Senior Parent Night 2017

Park Hill High School, September 13, 2017

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Naviance/Family Connection

http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/naviancefamily-connection.html

- Each student has an account. Username and Password are S number.
- Parents also have account, but it's a read-only account. If you would like to have access to your child's account, contact your student's counselor.
- Seniors should be using Naviance/Family Connection quite a bit this year - transcripts, resumes, college searches, ACT Prep, etc.

Where do I even start?
Research and narrow college choices

- https://connection.naviance.com/parkhhs
  - Click Colleges Tab
  - Click on College Super Match
- www.bigfuture.com
- Explore College Websites
- Take College Visits (Preferably days we don't have school)
- Virtual Tours
- College Rep Visits (Lists and sign up on Naviance Family Connection)
- National College Fair @ Kansas City Convention Center
  - Tuesday, October 24, 2017 8:30-11:30 am and 6-8 pm

What is needed to apply to college?

- College Application
  - Create account on school website
  - Common Application
- High School Transcript (Official and Unofficial)
- Senior Schedule
- Application Fee
  - Fee waivers available for some schools for those who qualify- see counselor
- ACT and/or SAT Scores

NCAA / NAIA Eligibility Center

- NCAA Eligibility Center
  - Must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if playing Division I or II NCAA Athletics
  - https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/
  - $85 to register (fee waivers available for qualifying students)
- NAIA
  - http://www.playnaia.org/eligibility-center
  - $80 to register (fee waivers available for qualifying students)

How do I sign up for the ACT?

- Sign up online @ www.actstudent.org
- Students will create online account
- PHHS School Code 262-545
- PHHS Test Site Code 191410
- Cost:
  - $46.00 (No Writing)
  - $62.50 (With Writing)
- Fee waivers are available to those who qualify...see counselor!
- Request to send scores to colleges in the registration process!

ACT Test Dates

2017-2018 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018*	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018*	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

Why should I take the ACT multiple times?

- Admissions
  - MU- 24 automatic admission
- Program Admission
  - MU Engineering- math 26 and composite 26 or top 25%
- Scholarships
  - Excellence: 27 or Higher
    - Top 25%- 2,000 renewable
    - Top 50%- 1,000 renewable
  - Curators: 28 or higher and top5%
    - 4,500 renewable
  - Chancellor: 31 and top 10%
    - 6,500 renewable
- Remedial Course Placement
  - Ex. low math subscore=placement in remedial math that you pay for but doesn't count

How do I prepare for the ACT?

Several Act Prep opportunities are listed on our counseling web page:

http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/act-prep-opportunities.html

College Tutors Free Practice ACT- September 30th at Park Hill

Sign-up online via Park Hill Counseling Website Link

How do I send transcripts to colleges?

- Go to http://connection.naviance.com/parkhhs
- Log in using s number for both username and password
- Click Colleges Tab
- Click Colleges I'm applying to
- Click Add to this list
- Click LookUp and search the college you want to send transcript to
- Click box beside request (indicating you want your transcript sent)
- Click Add Colleges at the bottom of the page

How do I send my dual credit, AP credits and ACT scores to my college?

Dual Credit- send directly through MCC or college account

AP Scores- send directly through Collegeboard account

ACT Scores- send directly through ACT student account (free if requested at time of registering for test; fee of $13.00 if requested after test is taken)

What is the FAFSA, and how do I apply?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov
- October 1st- online registration begins
- Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID - student and parent
  - Create a username & password - google ‘fsa id’
- $ awarded based on student need - not academic achievement
- 2016 IRS Tax Information - Data Retrieval Tool

Why complete the FAFSA?

- $ to pay for college costs - up to $5920/year
- Pell Grant & Work Study
- Low-cost loans Subsidized & Unsubsidized - about $5500/yr
- Missouri student financial aid application
  - Access Missouri
  - Bright Flight
  - Minority Teacher Scholarship…..and more
- A+ requirement

Plan for these college-related costs

- Tuition
- Fees
- Room and Board
- Books and school supplies
- Equipment and supplies for dorm room or other housing
- Travel and miscellaneous expenses

FAFSA example #1:

Tuition in-state	$11,008	Mizzou	
Housing - Food	$10,808	$21,816	
Pell (FAFSA)	-$5900	=$15,916	
Loan (FAFSA)	-$5500	=$10,416	
Scholarship	-$2000	=$8,416	
Work Study (FAFSA)	-$2000	=$6,416	balance after aid

FAFSA example #2:

Tuition in-state	$4,500	Maple Woods 2 years
Housing	$ 0	
Pell (FAFSA)	-$5900	
Loan	-$ 0	

How do I find scholarships?

Resources listed on our counseling website:

- http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/scholarships.html
  - Naviance/Family Connection > College > Scholarship List
  - www.fastweb.com
  - www.finaid.org
  - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- General rule of thumb is that if a scholarship application asks for a fee to apply, move on.
- Scholarship Coordinator
  - Mrs. Sara Capra, capras@parkhill.k12.mo.us, 359.6390, Rm 109, available HR and 4th block

How do I create a resume?

