



Junior Parent Night

SFHS Counseling Department
Fall 2022

September 7, 2022

Tonight's Agenda:

- **Overview of Counseling and College Advising Program for Junior year**
- **Testing Updates and Opportunities**
- **Support on Campus**
- **Upcoming events**

Counseling: Snap Shot of Junior Year

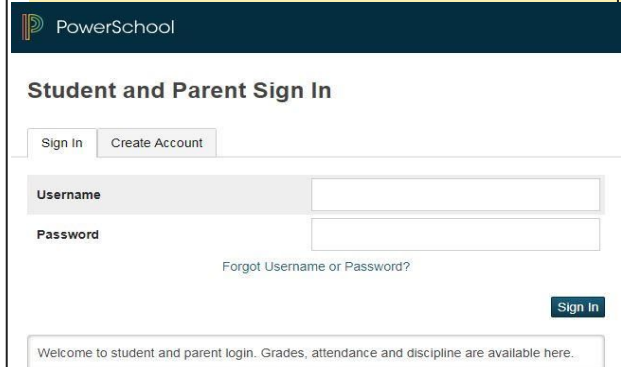
- Individual Fall Check-in with Counselor (Anderson, Fox, Poggi)
- “Just For Junior Workshops” starting in January (dates TBD)
- Presentation of Course Offerings (January)
- Parent Night- College Advising Program & Course Planning (January)
- Honors/AP Applications Due late January
- Course Planning Meeting with assigned counselor (January-March)
- Individual College Advising meeting with assigned College Counselor (Spring Semester)
- Student inputs Courses into PowerSchool (March)
- Course Verification by counselor (March-May)

Progress Reports, Quarter grades, and Transcripts

- Progress reports every 4 weeks
 - Not every student gets these
- Quarter Grades (do not go on the transcript)
 - important for “athletic eligibility”
- Semester grade is the “final grade” that goes on the transcript (Semester 1 & Semester 2)

* Check **Schoology** for your daughter's **current** grades/assignments

You can view transcripts in
PowerSchool
Parent/Student Portal



The screenshot shows the PowerSchool login interface. At the top is the PowerSchool logo. Below it is the heading "Student and Parent Sign In". There are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create Account". Below these are input fields for "Username" and "Password". A link "Forgot Username or Password?" is located below the password field. A "Sign In" button is positioned to the right of the password field. At the bottom, a message reads: "Welcome to student and parent login. Grades, attendance and discipline are available here."

College Advising Program- Junior Year

“Just for Juniors” Workshops

Cover an array of topics
(College Systems,
Scholarships, Building the
College list)

Dates and more info coming
soon (starting in January)

Individual College Advising Meetings

Assigned a College
Advisor

Meetings start at the
beginning of next
semester

Remind your
troubie to check
her email
regularly for dates

Troubie College Week

Sept 19-23

Mini College Fair w/
College Reps

Workshops

Paying for College
evening virtual
Presentation (all grades)

College Process: Where should I be?

- Individual Process
- Researching Colleges
 - Naviance or directly on the College Websites
- Carve out specific time to talk about College as a family
 - Financial discussion
- Campus Tours or Virtual Tours
 - <https://campustours.com>
 - <http://www.ecampustours.com>
- Attending College Rep Visits and College Fairs
 - Students can view our College Rep Visits schedule in Naviance
- NCAA Eligibility Center

Testing Updates:

The logo for ACT, featuring the letters 'ACT' in a bold, blue, serif font. A red swoosh underline is positioned under the letter 'A'. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the 'T'.The logo for 'achieve more', consisting of the words 'achieve' and 'more' stacked vertically in a white, sans-serif font, enclosed within a blue speech bubble shape.The logo for SAT, featuring the letters 'SAT' in a large, blue, serif font. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the 'T'.

- UC and CSU are officially Test Free indefinitely - will not consider SAT/ACT scores for admissions.
- Currently many other colleges are Test Free as well as Test Optional. Over 1,600 colleges are Test Optional.
 - Test Optional schools will not penalize students who choose not to submit test scores.
- Some schools DO require SAT/ACT:
 - *University of Tennessee, University of Georgia, University of Florida, Georgetown, MIT*
- Keep updated by checking college websites and <https://fairtest.org/>

Testing Opportunities @ SFHS



- **PSAT- October 12, 2022**

- Students were emailed a sign up link from our Testing Coordinator, Ms. Sarah Cornell
- Google form must be completed by Friday September 9, 2022 to ensure a spot

- **Who should take the PSAT?**

- Students who are trying to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program
- Students who are trying to qualify for one or more of the National Recognition Programs
 - African American Recognition Program/Award
 - Hispanic Recognition Program/Award
 - Indigenous Recognition Program/Award
- To determine if you want to take a future SAT
- Students who want a timed test experience
- To connect with Colleges

**PSAT is a practice test–Colleges don't use PSAT scores in admissions*

Testing Opportunities @ SFHS cont...



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- **School Day SAT/ACT for class of 2024**
 - 1 in the Spring and 1 in the Fall (dates TBD)
 - SFHS registers the students (fees apply) and the test takes place on campus with SFHS students only

- **If your daughter wants to take a test outside of these school test day opportunities, she will need to find a test site and test date directly through ACT or College Board**

Student Support

- **Academic Support**

- Teacher assistance
- CSF Peer Tutor List (emailed to students & in Schoology)
- Set up a meeting with counselor for tips/advice
- Learning Support Specialist- Multi Tiered System of Support
- Tutor Lab [new]

- **Wellness Support**

- Prioritize sleep, wellness, and self-care outside of school
- Wellness Counselor (Ms. Kym) & “Guardian Angel” Peer Team
- “Normalize” your teens feelings

- **Staying Connected/Balance**

- Encourage your daughter to get involved with her peers (Clubs, Hoco decorating, Junior retreats, etc..)

Mark Your Calendars:

Troubie College Week:

- ❖ September 19-22,
 - Workshops
 - Mini College Fair w/ College Reps
 - Sept 20 at 6:00 pm: Paying for College and Financial Aid Virtual Presentation

Club Rush:

- ❖ September 12 & 13 during lunch

Mark Your Calendars:

Homecoming Week: September 26- 30

- ❖ Theme: Movie Musicals
 - Class theme: Grease
 - Special Schedule that week (early dismissal)
 - Lots of opportunities to get involved!

Optional PSAT School Test Day:

- ❖ October 12, 2021
 - Registration form due September 9

Finals

- ❖ December 9 (Friday)- 15 (Thursday)

❖ <https://www.stfrancishs.org/calendar>

Questions?

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Thank you!