

SENIOR WORKSHOP

class of 2019

Welcome Seniors

Today you will:

- review your Naviance Student college search
- receive ACT/SAT schedule information actstudent.org
- learn about the college application process/options
- learn the process regarding recommendation letters from teachers and counselors
- understand admission lingo
- learn about scholarship info
- **Learn how to complete the Transcript Request form.**
- enter colleges you are applying to (Naviance Student)
- meet individually with your counselor for further discussion and credit check
- Quick tips for taking a break!
- receive a Senior packet

Choosing a **College**

Questions to ask...

- Does it offer what I want to study?
- Do I meet admission requirements?
- Can I or my parents afford it?
- Does the location and size fit me?
- Does it have the extra-curricular activities that suit me?

ACT/SAT

- ACT and SAT tests can still be taken through senior year
- Colleges will use your **highest score** for admission and scholarship eligibility
- Most colleges require the **test scores be sent directly to them from testing agency**. Requests score reports online-a fee is required.
- **If the college accept scores from Parkway South High, we will send your scores along with your transcript for free. Check box on green form!**
- ACT test prep: testive.com-access through counseling page
- ACT test prep: district resource list included in Senior packet
- ACT calendar of test dates online at www.actstudent.org and calendar included in senior folder.

College Application process

- Go to the **college website and follow the directions for applying online.**
- **Submit your application and pay application fee if required.**
- Fee waivers are available from your counselor if you are a student that receives free or reduced lunches.
- Have ACT or SAT scores sent directly from testing agency if required. actstudent.org
- After you have submitted your application online, **fill out green transcript request form and meet with your counselor to make sure all necessary documents have been requested.**

You will be asked for **Parkway South High school code.**

260-129

Common Application

- The Common Application. www.commonapp.org
- This is a college admission application that can be used to apply to over 700 member colleges. **You fill the application out once online and submit to all colleges.**
- Some colleges are **exclusive common app users**. Check online to determine which colleges only accept the common app.
- Some colleges accept either their own online application or the common app.
- **NOTE: You will be required to attend common app training. Training will be in counseling loft Room 1606. Academic Lab-Mod 1.**
- **Check out Common App info bulletin board in counseling for quick info!**

Community College

- St. Louis Community College: you must **apply online at stlcc.edu/apply**
- Complete a **green transcript request form**
- The Accuplacer Placement test is required if your **ACT scores land below: *English 18, Reading 18, Math 19***
- Accuplacer tests are given at the St Louis Community College campus for free. Your scores will determine classes you will be able to enroll in.

College Application

I completed my application, now what?

Most colleges require that you send:

- **Transcript**
- **ACT or SAT score**
- **Application fee**

In addition-Some colleges will also require:

- Written Essay
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Secondary School Report-same as a Counselor Report. We use a standard form so no need for you to print one
- Resume
- Interview
- Portfolio or Audition

Admission Lingo:

Early Decision: ED What is it?

- ED plans are binding. Students accepted as an Early Decision applicant must attend the college. Colleges have clear deadlines for Early Decision.
- Receive an admission decision from the college well in advance
- Apply to only one college Early Decision
- **Withdraw all other applications if accepted by Early Decision**
- **Who should apply Early Decision?**
- Students that have found a college that is a strong match academically, socially and geographically and have met or exceeded admission requirements.
- **Students who are absolutely sure the college is their first choice and have researched colleges extensively!**

- Early Action EA:

- Apply early, know early!

- Early Action acceptance is non binding

- Open Admissions: colleges with an open admissions policy accept virtually all high school graduates until spaces are filled

- Rolling Admission: colleges with rolling admission make decisions on applications as they receive them. Applicants are usually notified of their acceptance in three/four weeks.

- Waitlisted: Waitlisted students may be reconsidered

- **NOTE: Be familiar with application deadlines for both college admissions and scholarships.**

College Athletics

Student athletes:

- All NCAA Division 1 and 2 athletes must register at eligibilitycenter.org
- Division 3 Athletes: no registration needed
- All NAIA must register at www.playnaia.org
- **NOTE: Transcripts cannot be sent from South High until you have registered!**
- National Junior College Athletic Association at njcaa.org
- Check with your coach for specific details and deadlines regarding your sport.
- Our **Athletic Director is Mr. Pat Burns** and his office is adjacent to the book store.

