

# Senior Parent Meeting

**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

# Administrative Team

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# Tonight's Agenda

- Senior Events Calendar
- Post-Secondary Options
- Senior Year At a Glance
- College Admission Factors
- Academic Preparedness and Testing
- Common Application and SchooLinks
- Scholarships and Financial Aid



# Senior Events Calendar

- Ohio Seal of Biliteracy Test – **October 13<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30–10:00 AM (Must register by **September 10<sup>th</sup>**)
- Homecoming – **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- Suburban College Fair – **October 10<sup>th</sup>**
- End of 1st Quarter – **October 14<sup>th</sup>**
- Der Dutchman – **November 19<sup>th</sup>**
- End of 1st Semester – **December 17<sup>th</sup>**
- Graduation – **May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 PM at the Schottenstein Center**

# Post-Secondary Options

- Military
- Work
- Gap year
- Technical/Trade school
- 2 year college
- 4 year college/university



# Senior Year At a Glance

- Fall of Senior Year:
  - Senior Schedule and Honors diploma requirements
  - Senior class meeting and meet individually with counselor
  - Sign up for college representative visits\*
  - Complete ACT/SAT testing
  - Complete applications
  - Complete the FAFSA (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Spring of Senior Year:
  - Apply for local scholarships
  - Finalize post-secondary plans



# Considerations in Choosing a College

- Identify a career path
  - Utilize career exploration tools and assessments in Naviance
- Identify type of education needed for desired career
- Identify most important factors: cost, size, location, athletics, clubs, etc.
- Compare and contrast admission requirements
- Explore honors and scholars programs
- Visit college campuses and programs of interest
- Compare and contrast academic profile to the admitted freshmen class profile





# College Admission Factors

- High School transcript
- Grade Point Average
- Senior Schedule
- Test Scores
- Extracurricular Activities
- Leadership Experiences
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Essay
- Counselor Evaluation



# Testing

- Most colleges do require either ACT or SAT
- Last testing dates for colleges to receive scores by November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline:
  - ACT: September 11<sup>th</sup>
  - SAT: October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Recommend taking the writing portion at least once
- Official scores must be sent directly from the testing agency (act.org and/or collegeboard.org)
- Transcripts **DO NOT** include official test scores.

# Application Types and Deadlines

- **Regular Decision** – traditional time frame for the college application acceptance process; each college has a different deadline
- **Early Decision** – option for the application to be one “first choice” school; *binding*; must attend if accepted
- **Early Action** – can result in early acceptance, first consideration for scholarships, non-binding
- **Rolling Admissions** – students are accepted/denied as applications are received

# Common Application



- Common Application (**commonapp.org**) – one stop application shop for over 900 participating colleges/universities
  - Select schools to which you're applying and pay separate fees
  - Opens in August 2021
    - OHS transcripts available mid September
  - Visit college admission websites to determine if your school is a Common App school

# SchoolLinks

- New college and career software system
- Families will receive login information in September
- College Research Process
- Career Interest Inventories
- College Application Process:
  - Link with the Common App
  - Request transcripts
  - Request letters of recommendation
  - Search for local and national scholarships



# Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Applying early action provides more opportunities for merit-based scholarships at each individual college
- Complete the FAFSA – opens **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**
- FAFSA workshops put on by local colleges
- Check with Financial Aid office at each college
- Local and national scholarship list in SchooLinks



# Resources

- [SchooLinks](#)
- [Commonapp.org](#)
- [Act.org](#)
- [Collegeboard.org](#)
- [Finaid.org](#)
- [Fafsa.gov](#)
- [Ncaa.org](#)



# School Resources

- Schoology: OHS Student Services Course
- School Website: [ohs.olentangy.k12.oh.us](https://ohs.olentangy.k12.oh.us)
- Braves Online
- Twitter: @Braves\_Guidance





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**R**esilience

**A**ttitude

**V**alue

**E**mpathy

