

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

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- 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

Financial Aid/Scholarships

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- 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**
- 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.