



HOLY TRINITY
HIGH SCHOOL
SINCE 1910

JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT

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October 1, 2019

AGENDA

- A. What is post-secondary education? Why is it important?
- B. Overview of College Planning & College 101
- C. Naviance as a tool
- D. Testing & Preparation
- E. Importance of College Visits
- F. Roles of Student, Parent and Counselor
- G. Partner Organizations & Resources
- H. Questions???



WHAT IS POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION?

Education that occurs after high school graduation:

Trade, technical, community college, four year college/university

IT IS NOW MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER BEFORE!

Why is it important?

People who earn at least a 2-year degree:

- Live an average of 7 years longer
- Earn at least 50% more
- Are 26% more likely to be very happy!

WHY COLLEGE?



Students:

Know yourself and your personal reasons for attending college.

- What are you most interested in now?
- Where do you hope to be in five years?
- Hopes/dreams?

Parents:

Engage your student in a conversation about college.

- What are you most excited about?
- Concerned about?

OVERVIEW OF COLLEGE PLANNING

1. Know yourself
2. Consider college characteristics
3. List, compare, and visit colleges
4. Apply for admission and observe deadlines
5. Develop a financial plan
6. Review and finalize your plans





COLLEGE 101

9 week course covers:

- College search process
- Components of college applications
- Understanding of college review process
- Financial aid and scholarships

Final portfolio is due by May 15, 2020.

This is a Pass/Fail course and grade appears on your transcript!

AFTER COLLEGE 101, STUDENTS WILL HAVE:

- List of 10 colleges for consideration
- Completed resume
- Completed college application essay
- Identified teachers for recommendations
- SUMMER: Focus on refining list of colleges, visiting, and meaningful summer activity



NAVIANCE

Naviance is a web based college planning program that parents and students can access from home.

Features:

- ☐ Research colleges and universities; SuperMatch
- ☐ Keep track of college applications
- ☐ Keep up with college visits at HT
- ☐ Search for scholarships

Parents: If you would like access to view your student's naviance account, email Dr. Garner for a code.



TESTING! Test Prep!

ACT or SAT?

Test optional? What's that?

By February 28 for April 4 test

or

By May 8 for June 13 test

Fee waivers available for qualified students.

See Dr. Garner

COLLEGE VISITS

Where do we go?
What questions do we ask?



Local College Fairs



Chicago NACAC Fair:

October 5, 2019

11:00-3:00

McCormick Place

FREE and OPEN TO ALL!

ROLES OF STUDENT, PARENT, COUNSELOR

Student

Keep up your grades!

Complete assignments in College 101!

Share your college list with your family and maybe schedule a visit!

Register for and take the ACT in the Spring! Do some test prep! Ask for a waiver if you qualify.

Be proactive. Ask questions, visit with counselor, talk to seniors, attend HT college rep visits.

Parent

Support your child. Encourage them to fully participate in College 101!

Remember, this is their process.
Support but don't lead!

Visit colleges with your student. Discuss pros and cons as a family!

Complete the parent brag sheet (blue sheet)!

Reach out to counselor with questions and attend family meeting if possible.

COLLEGE PLANNING MEETINGS-Spring Semester

BEFORE SCHEDULING A MEETING, YOU NEED:

- List of “Colleges I’m Considering” in Naviance
- Completed Student College Recommendation Questionnaire in Naviance
- Completed parent brag sheet (blue sheet)

Email Dr. Garner at lgarner@holytrinity-hs.org to schedule a meeting.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

**GET TO KNOW OUR PARTNER
COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS!**





Bottom Line

Free, one-on-one advising on college applications.

Open to Juniors with at least a 2.4 GPA who are:

- ❑ Chicago residents
- ❑ First generation college students
- ❑ Motivated to attend a 4-year college

HIGHTSIGHT COLLEGE COUNSELING

As the goal of every scholar is to attend the best college possible with the best financial aid possible, HighSight employs research from The University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research to provide a number of individualized activities for parents and students to help them achieve that objective. Some of these activities include:

- » ACT preparation
- » Application and financial aid workshops
- » Onsite college fair and interviews
- » College visit opportunities

CLASS OF 2017 HIGHLIGHTS:

29 Graduates from 10 partner high schools

3.62
Average Cumulative Grade Point Average

100% are attending 4-year colleges and universities

363 applications submitted to 52 different colleges and universities

200 acceptances received

\$5,000,000 in grants and scholarships

Our 2017 graduates are attending 14 colleges across the nation including:





CHICAGO
SCHOLARS

CHICAGO SCHOLARS SEEKS STUDENTS WHO ARE:

- *Juniors in high school*
- *Either first generation college students or from an under resourced community (as indicated by household income)*
- *Living and attending high school in Chicago*
- *Academically ambitious, motivated, and committed to their success*
- *Strong leaders in their schools and communities*
- *Committed to their education and want to attend a 4 year college*

QUESTIONS?

