

Junior Parent Night

Montclair High School: Class of 2018

January 24, 2017

JUNIOR CONFERENCE

- ❖ Course Selection
- ❖ Receive Transcript
- ❖ SAT/ACT
- ❖ Overview of the College Process
- ❖ Naviance
- ❖ Junior Packet



SENIOR YEAR COURSE SELECTION

IMPORTANT!

Find a healthy balance between rigor and developmental level when choosing academic levels

- ❖ Pay close attention to teacher recommendations
- ❖ Review graduation requirements and course options before meeting with your Guidance Counselor
- ❖ Make a commitment to your course selections!

TRANSCRIPTS, GPA, & RANK

- ❖ Transcripts are handed out at Junior Meetings and again at the beginning of Senior Year
- ❖ GPA is calculated at the end of each school year. GPA for college applications will be calculated upon completion of 11th grade
- ❖ Class rank is reported to colleges in 5% groupings and will be made available after Junior Year



STANDARDIZED TESTS

Students should take either or both the SAT and ACT by the end of their Junior year (May or June)

- ❖ SAT or ACT?
- ❖ Test Optional Schools
 - ❖ Over 900 colleges and universities that do not use SAT/ACT scores in the admissions process - www.fairtest.org
- ❖ Subject tests?
 - ❖ One-hour-long subject specific exams that measure achievement
 - ❖ Check the college's website to determine if "required"
 - ❖ Many schools will use in admissions decision even if not "required"

COLLEGES: WHAT TO CONSIDER?

- ❖ Categories
 - ❖ Target
 - ❖ Reach
 - ❖ Likely
- ❖ Size
- ❖ Location and Demographics
- ❖ Tuition and Fees



Customize the Process!

Everyone's individual circumstances are different –
know your own plan of action

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Start thinking now about two teachers who you will ask to write your letter of recommendations

- ❖ Teachers who teach a subject area related to a potential college major
- ❖ Teachers who know you well and can provide specific anecdotes or examples of accomplishments or growth

*REQUEST IN PERSON

*ASK EARLY



INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

Depth vs. Range

- ❖ Examples: MHS clubs, athletics, volunteer experiences, summer programs/camps, courses taken outside of MHS, job experiences or travel!



COLLEGE VISITS

Nothing replaces a direct experience with your own eyes!

Campus visits also show vested interest in that particular college or university



❖ What to do on a visit:

1. Go on an official tour and/or sit in an information session.
2. Interview, if available. Ask questions!
3. If you speak to a representative, be sure to follow up with a thank you note!

NCAA

NCAA Eligibility Center (Formerly the NCAA Clearinghouse)

- ❖ Communicate regularly with your coach!
- ❖ Required for any student being recruited, or planning to compete at the NCAA Division I or Division II levels
 - ❖ Academic Eligibility
 - ❖ Amateurism

www.ncaa.org



COST & FINANCIAL AID

- ❖ Sticker Price vs. Actual Cost
- ❖ Merit-Based Financial Aid – based on GPA, SAT's, Athletics, etc.
- ❖ Need-Based Financial Aid – Based on financial need of the student
 - ❖ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- ❖ Scholarships
 - ❖ Local Scholarships
 - ❖ National, State, & Area Scholarships
 - ❖ <http://mhs.mpsdnj.us/schools/montclair-high-school/guidance/scholarship-applications/>



APPLICATION TYPES & DEADLINES?

APPLICATION TYPES

- ❖ Common Application – nearly 700 colleges
- ❖ Common Black College Application – 50 HBCU colleges
- ❖ Coalition Application – over 80 colleges
- ❖ Directly to the College or University

DEADLINES

- ❖ Early Action – nonbinding
- ❖ Early Decision – binding
- ❖ Regular Admissions – one deadline with decisions made based on all applicants
- ❖ Rolling Admissions – numerous deadlines with decisions made based on a rolling basis; apply early = receive decision early

NAVIANCE


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