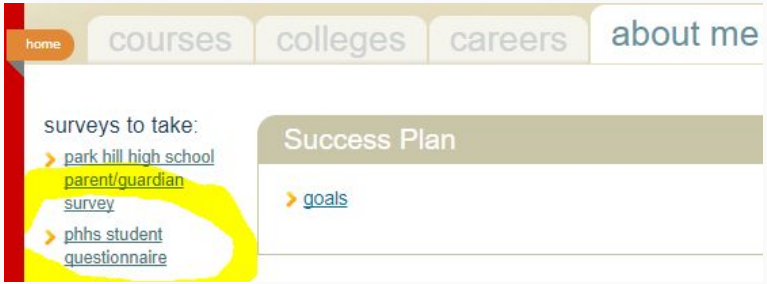
- Create using the Resume Builder Feature in Naviance/Family Connection
  - Go to http://counselingphhs.weebly.com/naviancefamily-connection.html and look under Instructional Videos/Documents for the instructions to create a resume in Naviance.
  - Benefit is that it formats the resume for you!
  - Students can add activities as they go through high school and it will save them so when they want to print resumes as a senior, there isn't as much work to do!

- Create using Microsoft Word
  - When creating a new document, type "Resume" in the "search for online templates" box. Many resume options will appear. Select one to open and edit it.

How do I obtain letters of recommendation?

- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers/counselors 2-3 weeks in advance, if possible!
- When asking a teacher/counselor for a letter of recommendation, have your resume prepared and ready to give them.
- If letter is for a scholarship, be sure to provide the teacher/counselor with details about the scholarship so they can be specific to any necessary details in their letter.

- In many cases, it would be beneficial for your counselor to have VERY specific information about you that they might not already know, so consider filling out the student questionnaire in Naviance/Family Connection (or obtain a paper copy in counseling).



What is A+ program and why is it important to complete; even as a senior?

The A+ program is a scholarship program that can cover a student's costs of attending a Missouri vocational/technical college or community/junior college for two years. It is important to complete even as a senior because:

- these funds may be used for summer school or as a secondary plan
- many 4 year schools offer A+ scholarships
- the completion of a program looks good on a resume or application!

A+ Information

Be sure to visit the A+ page on the PHHS website for eligibility information and much more. There is NO reason NOT to enroll in the A+ program!
https://phhs.parkhill.k12.mo.us/about_our_school/a__program

By the way, **you may already have some hours**! Some courses award A+ hours.

Education Services = 40 hours *PH Professional Studies Internship = 12.5 hours*

NCAPS = 12.5 hours *Child Growth and Development = 10 hours*

What is the timeline for my senior year?

- Fall 2017
  - Narrow College Search
  - Visit college campuses and meet with college reps that visit PHHS
  - Complete college applications (pay close attention to automatic scholarship deadlines)
  - Retake ACT to improve score (October/December tests available)
  - File FAFSA starting October 1st.
  - Complete A+ hours
  - Research and start applying for scholarships
  - Prepare any necessary essays
  - Ask for recommendations (utilizing resume/student questionnaire)

What is the timeline for my senior year?

- Spring 2018
  - Compare Financial Aid awards
  - Decide on college that is right for you
  - Be sure to meet your college's admissions, financial aid, housing, deposit and other deadlines.
  - Continue researching and applying for scholarships
  - Continue working hard in school, last semester of high school matters!
  - Request final transcript to be sent to college of choice!
  - Complete Senior Exit Survey

What are upcoming events I might attend?

- Financial Aid Information Night
  - Thursday, September 28, 2017; Two sessions - 5:30 & 6:30
- National Performing and Visual Arts College Fair @ Penn Valley CC
  - Tuesday, October 10, 2017; 6:30-8:30 pm
- National College Fair @ Kansas City Convention Center
  - Tuesday, October 24, 2017; 8:30 am-11:30 am and 6 pm -8 pm
- FAFSA Frenzy- Park Hill South
  - Tuesday, November 14, 5-8 pm
- FAFSA Frenzy- Maple Woods
  - Sunday, October 15
  - Sunday, January 25

Senior Exec Information- Leza Palguta & Lauren Chapman

September-

- 18th-22nd Homecoming Week
  - Football Game September 22nd
  - HC Dance September 23rd
- 25th- Senior Panoramic Picture
- **October** 2nd- Jostens Meeting

Senior Exec Information

APRIL- Letter from Dr. Kincheloe

- Pictures for Senior Slideshow due
- Senior Cap and Gown Pick-Up
- Senior Exit Survey
- Senior Community Service Day and Senior Picnic

Senior Exec Information

May-

- Senior Dinner and Senior Awards Night
- Junior/Senior Prom
- Senior Finals
- Senior Last Day of School and Countdown
- Senior Fun Day
- Senior Breakfast and Graduation Practice
- Graduation

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