



Senior Parent College Information Night

September 28, 2023



Division Avenue High School Guidance and Counseling Department



Chairperson

Mark Curtiss

School Counselors

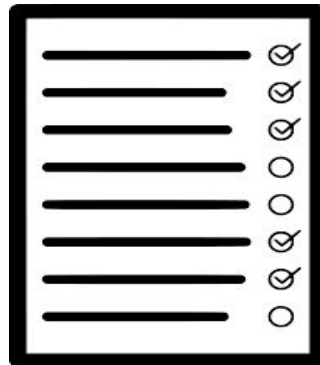
Lynn Castellano
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Elizabeth Thompson

What makes an application complete?

- Official High School Transcript
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Official SAT or ACT Scores sent from testing agency (if required)
- Completed supplemental questions (if required)
- Portfolio or Audition (only for certain programs, art, music, etc.)

Most colleges will email you once you have submitted your application. Many will require you that you set up a portal account with their college to track your application. It can take colleges 2-3 weeks to process your documents and update their system.

Be diligent and patient!



APPLICATION WEBSITES



- ▶ **Common App** (commonapp.org): over 1000 colleges will accept this application, including many SUNY schools
- ▶ **SUNY** (suny.edu): State University of New York application
- ▶ **CUNY** (cuny.edu): City University of New York application
- ▶ **Nassau CC** (ncc.edu): online application students must complete for Nassau Community College

Does my child have to submit SAT or ACT scores?

Many colleges have decided to go test optional, meaning the student does not have to submit test scores. However some score optional schools may still require test scores for admission to special majors and programs. If you are submitting test scores, they should “compliment” or add to the strength of your application. Submitting strong scores could result in more scholarship money.

PLEASE VISIT WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG AND/OR WWW.ACT.ORG FOR UPCOMING TESTS AND DEADLINES. IF OFFICIAL TEST SCORES ARE REQUIRED THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING SCORES DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGES THROUGH THE TESTING COMPANIES.



Admission Options



Early Plans

- ▶ **Early Decision:** Binding agreement, can only apply to **ONE** school under this plan
- ▶ **Early Action:** Non-Binding, apply late fall and usually get a decision by early winter. Can apply to multiple schools under this plan
- ▶ **Restrictive Early Action:** May restrict students from applying Early Action to more than one school

Regular Admissions

- ▶ **Regular Decision:** Apply by the college's regular deadline which is usually early winter and receive notification by early Spring
- ▶ **Rolling Admissions:** Applications are reviewed as they are received and decisions are "rolled out" students should not wait too long to apply because programs can fill up quickly

****Please check college website for specific admission policy****

COLLEGE ESSAY (and supplements)

The College Essay is an important part of your application that helps give a glimpse of your personality to the admissions committee. It is important to take your time formulating your essay.

College Essay Workshops

Ms. Barrett 2:30-4:30PM

Room 118

After School

Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays & Fridays

Ms. Stritzl *by appointment only

Room 128

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College Application Bootcamps 9/26-10/26

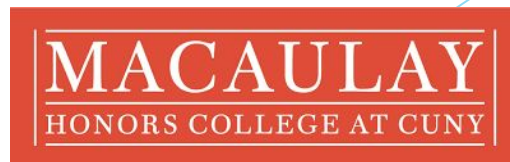
Sign up through Guidance Google Classroom



Upcoming College Fairs

SUNY: Sunday, October 1st

NCA Fall Expo: Tuesday, October 3rd



RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Recommendation letters are an important part of the application process because they show the student in a different light. Students are encouraged to ask two teachers for a letter of recommendation. They will also have a letter of recommendation from their School Counselor.

- ▶ **Teacher Letter (Core Academic Subject)**
 - ▶ Ask the teacher directly
 - ▶ Add them to Naviance
 - ▶ Complete teacher form

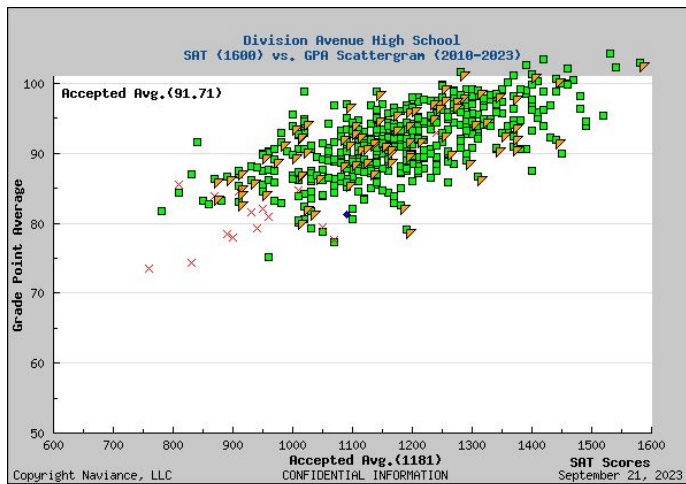
- ▶ **School Counselor**
 - ▶ **MUST** complete Student Comment Form
 - ▶ Completed Parent Comment Form is encouraged and helpful!

