



Sophomore Parent Night

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OVERVIEW

- Sophomore Year
- Rigor and Fit
- Transcript
- Tutoring
- Testing
- Starting the College Search
- Questions

Sophomore Year: Transition Year

- The addition of academic classes
- More Rigor! More Challenge!! Less sleep!!!
- Added Honors or AP classes
- Added leadership roles
- Higher level in sports
- More socially active
- Increased independence
- Time for self-discovery
- Time to find her interests – clubs, sports, academic teams

Sophomore Year:

- Fall Check-In Meetings (starting soon)
- Pre ACT– Oct. 10
- Homecoming Week – Oct. 29-Nov. 2
- Service Hours – due Feb. 28
 - 15 hours, more than 1 site
- In-Class Presentation of Course Options January 22, 23
- Honors/AP applications – TBA
- Course Selection discussions availability Jan. 28 – March 1

Rigor: One Size Does Not Fit All!

- “To Take Honors/AP, or Not To Take Honors/AP?”
- What is right for another, may not be right for you.
- Just because you are taking an Honors/AP course this year, does not mean you have to next year.
- Beware of “US News and World Report” and college rankings

Fit

- 3400+ colleges and universities in the US.
- Don't let labels distract you
- Learning styles: ex. The UC vs. the CSU
- The “lottery schools”
- Personal search and selection: “Find your fit?”

Transcript

- Quarter grades and semester grades
- Honors/AP – limits, benefits
- Courses factored into GPA

*More on this at
Sophomore Course Scheduling Parent Night
Jan. 16th*

Tutoring

- Teacher Assistance
 - Math Lunch Help
 - Peer Tutoring CSF
 - Khan Academy
 - Also support for PSAT AND SAT
- * Students need to be more proactive regarding their success

Testing

Pre-ACT for Simbas

- PSAT for Juniors
- ACT and SAT for Juniors and Seniors
 - Spring of Junior Year
- Subject Tests (for some students)

College Search

What to Do Now?

- College Email (same as College Board)
- Naviance
- Troubie College Day
- Community College Days
- College Fairs
- Rep Visits
- Visiting Campuses
- Financial Conversation

Visiting Campuses

- “Demonstrated Interest”
- Stop by when vacationing
- Visit when school is in session if possible
- Visit all types of colleges
- Talk to students there
- Take a tour

Create An Email Account for COLLEGE USE only

- Your daughter will need to create one email address to use for all of her college communication, including using it for testing.
- Have her write down her address and password (maybe even have her put it in Naviance).
- Put it somewhere safe, but can be found
- Make sure it is professional. Example: allisonsmith@gmail.com

Naviance

- Freshmen – Course selection, add to Colleges I'm Interested In, Start Resume
- **Sophomores – Course selection, Resume, Career Interest Profiler, add to Colleges I'm Interested In, College Rep Visits, Super Match, College Maps, Scattergrams...**
- Juniors - Course selection, Resume, Career Interest Profiler, add to Colleges I'm Interested In, College Rep Visits – sign up
- Seniors – Refine Colleges I'm Interested In to Colleges I'm applying to, College Rep Visits –
- Parents – College Information, brainstorming with your teen, trip planning for college visits, College Admissions office – easy contact info.

Upcoming Events

College Fairs:

- Jesuit Colleges Fair (JET) - 9/10/18
 - 6:30 – 8:30 – Harris Center
- Private and Parochial Schools College Fair – 9/17/18
 - @SFHS



EF Tours - Summer College Tour

June 2-7, 2019.

- Interest meeting following presentations
- Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and New York City
- **Campuses toured: American University, George Washington, Georgetown, University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania, Villanova, Sarah Lawrence College, Columbia, and NYU.**
- Contact Nora Anderson for more info: nanderson@stfrancishs.org

NCAA Eligibility Center

- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- For athletes who want to compete in college, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at end of sophomore year.
- It is the students responsibility to ensure they are meeting the NCAA requirements



Final Thoughts Questions?