## College Application Parent Workshop "It's Not As Scary As It Seems!"

Informational Evening Centereach High School October 2, 2023





# \*Introduction\*

A video presentation has been posted for the students on the Guidance Class of 2024 Google Classroom; highlighting the college application process for this year.

Google Classroom Code = q74aytk

Feel free to contact your child's counselor if you would like to schedule an individual appointment

- West Suite ~ Ms. Arizmendi & Ms. Shumway ~ (A-F) #285-8160
- East Suite ~ Mr. Siragusa & Mr. Rivera ~ (G-N) #285-8140
- North Suite ~ Ms. Thomas & Ms. Cifuni ~ (O-Z) #285-8180

### The Process Of Applying

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- Submit Release of Records
- Sign on to Naviance account
  - > Access through CLEVER
- Request Letters Of Recommendation
  - > In person or by email AND via Naviance
  - > Tutorial Video = <u>https://www.screencast.com/t/yFlgLhUy</u>
- Complete college essay
  - Work with English teachers for grammar/format review
- Have SAT/ACT Scores Sent To Colleges (if applicable)
- Work on & Submit Applications Online
  - > www.commonapp.org or www.suny.edu
- "Pink Sheets" (Application Tracking Form)
  - I per college applying to, submitted to counselor in order for documentation to be sent



### If Applying Via Common App...

- Register for the Common Application <u>www.commonapp.org</u>
  - To Begin, Everyone MUST:
    - complete the EDUCATION section
    - · Add at least one college to the MY COLLEGES section

- Sign the FERPA waiver
- How to Match Your Child's Naviance Account with The Common Application:
- https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1



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Albright College     Reading, PA - USA	: 22
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### FERPA explained

The typical expectation for letters of recommendation in college admissions is that they are kept confidential. Admissions officers give most weight to letters that provide an honest and qualified assessment of the applicant. If you don't waive your FERPA right, you could accidentally signal to admissions officers that you don't trust your recommender or that the recommendation is less candid or genuine.

You won't be penalized for your response, but <u>it's</u> <u>risky to check "no"</u> since you don't know how admissions officers or your recommenders will interpret it.



## \* SAT / ACT \*

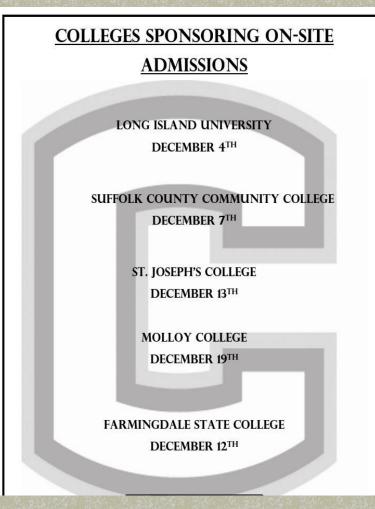
- Be aware of upcoming deadlines & new procedures
   Register early; No walk-ins accepted anymore!
  - Photo I.D. is required upon registering
- Students must send SAT/ACT scores to each college directly through the testing website:
  - www.collegeboard.org
  - www.act.org
- Contact your colleges of interest to inquire about possible updates on SAT/ACT requirements related to admissions (specifically for SAT Optional schools)



#### \*College Rep Visits and On-Site Admissions at Centereach High School\*

Please refer to your child's Naviance account to view upcoming college visits and onsite opportunities:

- Click on the "Colleges" tab to view all upcoming college rep visits
- All of the directions for these opportunities are posted on Class of 2024 Guidance Google Classroom and can be found in the West Suite
- Students must sign up for on-site opportunities in the West Suite



### \*Financial Aid & Scholarships\*

FAFSA form should be filled out online beginning December 2023 \*new\* (<u>www.fafsa.gov</u>)

FAFSA Overview (https://youtu.be/gUis5lityCQ)

Financial Aid Night
October 16, 2023 @ Centereach High School

National Scholarships are posted in Naviance, select these links:

"Colleges" - "Scholarship Search" (For a list of posted scholarships)

"Colleges" - "National Scholarship Search" (A search engine for scholarships)

Local scholarship information given to seniors in February

#### \*<u>Guidance Website & Google Classrooms</u>\*

District Guidance Website

www.mccsd.net/guidance

Guidance Class of 2024 Google Classroom Code = q74aytk

Class of 2024 (Activities) Google Classroom Code = i6esqxz

Class of 2024 Yearbook Google Classroom Code = vyxwkx2 REMIND (For graduation updates & info)

Text 81010 to: @2024gradwe West Suite last names A-F

@2024gradea East Suite last names G-N

@2024gradno North Suite last names O-Z

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Early Action / Early Decision

Fee WaiversFill out free/reduced lunch form

NCAA

Register with the Eligibility Center if planning to play a D1 or D2 sport

Other Helpful Websites
 <u>www.niche.com</u>, <u>www.fastweb.com</u>

## \* Student Checklist \*

Watch the College Process "How To" video on the Guidance Class of 2024 Google Classroom Do Your Research! Complete Resume/Activity Sheet Request teacher recommendations Complete NCAA eligibility (if applicable) Send SAT/ACT scores Submit applications Fill out and sign a "pink form" for each school & submit to your counselor!