**Outside Recommenders (Coach, Community organization, etc.) should be invited through the Common App (although not required)*

How many schools should I be applying too?

The goal is for every student to have a well thought out, researched list of schools that fits their academic profile.

Naviance is a web based college and career program that students use to help them plan for college and careers. Naviance holds DAHS specific statistics called “scattergrams” that aid students to gauge whether or not a college is good fit for them based on previous students who have applied.



- ▶ Likely: a school where your academic credentials fall well above what the school is requiring
- ▶ Target: a school where your academic credentials fall within the range the school is requiring
- ▶ Reach: a school where your academic credentials fall short of what the school is requiring

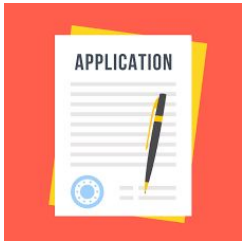
APPLICATION PROCESS

Students Submit:

Online Application
Official Test Scores (if needed)

Guidance Submits:

Official Transcript
Letters of Recommendation
Secondary School Report



***Please be mindful of your deadlines! The Guidance Office requires students to submit their blue form 10 days before the college deadline so that applications can be processed in a timely manner.**

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE	BLUE FORM DUE TO GUIDANCE
November 1 st	October 17 th
November 15 th	October 30 th
December 1 st	November 15 th
January 1 st – 5 th	December 11 th

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ DI and DII Athletes must register with NCAA

- ▶ Core Curriculum

SAT/ACT are no longer required however, student athletes must still follow GPA and Core Course requirements

- ▶ Registration - \$90.00



On-Site Admissions



- Mount Saint Mary College (11/14)
- Adelphi University (11/15)
- Hofstra University (11/16)
- Molloy University (11/21)
- St. John's University (11/28)
- LIU Post (11/29)
- NYIT (12/5)
- St. Joseph's University (12/7)

PINK ON SITE ADMISSIONS FORM IS DUE TO GUIDANCE BY 10/25/23!

FINANCIAL AID



- **District Financial Aid Night**
 - October 5th 6:30 pm
at MacArthur High School
- **FAFSA**
 - NEW DATE! December 2023
- **CSS Profile**
 - October 1st 2023, over 400 **private** colleges and universities use the CSS Profile



1. What is the difference between scholarships and financial aid?
2. Why should you apply for scholarships?
3. Where do you find them?
4. Who offers them?
5. When do you apply?



Scholarship and Awards Bulletin

2023-2024

Bulletin #1

September 7, 2023

(Please visit the listed website for more information)

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SCHOLARSHIP - **Coca-Cola Scholars Program**

CRITERIA - Seniors are evaluated on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service.

DEADLINE - Submitted electronically by **October 2, 2023** (5:00 PM EST) www.coca-colascholars.org

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SCHOLARSHIP - **Heisman High School Scholarship**

CRITERIA - Senior athletes must have at least an 85 GPA and have participated in a sport during grades 9, 10 or 11. School leadership is also considered.

DEADLINE - Submitted electronically by **October 17, 2023** (6:00 PM EST) www.heismanscholarship.com

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SCHOLARSHIP - **2023-2024 Japan Center Essay Competition**

CRITERIA - All high school students are eligible to write an essay discussing one or more aspects of Japan including art, culture, tradition, values, philosophy, history, society, politics, business, and technology in relation to their personal experiences, views, and/or future goals. (*Contestants do not need to have any experience in visiting Japan or studying Japanese.*)

DEADLINE - Submitted electronically by **January 8, 2024** www.stonybrook.edu/japancenter

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SCHOLARSHIP - **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**

CRITERIA - Hispanic students with a 3.0 GPA or higher should register with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund to find out more about a wide range of scholarship opportunities.

DEADLINE - Deadlines vary by scholarship. www.hsf.net

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SCHOLARSHIP - **VFW Voice of Democracy Speech Writing Competition**

CRITERIA - A national speech writing competition open to 9th -12th grade students.

DEADLINE - Must be submitted by **October 31, 2023** to a local VFW Post
www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships

QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU FOR COMING!