



Junior Parent Night

SFHS Counseling Department
Fall 2023

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Tonight's Agenda:

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

Counseling: Snap Shot of Junior Year

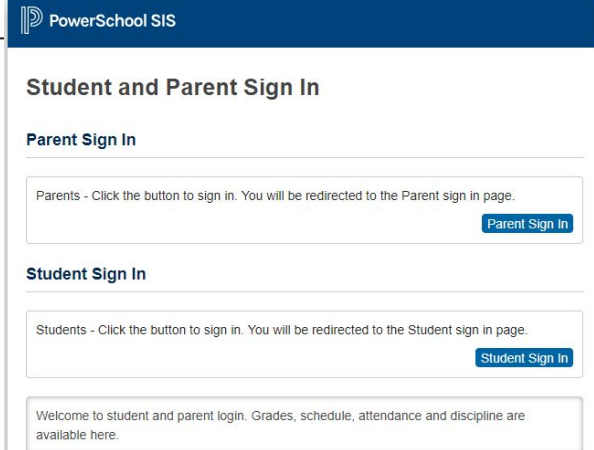
- Individual Fall Check-ins as needed with Counselor (Anderson, Poggi)
- Junior Advisories (Fall and Spring)
- Parent Night- College Advising Program & Course Planning (January)
- Honors/AP Applications Due late January
- Course Planning Meeting with counselor (January-March)
- Individual College Planning meeting with assigned College Advisor (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 SIS login interface. At the top is a dark blue header with the PowerSchool SIS logo. Below the header, the page is titled "Student and Parent Sign In". There are two main sections: "Parent Sign In" and "Student Sign In". Each section contains a text box with instructions and a blue "Sign In" button. The "Parent Sign In" section says "Parents - Click the button to sign in. You will be redirected to the Parent sign in page." The "Student Sign In" section says "Students - Click the button to sign in. You will be redirected to the Student sign in page." At the bottom of the page, there is a welcome message: "Welcome to student and parent login. Grades, schedule, attendance and discipline are available here."

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
- Tutor Lab
- Khan Academy

- **Wellness Support**

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

- **Staying Connected/Balance**

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

College Advising Program- Junior Year

Junior Advisories (mandatory)

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

9/8 Naviance and Careers

1/25 Course Reg. and College

2/28 College Information

Individual College Advising Meetings

Assigned a College
Advisor

Meetings start at the
beginning of next
semester

Remind your
trouble to check
her email
regularly for dates

Troubie College Week Sept 25-29

Mini College Fairs all week

Workshops

Private & Parochial High
Schools College Fair (9/27;
Jesuit)

CSU College Fair at CSUS
(9/28)

College Process: Where should we 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

The ACT logo features the letters 'ACT' in a bold, blue, serif font. A red swoosh underline is positioned beneath the letter 'A'. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the 'T'.The 'achieve more' logo consists of the words 'achieve' and 'more' stacked vertically in a white, sans-serif font. This text is contained within a blue speech bubble shape that has a tail pointing towards the bottom right.The SAT logo displays the letters 'SAT' in a large, blue, serif font. A registered trademark symbol (®) is placed to the upper right of the 'T'.

- Many schools are now Test Free and Test Optional
- 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 1,800 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, Georgetown, MIT, UNR (for scholarships)*
 - Check each school's website
- Keep updated by checking college websites and <https://fairtest.org/>

Testing Opportunities @ SFHS



- **Digital PSAT- October 11th - required of all juniors**
 - Students are automatically registered
- **Why do students take the PSAT?**

Timed test experience

Determine if she wants to take a future SAT or an ACT

Connect with colleges

May qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program

May qualify for one or more of the National Recognition Programs

- African American Recognition Program/Award
- Hispanic Recognition Program/Award
- Indigenous Recognition Program/Award

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

Testing Opportunities (continued)

Revolution Prep Virtual Practice Digital PSAT- Saturday, September 9th

- See email from Dr. Chavez to sign up

School Day SAT - March 2024

- Virtual Practice Test available (TBD)

School Day ACT - October 2024

- Virtual Practice Test Available (TBD)

Mark Your Calendars

- Mandatory Junior Advisory (September 8 – 8:00 am)
- Club Rush (September 18 & 19)
- Troubie College Week (September 25–29)
 - College reps on campus all week
 - Private and Parochial Schools College Fair (9/27)
 - And in November: Financial Aid Virtual Workshop (11/3)
- Virtual Practice for the PSAT (September 9)
- PSAT (October 11)
- Homecoming Week (October 16–20)
- Retreats (Vary)
- Finals (December 13 to December 19)

NCAA Eligibility

For students who plan on playing a sport in college, make sure she registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Free NCAA Webinar for students and families:

Sunday, September 17th, 5-6 PM ET

Counseling & College Newsletter

Our Counseling and College Newsletter is sent out monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. It will keep you informed of all of the different events coming up in Counseling.



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Thank you!