

HAMILTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR CLASS

AGENDA

- Junior Year
- College Admission Testing
- PSAT/NMSQT – Why it matters
- Online Resources
- Your School Counseling

College and Career Readiness

- Students are defined as college and career ready when they have the knowledge, skills, and behaviors to succeed.
 - Source.. ERCC-Educational Policy Improvement Center
- College and Career Readiness
 - Students receiving < 46 on PSAT will need to take the Accuplacer to show college and career readiness
 - There may be changes to this guideline, but for now this is the number we are using until we hear from the DOE.

College Predictor

- Best Predictor of Completing College?
 - 62% of college students polled said knowing what they know now, they would have taken more challenging courses in high school
- Source.. Alliance for Excellent Education

JUNIORS NEED TO DO!

1. PSAT/SAT/ACT
2. INTENSIFY YOUR COLLEGE/CAREER SEARCH
3. KNOW AND USE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

SAT / ACT INFORMATION

- SAT REGISTRATION www.sat.org/registration
- ACT REGISTRATION www.actstudent.org

General Information ...

- CEEB Code 150-075
- Watch deadlines for each of the following test dates.
- Register on My College Quick Start (College Board-SAT)
- SAT Prep
- ACT Prep
- Juniors should take the ACT and/or SAT beginning January of the junior year. You may take it earlier if desired and you may take it as many times as you wish.

Take the SAT and/or the ACT

- Colleges require one of these tests for admission
- Both are accepted at most colleges
- Colleges will select the highest score from either test, so both tests may be taken more than once.
- Many colleges are “super scoring” both the SAT and ACT

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNIORS

- CHECK ACT AND SAT WEBSITES FOR TESTING DATES AND DEADLINES

actstudent.org

collegeboard.com

FACTS ABOUT THE SAT/ACT

- THE SAT/ACT ARE 2 DIFFERENT TESTS AND STRATEGIES FOR TAKING THESE TESTS ARE VERY DIFFERENT.
- YOU NEED TO REVIEW THE HANDOUTS ABOUT THESE TESTS AND CHECK THE WEBSITES FOR DETAILS ABOUT EACH OF THESE TESTS.
- REGISTER ONLINE FOR EACH OF THESE TESTS....
 - SAT www.collegeboard.org or www.sat.org/register
 - ACT www.actstudent.org

SAT / ACT REGISTRATION DETAILS

- PHOTO ID IS NOW REQUIRED FOR BOTH THE SAT/ACT FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE PHOTOS-YOU SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONE IN THE PHOTO. YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE TEST ROOM WITHOUT AN ACCEPTABLE PICTURE.
- STUDENTS MUST BRING ADMISSION TICKET AND PICTURE ID ON TEST DAY.

HELPFUL SAT/ACT PRACTICE TEST SITES

- www.number2.com
- www.princetonreview.com
- www.4tests.com
- SAT DVD SET
www.collegeprepgenius.com

Test Preparation Websites

- Bender www.benderandrocapeducationalservices.com
- Club Z tutoring www.clubztutoring.com
- Linder Learning www.linderlearning.com
- Princeton Review www.princetonreview.com
- Kaplan www.kaplan.com
- Huntington www.carmel.huntingtonlearning.com
- www.testprepreview.com
- www.actstudent.org/testprep
- www.march2success.com

TAKE THE PSAT – WHY SHOULD I?

- TAKING THE PSAT JUNIOR YEAR ALLOWS YOU TO BE IDENTIFIED AS A NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST
- PSAT IS GREAT PRACTICE FOR TAKING THE SAT
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- GO TO www.collegeboard.org for more information

MY COLLEGE QUICKSTART...

1. ONLINE SCORE REPORT
2. SAT STUDY PLAN
3. PERSONALITY PROFILE FOR YOU
4. MAJOR AND CAREER MATCHES
5. COLLEGE MATCHES

CYBER 'STUFF'

- WHAT WOULD A SOCIAL MEDIA SEARCH SAY ABOUT YOU?
 - PICTURES, POSTING, LINKS, EMAIL ADDRESSES?
 - COLLEGE ADMISSION AND FUTURE EMPLOYERS MAY DO A SEARCH ON YOU

- FOLLOW US ON MYBIGCAMPUS....

DO THESE THINGS AS A JUNIOR

- UTILIZE CAREER AND INTEREST RESOURCES TO TARGET POTENTIAL MAJORS www.learnmoreindiana.edu
- GET ORGANIZED...
 1. OBTAIN A PLANNER FOR COLLEGE SEARCH AND MARK POTENTIAL DATES FOR VISITING, TAKING TESTS, PREPPING FOR TESTS, AND DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
 - 3 PILES (YES, NO, AND MAYBE)
 2. GO ON VIRTUAL TOURS & BEGIN AN ELECTRONIC RELATIONSHIP WITH COLLEGES.
 3. VISIT CAMPUSES DURING JUNIOR YEAR

WHAT MATTERS TO COLLEGES IN REVIEW OF YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION?

1. **NUMBER OF ACADEMIC CLASSES TAKEN & DIPLOMA TRACK**
2. **GRADES EARNED (WEIGHTED & UNWEIGHTED GPA)**
3. **GRADE TREND WITH EMPHASIS ON JUNIOR YEAR**
4. **SAT/ACT SCORES COMPARED TO OTHER TESTERS**
5. **RIGOR OF SENIOR YEAR SCHEDULE-REVIEW OF 7TH SEMESTER GRADES**
6. **COUNSELOR REPORT**
7. **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION IF NEEDED.**

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

- MAJORITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS BECOME AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS-SENIOR YEAR
- BEGIN SEARCHING...
 - WATCH HHHS STUDENT SERVICES WEBSITE
 - GO TO www.fastweb.com
 - BEWARE OF SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS...
 - DON'T PAY MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!!!

INTEREST & CAREER INVENTORIES

- HOLLAND CODE QUIZ THIS INVENTORY WILL HELP DETERMINE CATEGORIES OF INTEREST BASED ON YOUR PERSONALITY
 - www.hollandcodequiz.com
- PRINCETON REVIEW CAREER PROFILE YOU MUST REGISTER WITH PRINCETON REVIEW ALSO INFORMATION ABOUT COLLEGES, MAJORS, AND MORE
- RUTGERS UNIVERSITY CAREER ASSESSMENT THREE DIFFERENT ASSESSMENTS TO ASSIST ANY STUDENT.
- www.indianacareerexplorer.com

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

- MAKE SURE YOU MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- CHECK THE NCAA AND NAIA WEBSITE FOR DETAILS
- REGISTER WITH THE

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- www.eligibilitycenter.org

PRACTICE SAT/SAT @ A MINIMAL COST

- <http://www.ihsaa.net/IHSAA0913.doc>
- <http://www.ihsaa.net/IHSAADonation.doc>

NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

www.playnaia.org

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STUDENT CASE LOAD

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