

SENIOR MEETING

- **Transcript Verification** – Review in Genesis & have parent complete Genesis form by Friday, 9/26
- **Updated GPA/Class Rank** – usually early October; GPA & rank will be updated in Naviance
- **Graduation Requirements** – Review with your counselor
- **College Information**
 - **Common Application** – www.commonapp.org
 - Must register for a Common Application account
 - Complete the EDUCATION section (green check will appear)
 - Add at least one college to the MY COLLEGES list
 - Complete/Sign the Common Application FERPA (Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act) consent form. This can be found by clicking the MY COLLEGES tab, then selecting a college, then *Recommenders and FERPA* and following the steps to complete the FERPA
 - Sign into your Naviance account to match your CA account with Naviance
 - **Common App & Naviance Account Matching** – www.connection.naviance.com/chhse
 - Under *Colleges I'm Applying To*, click on the *Match Accounts* button in the red banner and click on the check box to agree to link accounts
 - **Naviance eDocs** – www.connection.naviance.com/chhse
 - **ALL** of your **COLLEGES** are **REQUIRED** to be listed in your **Naviance** account under *Colleges I'm Applying To* – even self-reported or snail mail colleges – this is the only way that we know you have officially applied AND the only way we can send transcripts
 - Indicate in Naviance when you have submitted your application and how (Early Action, Early Decision, Regular, etc.)
 - **Letters of Recommendation**
 - **Counselor** – you must complete both *Parent & Student Questionnaires* in Naviance (on your home page) and give your *résumé* (optional) to your counselor ASAP!
 - Letters will be written based on application status/deadline and on a “first-come, first-served” basis
 - Students must allow a **MINIMUM of 10 school days** for processing
 - **Teachers** – Ask them soon:
 - 1) *Ask in person*
 - 2) *Add Request* (select teacher) in Naviance (under *Colleges>Letters of Rec*) – Teacher cannot add letter or form without this step
 - 3) *Write Personal Note to Teacher* in Naviance to thank for writing letter
 - 4) *Formal Thank You* – in person or via letter
 - **Naviance Résumé** – located under the *About Me* tab; optional way to organize your high school activities and experiences; only counselors, teachers, you, and your parent/guardian have access to this; it can be downloaded and/or printed as a document
 - **College Transcript Release Form** – in Genesis parent portal under *Student Data, Grading, then Transcript*- complete now or wait for rank before completing! 😊
 - Transcripts must be requested through your Naviance account for each college to which you apply.

- **Self-Reported Colleges & Coalition Applications** - <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
 - Acquire your East Transcript from Genesis or ask your counselor
 - Acquire all your test scores: SAT, ACT, AP, etc.
 - Use your transcript, scores, and résumé to fill out the *online only* application
 - Be sure to add your self-reported & Coalition colleges to your Naviance list of *Colleges I'm Applying To*, or your counselor will not know you have applied

- **SAT/ACT** – www.collegeboard.org ; www.actstudent.org
 - CEEB Code – 310223
 - Test Fee Waivers are available - see your counselor
 - All scores **MUST** be accurately listed in Naviance or uploaded via Student ID inclusion

- **FAFSA** – www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** – you and your parents must complete the FAFSA form if you are interested in receiving financial aid of any kind. Forms are available for completion online but cannot be filed until December 1st.
 - FAFSA links and helpful information can be found on the Guidance website:
<https://sites.google.com/chclc.org/checougars/home>

- **Application Fee Waivers** – available to students eligible for free/reduced lunch; if application fees are burdensome, see your counselor

- **College Application Types** – differs for each college
 - **Early Decision** – contractual, despite financial capability; *binding*
 - **Restrictive Early Action** – one college only for an Early Answer; *non-binding*
 - **Early Action** – Early Answer; *non-binding*
 - **Rolling Admissions** – first-come, first-served approach; *non-binding*
 - **Regular Admissions** – general application; *non-binding*

- **NCAA Eligibility Center**
 - Athletes planning to play Division I or II sports at the collegiate level
 - Must register at http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#
 - Fee is \$100
 - Review NCAA Academic Eligibility Requirements online or with counselor
 - Must **add** “NCAA Eligibility Center” as a *College I’m Applying To* **AND request your transcript** to have it sent to the Clearinghouse

- **Scholarships**
 - Check Guidance Website: <https://sites.google.com/chclc.org/checougars/scholarships>
 - Check college websites
 - Check Guidance Office Scholarship Wall
 - Check websites, such as www.fastweb.com or www.goingmerry.com
 - Warning: Do not pay for any scholarship applications or Internet searches

