

Seniors Class of 2017



Senior Exit Interviews

- You will meet with your counselor individually over the next few weeks.
- Please bring questions!
- If your parents would like to attend please have them call Ms. McGuire to set up an appointment.

College Applications

- Do not procrastinate! Start NOW!
- You will either apply online through the college's website or you will use the Common Application (Butler and Purdue)
- Some colleges will have "rolling admission" and some will have deadlines
- Many colleges have a deadline of **November 1** for priority admission and maximum scholarship consideration

College Visits

- Allowed two excused college visits this year
- Use this to help narrow down your choices
- Tell them you are coming

SAT OR ACT?

- Colleges will accept both!
- SAT offered at FHS in November and May sat.collegeboard.org
- ACT at FHS on September 10
 - Last day to register is August 19 www.actstudent.org
- Register now! See your counselor for a waiver if applicable
- Make sure that you send your scores to all of your potential colleges. This can be done while you register online

Transcripts

- All transcript requests must go through www.parchment.com
- Community - Week of September 6

Letters of Recommendation

- Many colleges and scholarships will ask for these
- Self Recommendation sheets for Counselors
- Ask now!
- Teachers, coaches, supervisors or anyone else who knows you well (No family members)
 - Consider giving each person a list of your accomplishments and/or a resume

College Representatives

- Colleges send representatives to visit you in small groups
- Good opportunity to ask questions!
- Sign up in the counseling office
 - August 24 @ 11:00am IU Bloomington
 - September 28 @ 11:00am IUPUI
 - September 29 @ 11:00am University of St. Francis
 - September 30 @ 11:00am Ball State

NCAA & 21st Century Scholars

- NCAA
 - You must register on www.eligibilitycenter.org for colleges to even look at you
 - Please let your counselor know so we can make sure you have met all academic eligibility requirements
- 21st Century Scholars
 - You must have an active ScholarTrack Account, track yearly activities and graduate with a GPA of 2.5. Please note that this scholarship pays for up to full tuition ONLY. It does not cover room and board or other fees so you need to be looking for other scholarships.

FAFSA

- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Loans and Grants
- 21st Century Scholars
- Fafsa.ed.gov
- This year it opens **October 1, 2016**. You will use your parents/your income from 2015 taxes. Deadline is March 10, 2017
- Tuesday October 25, 2016 and Monday February 6, 2017 FAFSA nights @ FHS

Scholarships

- Available all year
- FHS Counseling page updated weekly
- Check in with Ms. McGuire at least once a month
- ELI LILLY SCHOLARSHIP DUE AUGUST 29th
- Many scholarships will require an essay

Final Thoughts

- Your counselors are here to help you through the process of searching and applying for jobs and colleges
- Please come at any time to ask questions - We are here to help but we don't know what you need unless you ask!

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