11th Grade Parent Meeting
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Agenda

- End of Junior Year/Senior Year Planning
- Summer Tasks
- College Credit Opportunities
- College Application Process
- Financial Aid/Scholarships
- Post High School Options
- Web Resources
Summer Tasks

• College Visits
  – Visit Form – pages 2 & 3.
  – Check college website for details.
  – Consider visiting a community college.

• Check summer to do list on Schoology
  – Personal Data Form
  – College Essays
  – Naviance
Plan Ahead

• Consider college credit opportunities (AP & dual enrollment).
• Balance – mix of rigor/electives/activities.
• Interested in a vocation? Check programs at MCC, GRCC, MTec, etc.
• Counselors met with juniors in the winter to assist with course selections.
Dual Enrollment

- Opportunity to take college classes.
- For the 2022-2023 school year, SLHS covered $821 per course
- MCC – 3 credit hours = $654 (plus books).
- GVSU – 3 credit hours = $1,671 (plus books).
- Can be taken online or on campus.
- Grades added to transcript, part of the GPA.
- MCC - Michigan Transfer Agreement.
Testing

- SAT scores from SAT April school day test are now available on student’s College Board account.
- Consider taking the ACT as a comparison.
- Check SAT/ACT sites for additional dates and registration.
- Students need to register/pay for all other test dates.
The Senior Year
College Applications

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• Access application at the college website
• Follow directions and submit.
• Apply/pay application fee online.
• Follow up application by sending transcript through Parchment.
• Application link may direct student to the Common Application.
• Monitor accounts/portals
Common Application

• Students will be directed to the Common Application if the school uses that venue, simply click “Apply”
• One application can be directed to multiple colleges using the Common Application (Michigan-see page 7).
• May require a student essay, submit quality work.
• Counselor will upload a transcript, sending through Parchment is not necessary.
• Teacher recommendations may be required (ask in advance). Steps on Schoology.
• Students need to (accurately) provide teacher/counselor email address.
Parchment

- Used for standard applications (not needed for schools accepting the Common Application)
- Electronic transcript service (no mailing required).
- All SLHS juniors will have an account.
- Student’s responsibility to make a transcript request after application is submitted.
- Can track each request to confirm transcript was sent/received.
Testing Senior Year

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- Colleges will require an “official” score.
- Check school of interest for policies and deadlines.
- Check SAT/ACT websites for Fall test dates and registration deadlines.
Admission Policies/Timelines

• GVSU, CMU, WMU, – 3 to 4 weeks.
• MSU – 8/12 weeks (apply early). 55,000 apps last year
• Michigan – mid January (if early action deadline met).
• MCC – Open Enrollment, placement test may be required.
• Acceptance letters – follow directions!
• Maintain rigor after acceptance, finish year on a strong note, no drops!
College Comparison/Criteria

- See page 8.
- Big Future & Naviance
- Information retrieved from college websites.
- Freshman averages reported.
- Check websites for current costs of attendance.
- College representatives in the Counseling office.
College Admissions Decisions

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• **Academic Records**
  Transcript -(GPA/rigor/rank). Senior year courses important
• **College Entrance Exams:**
  Check college for entrance exam requirements
• **Extracurricular Activities**
  Volunteer work, sports, church, clubs, theater
• **Recommendations (if requested)**
  Teachers, counselors, clergy, employers
• **Student Essays may also be requested**
Options to Consider

- Page 10
- Community College – Affordable.
- Applied Technology Center (MCC) - Linked with 6 college engineering and technology programs.
- Thompson M-Tech (Holland) Heating/Cooling, Health Science, Welding, Accounting, and more…..
Personal Data Form

• Pages 11 & 12
• Used for letters of recommendations.
• Valuable for counselors/teachers in completing applications and letters of recommendation.
• Seniors will complete/return Fall 2023.
• Counseling Office will keep a copy.
• Can update through the year.
Military Visits

- Military Reps – Visit monthly
- Educational incentives/ROTC programs
- Times/Dates run on announcements
- Military reps will follow up...
NCAA/NAIA Eligibility

- Transcript evaluation for eligibility.
- NCAA - Division I – U of M, MSU, CMU, WMU…..
- NCAA Division II – GVSU, Ferris, Northwood…
- NAIA - Aquinas, Cornerstone, Spring Arbor…..
- Registration required (see web resources page 14).
- Division III (no form needed)
  Hope, Calvin, Kalamazoo, Albion, Alma…..
College coaches will assist
1. **Institutional Aid** - Money available from specific college scholarship programs (GVSU Presidential – 3.8 gpa - 1470 SAT/32 ACT = up to $7,000 per year renewable)

2. **Federal Aid** – Apply through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after October 1, 2023 [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

3. **Independent Scholarships** – visit high school website & Schoology for current scholarships. [Current Scholarships](#)
Senior Checklist

• See page 15
• Have college choices narrowed down by fall.
• Have SAT/ACT scores sent directly to college.
• Complete the FAFSA (October 1).
• Participate in “I Have A Plan Week” - October
• Finish what you start. Stay in challenging classes.
• Counselors will meet individually with each senior in September to assist with their future plans.