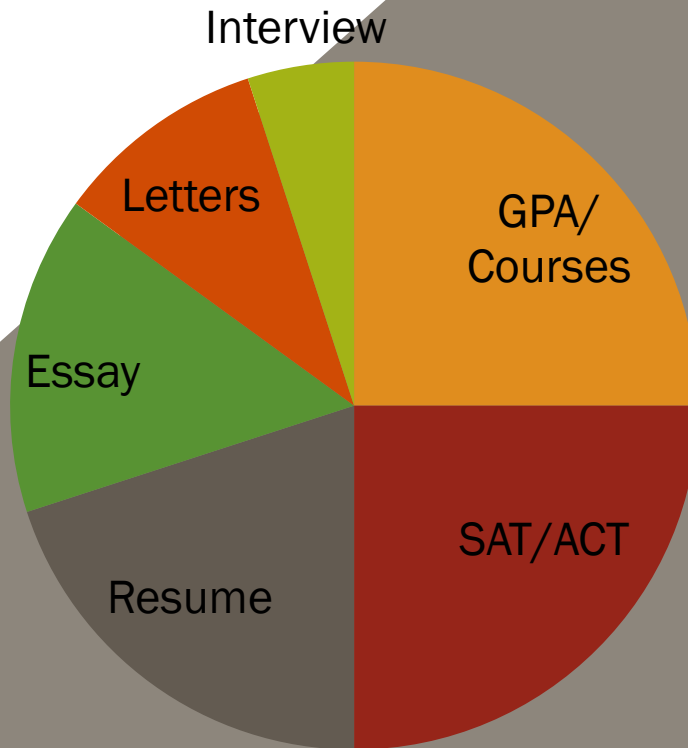


WELCOME TO JUNIOR NIGHT
10/2/18



HOLISTIC REVIEW



- GPA/Courses
- SAT/ACT
- Resume
- Essay
- Letters
- Interview

TRANSCRIPT CHECK

Your grades are the most important factor in college admissions

Check your transcript before it is sent

What trends do you have?

Explain any “anomalies” or unexpected trends

Challenge yourself with demanding courses (IB, AP, honors, college courses)


WHAT IS NAVIANCE AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?



TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

- **Common Application**
- **Coalition Application**
- **College-specific**

TYPES OF ADMISSION PLANS/DECISIONS

- Rolling
 - Early Action
 - Early Decision
 - Regular Decision
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STANDARDIZED EXAMS

SAT vs. ACT, Subject Tests

How should I prepare?

Colleges will take the highest scores overall

Continue to test in your senior year (Oct. – Dec.)

Take practice tests and work on your timing

Consider a “testing optional” college

WRITE A WINNING ESSAY

- Write it yourself - 17 yr. old voice
- Don't try to impress; write from the heart
- Don't tell a story
- Add personal impact/insight
- A great essay takes time – give yourself enough time to incubate ideas and to write the essay
- Supplements are = important
- Edit, edit, and edit!

POSSIBLE ESSAY TOPICS

Distinctive personal characteristics

Research/summer experiences

“Seinfeld essay”

Art, music, books

Hobbies

Areas of passion

Work experiences

THE ~~ESSAY~~
COLLEGE
~~ESSAY~~ ESSAY

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Follow your passion

Identify a theme (if possible): community service, leadership, art, music, science, math

Your resume should support your “major” or area of interest

Order your resume in a logical way

Quality of activities vs. quantity

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Get to know your counselor

Choose 2 teachers wisely

Ask teachers if they can write a strong letter for you

Consider additional letters from people who really know you – coaches, internship, job

VISITS

- ❖ Campus Visits
- ❖ College Visits to MHS

NJ STATE TESTING REQUIREMENTS

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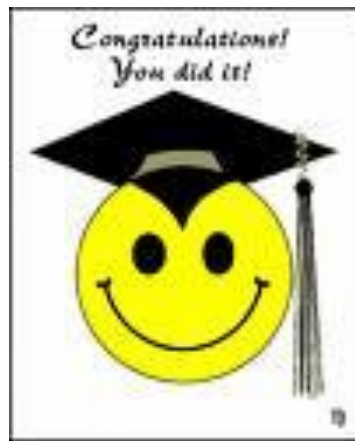
ACT

SAT

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FINANCIAL AID

- ✓ FAFSA www.fafsa.gov
- ✓ CSS PROFILE css.collegeboard.org
- ✓ Scholarships – check Naviance regularly



The application process cannot be quantified and in many ways is unpredictable. It is not an art and it is not a science. The college admissions process is an exciting yet demanding process. If you are proactive and do extensive research, you will be rewarded with a college choice that is a good fit for you!