

# Junior Timeline

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Coffee with Counselors

3/9/18

# How do I figure out what I want to do?

- Use the tools available in Naviance/Family Connection
  - [connection.naviance.com/parkhhs](https://connection.naviance.com/parkhhs)
    - Username and Password are both S number with S before it
  - Careers Tab
    - Cluster Finder
    - Career Interest Profiler
    - Career Key
- Course selection
  - Enroll in a variety of courses to help determine where your strengths and weaknesses lie.
  - If you have a career interest in mind, try to take some courses while in high school to see if you like the content.

# How do I determine where to go after high school?

- Research, research, research
- College Search
  - These search tools allow you to plug in 20+ different search criteria to find schools that match everything a student is looking for.
    - My College SuperMatch in Naviance/Family Connection (Colleges Tab)
    - <http://www.bigfuture.org>
  - Some things to think about:
    - Distance from home
    - Cost of travel to/from university
    - Cost of tuition
    - Financial Aid/Scholarships available
    - Size of campus
    - Majors available

# College Visits

- Try to do some of these, if possible, before senior year.
  - Plan visits on days we don't have school (not always possible, but good to try :))
- Many colleges have **JUNIOR DAYS** designed specifically for high school juniors.
  - Example: <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/admissions/campusvisits/index.htm>
  - Many will also have SENIOR DAYS in the fall.
  - You can always set up an individual/small group tour instead of these large group days.
- College Representatives
  - These visits take place at Park Hill.
  - Only juniors/seniors are allowed to attend.
  - Students can sign up in the counseling office or in Naviance/Family Connection.
  - A great opportunity to connect with the college reps and get their contact information as a person of contact for the university to help get questions answered.

# College Fairs

- Spring College Fairs



**Kansas City Area College Fairs**  
**Spring 2018**

<b>Overland Park Fair</b> <b>6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</b> <b>Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b> Blue Valley West High School 16200 Antioch Road, Stilwell, KS 66085 Register here: <a href="https://gpac.memberclicks.net/college-fair-locations">https://gpac.memberclicks.net/college-fair-locations</a>	<b>KC Regional Fair</b> <b>1:00 - 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b> University of Missouri - Kansas City Student Union Multipurpose Room Register here: <a href="https://app.strivescan.com/students">https://app.strivescan.com/students</a>
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*Meet with college representatives from around the country!  
Get a head start on your college planning!*

A great way to get a lot of information from a lot of different colleges/universities in one stop. These will normally have 100-200+ colleges in attendance.

- Fall College Fairs (look for information on our website next school year)
  - Liberty School District - usually in September
  - Shawnee Mission School District - usually in mid-October
  - National College Fair at KC Convention Center (this is the Park Hill college fair) - early/mid-October

# Applying for college (don't do this until August or later)

- Apply to at least 3 schools
  - Reach
  - Safe
  - Fall Back
- Common Application
  - Some schools give the option to apply with the Common Application. Mizzou and Truman State are two schools in Missouri that use the Common App.
  - Students fill out certain sections of the application once and then can submit to each school. Still have to pay individual application fees for each university (unless qualify for free/reduced lunch)

# Testing

- Be familiar with required ACT scores for schools of interest
- Some schools within the university may have stricter entrance requirements than the university itself
  - For example, regular Mizzou admissions is 24 and 2.0 core GPA
  - School of Engineering at Mizzou
    - Math 26 AND Composite 26 OR top 25% in class
- Some schools may use ACT superscores
- Check to see what the last ACT is that school will use for scholarships (many will be December)
- Students can list 4 colleges to receive their ACT score for free when they register for the test.
- Most of our students don't need to take the SAT, but should student determine it is needed, there are a few testing locations in the area.
- Most students don't take the ACT more than 3-4 times.





# Transcripts

- Won't be able to request transcripts until they are classified as seniors.
- After students complete their application for admission, they will request transcripts to be sent in Naviance/Family Connection.
  - <http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/how-to-send-transcripts.html>
- They may also need to request transcripts for scholarships and can fill out a request form in the counseling office for those.

# Resume

- Students should create a resume.
  - Will more than likely need for filling out applications and for scholarship applications.
  - Can create using Naviance/Family Connection
    - [http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/7/6/14764736/resume\\_builder\\_instructions\\_for\\_naviance.pdf](http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/7/6/14764736/resume_builder_instructions_for_naviance.pdf)

# Now how do we pay for this?

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- FAFSA opens on October 1
- Students could get their FSA ID now. <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>
- Students could potentially qualify for the following:
  - Grants - don't have to be repaid
  - Loans - do have to be repaid - some accrue interest while in school, others don't.
  - Work study - money that is earned by working an on-campus job

2018-2019

[2018-2019 Deadlines](#) 

Includes deadlines for all states.

**Federal Deadline**

Online applications must be submitted by midnight Central Time, June 30, 2019. Any corrections or updates must be submitted by midnight Central Time, September 14, 2019.

**State Deadline**

Missouri - February 1, 2018. For priority consideration, submit application by date specified. Applications accepted through April 2, 2018, by midnight, Central Time. Awards made until funds are depleted.

**College Deadline**

Check with the college(s) you are interested in attending. You may also want to ask your college about its definition of an application deadline - whether it is the date the college receives your FAFSA, or the date your FAFSA is processed.

# Now how do we pay for this?

- Scholarships

- University Scholarships

- Automatic

- Student will automatically receive if meet certain requirements.