A+ Program

- Please check the website at www.pshwired.net.
- Go to departments and click on A+ Program for applications and information
- A+ Coordinator: Mr. Roach Room 918 or during 6th block Rm 1001 (office across from vending machines in atrium)
- Deadline for seniors to apply: Oct 1, 2018

Financial Aid

- **Grants**- do not need to be paid back (demonstrated financial need)
- **Work Study**- work part time on campus and money can go towards tuition
- **Loans**-Available for both students or parents and have to be paid back over time with interest
- **Scholarships**- free money-can be awarded based on academic performance, athletic talents, artistic or musical talents, financial need, minority status, community affiliations, religious backgrounds, etc. South High website is a good place to start. Go to Counseling page and click on link for Scholarship Opportunities
- **NOTE: NEVER pay for a scholarship search**
- **FAFSA** Free application for Federal Student Aid: fafsa.ed.gov
- **Watch for announcements regarding FAFSA Frenzy-typically in spring or google fafsafrenzysites**
- **Financial Aid INFO:** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>
- **Financial Aid INFO:** <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/financial-aid/>
- **Financial Aid Night at Parkway South High**-Sept. 25. 7:00-8:30.

College Representatives visits

- **College representatives** will meet with students in Counseling. Take advantage of their **first hand knowledge** of the college campus and scholarships available.

Sign up online:

Log in to **Naviance Student**

Scroll down to **What's New** on the bottom right side of the main screen

Click on **Show More** to see full list

Click on **more info/register** under the college you are interested in

Click **Register** on the next page

Print out the Registered Screen, this will be your pass.

Show the pass to your teacher and come to counseling at scheduled time.

College Fairs

Queeny Park:

Monday, September 17th

6:30-8:00 pm

NACAC - St Louis University Campus:

Sunday, October 21

Use Snapchat to snap code on yellow sheet in Senior packet or go to www.strivefair.com and register so you can easily provide your information to the colleges you meet at the fair.

Naviance Student

- Sign in to your Naviance Student account.
- Parkway South High>counseling page>Naviance Student
- **Username: your PKWY email**
- **Password: student ID #**
- Click on **Colleges I am Applying to**
- Click on **round pink circle with + sign**
- **Add colleges** that you will be applying to
- Click on each drop down menu and answer
- Click on **Add Application**
- **NOTE: You MUST select whether you will apply via common app or directly to institution (college.)**

Requesting Recommendation Letters from **TEACHERS**

- Reminder: Before you complete this section, you must have a verbal agreement from your teacher(s.) Have a sincere conversation with them and let them know how they influenced you and how much you enjoyed their class. While teachers are honored to write recommendation letters on your behalf, they are often asked by many students so please be respectful of their time and ask them in well in advance your deadline. Provide them a resume of your high school activities.
- Log in to your **Naviance Student** account
- Click on **Colleges tab**
- Click on **College Home** from drop down menu
- Scroll down and click on **Letters of Recommendation**
- **Add Request**
- Select the teacher from the drop down menu
- Write a note to the teacher, include dates and other brief info

Procedures for Requesting Transcripts

- Complete a **Transcript Release/Consent form (blue)**
- Complete **Transcript Request form (green)**
- Turn in all forms to your counselor directly
- Most all colleges have application and scholarship deadlines. **It is up to students to know all deadlines for admissions and scholarships.** These dates vary per institution although a few are similar. **Mark your calendars and set your phone alarms with all important deadlines.**
- **Do not request your transcript until you have submitted your application.**

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Transcript Request

Practice Transcript Request Form

- Use a single form for each college and for each scholarship.
- Please have this form next to your computer as you are completing your online applications and check off items as needed.
- Counselors will use these forms to make sure the colleges and scholarship committees receive all required documents
- Make sure you are only checking items that are being requested per each college or scholarship.

Student Name: _____
 Date Submitted: _____
 Counselor: _____

1. Sending Your Information:

***Application Due Date:** _____

UNIVERSITY NAME: _____

 City, State _____

SCHOLARSHIP NAME: _____

 Mailing Address _____
 City, State _____

2. I Applied Using:

- College Application
- The Common App
 - Regular Decision
 - Early Decision

3. Mark Required Items to Be Sent:

ITEM	SEND	COUNSELOR USE ONLY
Official Transcript		
ACT/SAT Scores (All scores will be sent)		
School Profile		
Secondary School Report		
Counselor Letter of Recommendation		
Teacher Form and Letter of Recommendation Teacher Name: _____		
Teacher Form and Letter of Recommendation Teacher Name: _____		
Schedule		
Fee Waiver		
Other:		
Other:		



Pets



Quality Sleep

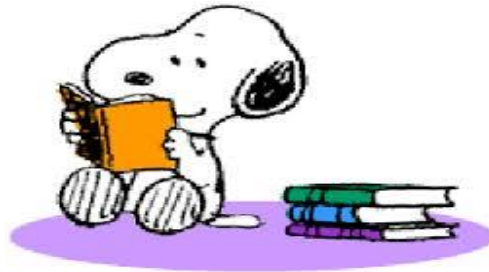
Have fun and Stay Healthy!
Practice coping skills to deal with stressful situations:



Good Nutrition



Music



Reading



Hobbies



Friendship



Deep Breathing



Exercise

GOOD LUCK SENIORS

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