete Request for Official Transcript Request Form
 - For the first transcript request, the student’s counselor must initial the form
 - Submit request **30 days** prior to deadline
 - Refer to the handout for more details

Transcript Request Process

Counselor & Registrar Responsibilities

- Counselor completes Secondary School Report & Recommendation Letter
- Registrar sends official transcript, secondary school report, and school profile.
- MCPS is able to send transcripts & letters of recommendation electronically to many colleges & universities.

College/Career Center Resources

- Information on College Fairs, College Tours, & Visits
- SAT & ACT Registration & Test Prep Materials
- Career Center Newsletter (email)
- Information Sessions With College Representatives
- College/Career Inquiry Software (Naviance)
- College/University Brochures & College Guides
- Computers for College and Career Searches
- Employment & Internship Information
- College Essay Review
- Mock Interview
- Summer Program Information

Naviance

Naviance can help students & parents with....

- Searching for colleges, research careers, & locate scholarships
- Using scattergrams to see how other Generic High School students fared at specific colleges
- Seeing the list of upcoming college visits in the Career Center
- Getting Career Center Newsletter with announcements and important information
- Resume
- Completing a personality inventory

Naviance

How To Get A Family Connections Account

- During Back-To-School Night, stop by the Career Center to sign up for a Naviance account
- Parents can email their child's counselor or the Career Center Coordinator to get signed up for family connections.

Try Out Naviance With A Guest Account

- Go to the www.generichighschool.com
- Click on Counseling
- Click on Naviance
- Click on "I'm a guest" and then type in the password 123456
- Click on COLLEGES and you can view some of the information you will have access to when you get your own Naviance account.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Sources of Financial Aid

- Federal Financial Aid
- State Financial Aid
- Institutional Financial Aid (from the college)
- Private Sources of Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Employment
- Merit
- Loans

Financial Aid & Scholarships

How To Find Out More About Financial Aid

- Scholarship Search on Family Connections
- Career Notes emails from the College/Career Center
- FAFSA (Completed in senior year)
 - Can file as early as October 1
- FAFSA4Caster.com
- CSS Profile
- College and University Scholarships
- State of MD Financial Aid: March 1 deadline
- Family Connections Scholarship List
- Other Sources: religious groups, private organization, work related

Key Websites

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.act.org
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.mhec.state.md.us
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeanswer.com
- www.collegeview.com
- www.collegesavings.org
- www.collegescoreboard.ed.gov

Upcoming Events

- College Admissions Panel, September 26 (PTSA/CAC)
- Financial Aid Night, October 6
- College Readiness Day-Activities For Seniors, Oct 19
- Hispanic College Fair, November 3
- ASVAB, January 6
- Historically Black College/University Fair, Feb 16

Talk with your student's counselor or the
College/Career Information Coordinator for more
information about these events

Thank you for coming!

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- This presentation will be available on the Counseling Webpage by September 21.