- <https://www.missouriwestern.edu/admissions/scholarships/>

- <http://finaid.umkc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>

- Competitive

- Student may have to fill out an additional application/interview.

- <https://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/scholarships/Freshman.htm>

- <http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/scholarships.html>

- Merit Based - based on grades / accolades

- Service Based - have a community service requirement attached

- Financial Need Based - student must demonstrate financial need to qualify

- Private Scholarships - scholarships given by non-academic groups/organizations. Most of the time these scholarships can be used at any university and will be paid directly to the institution.

# Now how do we pay for this?

- A+
  - <http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/a.html>
  - We recommend that all of our students attempt to complete the A+ requirements.
  - Pays for 2 years at a community college
  - Many four year colleges offer automatic A+ scholarships for students that were A+ completers
    - <https://www.nwmissouri.edu/finaid/Freshman.htm>
  - UMKC has a competitive scholarship for A+ completers
    - <http://finaid.umkc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>
- Military Funding
  - See Mr. Halfmann in the counseling office for more information

## PHHS SENIOR CHECKLIST 2017-2018

### COMMUNICATION

**Naviance Family Connection:** Transcript requests, scholarship search, college search, resume builder, college and career readiness index, college rep visits, interest inventories, personal plans of studies, ACT prep

<https://connection.naviance.com/parkhhs>

Username: s12345

Password: s12345

**Your Counselor:** Fee waivers, rec letters, ACT prep info, application/college prep help, scholarships, Naviance Family Connection help

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/parkhillcounseling>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/phhscounseling>

**Website:** <http://counselingphhs.weebly.com>

**Instagram:** [@phhscounseling](https://www.instagram.com/phhscounseling)



### EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

- College Visits: Tour the colleges that interest you
- College Rep Visit to PHHS: Sign up via Naviance Family Connection
- National College Fair @ Kansas City Convention Center Tuesday, October 24 at 8:30-11:30 am and 6-8 pm Preregister and details <https://www.nacacfairs.org>. \*\*Bus provided for evening session, sign up in counseling\*\*
- Super Match College Search via Naviance Family Connection
- [www.bigfuture.org](http://www.bigfuture.org)

### ACT/SAT

- Take the ACT: Sign up at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) PHHS School Code: 262545/Site Code: 191410

October 28 ( Sign up by Sept. 22)	February 10 ( Sign up by Jan. 12)	June 9 (Sign up by May 4)
December 9 (Sign up by Nov. 3)	April 14 (Sign up by March 9)	July 14 (Sign up by June 15)

- ACT Prep opportunities available @ <http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/act-prep-opportunities.html>
- Fee waivers for those who qualify...See Counselor
- Sign up @ [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for SAT and dates

### APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- Apply online at institution of choice by deadline; pay attention to deadlines and write them in your planner, phone, or outlook calendar! (Typically Nov/Dec for automatic scholarships and priority housing)
- Application fee: Expect \$35-\$50; some college accept fee waivers. See your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver
- Send Official Transcript: Request via Naviance Family Connection: Sign in, "click colleges" tab, select "colleges I'm applying to", enter choice colleges, click request box, click "add colleges" at the bottom and your transcripts will be sent!
- Send Official ACT: Send via actstudent.org account \*Remember to send ACT scores for free when you register for ACT, or you will have to pay \$13.00 per test date per report
- Send MCC Dual Credit Transcript: via Maple Woods account
- Send AP Scores: via Collegeboard account
- Reminder: A final transcript will also need to be requested in May via Naviance

### PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- Scholarship List: Naviance Family Connection
- Scholarship Search Engine: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- SCHOLARSHIPS! Meet with scholarship coordinator Sara Capra in room 109 Homerooms and 4<sup>th</sup> block
- Prepare college/scholarship essays if needed
- Ask for letters of recommendation at least 2-3 weeks in advance
- Prepare resume (Honors/Activities/Awards) and Naviance Student Questionnaire
- Attend FAFSA informational Night: Thursday, September 28, in LGVR in PHHS Media Center
  - o Workshops will be presented at 5:30 and 6:30; Location TBD
  - o Contact: Robin Stimac, Financial Aid Manager @ Maple Woods @ Robin.Stimac@MCKCC.EDU
- Parents & students complete a FSA ID prior to starting the FAFSA @ <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
- Complete the FAFSA: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) starting October 1<sup>st</sup>!
- Attend FAFSA FRENZY- Maple Woods Oct. 15 and January 25 (time TBD); Park Hill South, November 14, 5-8 pm
- Complete A+ requirements

### OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Have you participated in extra-curricular activities?
- If interested in military, have you met with a recruiter?
- NCAA student athletes: Remember to register with NCAA Eligibility Center [http://web3.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA\\_EMS/NCAA\\_EMS.html#](http://web3.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#)

# Summer Opportunities

- <http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/summeradditional.html>

# In Summary

- Now-summer
  - Research, research, research
  - Make a list of schools of interest
  - Go to a spring college fair
  - Go on visits to schools of interest
  - Consider taking ACT in June or July
  - Start making a list of scholarships to apply for
  - Look at list of summer opportunities and see if any are applicable
  - Work on A+ hours
  - Start resume and continually update it
- September
  - Start applying to schools of interest
  - Start applying for scholarships (and continue throughout senior year)
  - ACT is offered
  - Continue college visits both on campus and when reps visit PHHS
- October
  - Fill out FAFSA
  - ACT is offered
  - Go to fall National College Fair
- December
  - ACT is offered
  - Try to be done with A+ hours



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