

Information presented in Junior English III Classroom presentations on April 30, 2026 and on College Information Night, May 13, 2026, 6:30-8 pm

Class of 2027 Juniors

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- **College Application Completion Workshops at SBA** - In the Loft during E1 and E2 during 1st semester. Dates TBD. If you are not free at that time you can see me during your SH or after school. See me asap to schedule a date/time.
- Attend the **College Information Night** presentation for Students & Parents - **College Information Night, May 13, 2026, 6:30-8 pm in the SBA Perino Science Center**. This is very important for juniors but students from all grade levels and their parents are invited. RSVP not required but kindly appreciated. tbernabei@st-bede.com [College Night Presentation.ppt](#)
- Go to the [Counseling Dept website](#) to view the following info and more!!
 - Calendar of Events & College Rep. Visits to St. Bede (This calendar is updated as soon as appointments are made by reps. Check back often.)
 - Preparing for College: A Timeline for 9th-12th graders (**Read it! Do it!**)
 - International Student Guide
 - Review the College Information Night .ppt to get answers to your questions. Where should I apply? How do I apply? How many colleges should I apply to? Letters of recommendation and more!
 - College Visit Request Form, Questions to Ask a College Rep.
 - Sample Student Academic Resume - required for students who ask for a letter of recommendation from Ms. Bernabei and many teachers.
- **Check school email regularly and listen to the daily announcements or you will miss valuable information.**
- **Turn on your text option in TeacherEase so you don't miss anything!**
- **Research** - It's ok if you are still not sure what you want to do after graduation but you need to keep thinking about it and learning more about what you like and the opportunities available to you. Use [Big Future by College Board](#), [CIS 360](#) and other college & career research websites to help you decide. [Click here](#) and scroll to the middle of the page for helpful links.
- Read and follow the **Preparing For College Timeline!** [Timeline 9th 12th Preparing for College](#)
- **APPLY**- try to submit your applications by Halloween to improve your chances of acceptance.
 - [Common Application](#)
 - create your account now
 - Begin to fill out info in the Common App tab. This info will be saved when the site rolls over to the 26/27 school year. Roll over is in July.
 - Do not begin adding colleges. This info will NOT be saved when the site rolls over.
 - **If your college doesn't accept the Common App** go to the admission page of the college website and you will find their preferred application. The app for your class may not be posted until summer.
 - **See me asap if you need help!**
- **Parchment** This is how you send your official transcript from **SBA and IVCC or other colleges** you may have attended. [Click this link](#) to learn more about your transcript, how to set up your Parchment account and

how to **send your official test scores**. A few juniors have set up their account already. If you have not set up your account yet you received an email on 4/29 from Parchment. Follow the instructions and use the registration code to set up your account.

- **Letters of Recommendation** - see slides #33-#36 in the [College Information Night powerpoint](#).
- **College Campus Visits** - Please submit the **College Visit Request form** to the main office at least 3 days prior to your visit. You can find the form and more information at this link. [College Visit Shared](#)
- **SBA Scholarship List** - Check this regularly. This list is updated often. The link for the new list for the Class of 2027 will be emailed out in Sept./Oct.
- **FAFSA** - Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Every student should apply. The application will usually become available in October. This is required if you are eligible for a MAP or Pell grant or want federal student loans to pay for college.
FAFSA Completion Night at SBA **date TBD** - **Complete your FAFSA on this night!**
- **Elks Teen of the Month application**: various deadlines. The earlier you apply the better your chances of being nominated. Info will be posted as soon as it is received. The same application is used every year. Start filling out yours now so it's ready to submit in October.
- **Rotary Student Guest Program** The LaSalle and Peru Rotary have invited seniors to attend 1-2 monthly meetings. The goal is to expose the students to who Rotary is and what they do to benefit the community and the world in the hope that, as adults, they will choose to become Rotary members and continue providing this service to others. Sign up in the Fall
- **College & Career Fair** Usually in October at IVCC in Oglesby.
- **Explore IVCC Open House** Offered in Fall, Spring, Summer check link for upcoming events. Learn more from current students and their experience at IVCC. Meet with Faculty and Student Services or catch a tour from current students.
- **International students need to follow all of the same recommendations and requirements** that are provided for domestic students (unless noted otherwise) plus a few additional requirements as directed by the college! These extra requirements will be explained in the application and may be different for each college.

College Application Tips

- The person reading your application and essays wants to know about you as a person. Be sure to make your essays and short answers as personal as possible. They will only know what you tell them.
- Take initiative, create opportunities for yourself, show leadership and clearly explain this in your application.
- Community experience is important. Dedicate yourself to a community project this summer if you haven't already done this. Choose something that relates to your chosen major if possible.
- Demonstrated Interest - They can see how many times you've opened their emails and clicked on their website. This is very important at some colleges.
- Make personal or phone contact with the college rep for our area. Put a face to your application.
- Colleges are interested in how you spend your time in the summer and outside of school. Do something meaningful.
- More is not always better. Quality over quantity. If you add something it should be new information. Do not repeat yourself in essays, etc.
- Talk (in person) to your teachers who are writing your letters of recommendation. Let them know the kinds of things you would like them to write about in your letter.
- Letters of rec from junior & senior teachers are preferred. Core subjects, teacher who is also a coach or club sponsor.
- Cancel AP scores if you earn a score of 1 or 2. This must be done very soon after you receive your scores.
- **Do NOT Procrastinate!**