Class of 2020
The Senior Year

POWER POINT WILL BE POSTED ON
THE NHS COUNSELING DEPARTMENT
WEBSITE
Tonight’s Goals
*this PowerPoint will be available on the NHS Counseling website

Discuss...

• AP Registration Changes
• Post High School
• Important Dates/SENIOR BLITZ!
• Application Process
• Letters of Recommendation
• Questions?
• End at 6:50, 1st Period begins at 7:00
Senior Stress!

- **Senior Year Stressors**
  - Applications – acceptance, rejection
  - Fear of saying good bye to high school life
  - Keeping up with academic demands
  - Burn out

- **Counseling and Wellness Center**
  - Place to destress during the day
  - Meet with counselor
  - Mindfulness activities
  - Build skills for life after high school
College & Career Counselor

- Meet Ms. Lopez-Kopp!
- College & Career Center is located in the Library
- Office Hours:
  - Monday – Friday
  - 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- College Visit Days in the library are in full swing! College admissions representatives from a variety of schools will meet with students to discuss the admissions process and answer student questions. A list of all College Visit Days is available through Naviance.

- The Newport High School College and Career Center provides students and parents with access to current information and resources on college and career planning. Offering a variety of services from registration for WaNIC courses and resume workshops to college visits and scholarship information.
A few upcoming key dates

- **Senior Blitz!** Starting September 19th – early October
- **FAFSA/WASFA night for parents** - NHS Theater – **Monday 10/21 6:30pm**
- **College App Help** – “College Corp” - Start Date TBA
- **College App Workshop** – Wednesday, Oct. 16th “Super Wednesday”
  - Library 8:00 – 11:00
  - Essay help with English Teachers
  - Application help from Counselors and volunteers
New AP Registration Process

▪ First couple weeks of class:
  ▪ Teachers will give students a **join code** for each of their AP classes.
  ▪ Students use their College Board **username and password** and join code to enroll in their class section.

▪ **September/October:** Students complete registration for exams and payment for exams.
**AP Fees and Timeline**

**AP Exam Fees for 2019-20: The base exam fee is not changing**

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**What’s new?** There will be a $40 fee for each late exam registration.
Post High School Options:

- 4 year public and private college/university
- 2 year community/technical college
- Work, Military, Gap year, etc.
- Live at home forever...let’s try to avoid this...
Senior Year Timeline for College

- Sept-Nov: Retake SAT/ACT if needed. December is also an option depending on college deadlines
- October 1: FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Mid-October: Some visual & performing art portfolios due
- Nov 1 and Nov 15: Early Decision / Early Action applications due
  - November 15 is UW Seattle Deadline
- Nov-Jan (some later): Regular applications due
- April 1: Colleges notify students of decisions by now
- May 1: Decision day--tuition and housing deposits due
- July: Final transcripts sent to college
Some Local Community, Vocational and Technical Colleges

- Bellevue College**, Bellevue (housing!)
- Cascadia College**, Bothell (housing!)
- Seattle Central**, North Seattle** and South Seattle** Colleges, Seattle
- Edmonds Community College**, Edmonds (housing!)
- Shoreline Community College, Shoreline
- Green River College, Auburn (housing!)
- Lake Washington Institute of Technology**, Kirkland
- Renton Technical College, Renton
- Highline College**, Des Moines (housing!)
- Bates Technical College, Tacoma

**Many offer 4-year degrees**
Steps for Community/Tech Colleges

1. Go to www.sbctc.edu to research and find the right match. There are 33 C/T options in WA.

2. After January 1, 2019 fill out specific C/T fall application. Check the school website for priority deadlines. Bellevue College’s priority deadline is in mid May.

3. Register to take a placement test, if needed (English and math)

4. Meet with an academic advisor at the college to discuss class and career path.
Transcript Check

Look For:

• **Teacher Grade Change?**
  ○ Make sure it is listed
  ○ Find original class and see if it has ZERO credit

• **Retaken a class?**

• **Original Credit class Online?**
  ○ It should be listed with credit but no grade

• **Previous School?** – check for accuracy

NOTE: High School and Beyond Plan will be “met” in spring
Make a note of any **errors** on your transcript and **return** it to your counselor.
The Fall Application Process Overview

1. **Finalize list** of colleges you are applying to in **Naviance**.
   - Check deadlines (early action, early decision, regular) and admission requirements.

2. **Start Application** - tip = do the easy part first - do not procrastinate.

3. **Order your transcripts** through Naviance.

4. Work on **essay** and have it read by at least one other person.

5. Send **ACT/SAT** scores directly from organization.

Applying to **Private College**?
   - Complete Counselor **Letter of Recommendation Packet** (DUE 3 weeks prior to first deadline)
   - **Ask & Invite teachers** to write a letter of rec
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Private School

Apply Early Decision or Early Action?

**Early Decision**
- Apply to **one** ED school.
- If accepted, you **must** enroll – legal contract.
- Difficult to compare financial aid packages and scholarships.
- Increases chances of admission for strong students and legacy students.

**Early Action**
- Can apply to more than one school.
- Acceptance is non-binding.
- Easier to compare different financial aid and scholarship packages.
- May increase chances & admission decisions are made earlier.
Teacher Letters of Recommendation

Teacher Letter

- Check with teachers now!
- Each teacher has a different process
- Invite teachers through Naviance.
  - Do **NOT** invite teachers via Common App
- Be sure to have your student thank the teacher for writing a letter for them!
- Do not invite more than 2 teachers to write a letter

*some Public school programs may require a LOR*
Private School*

Counselor Letter of Rec Packet
(on Naviance & Counseling website)

- College Application and Deadline List
- FERPA Waiver
- Counselor Questionnaire
- Resume
- Teacher Feedback Forms
- Family Brag Sheet (OPTIONAL, but recommended)

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Online application is available **Now.**

No transcripts **or** letters of recommendation (unless requested by UW).

Applying in October will NOT give an advantage. Don’t rush the application! Focus on essays & activities.

**Deadline is Nov 15, 2019**- Test scores in by Dec 31st. The University of Washington requests that students submit scores from all SAT exams. **In the freshman review, additional scores can only benefit the applicant.**

Admission notifications between March 1st – 15th
Tips for Students

- **Fee Waivers** - If you are a F/R lunch student- see your counselor for Fee Waivers for applications.

- **Email** - Make sure your email address is appropriate and professional. Consider having an email just for college admissions.

- **Social Media** - Be aware that your Twitter, Instagram or other social networking pages may be accessed by college admissions counselors and potential employers.

- **Review before submitting** - Make sure your applications are complete and keep copies of everything.

**Questions?** Come see your counselor during tutorial 3:00 – 3:30 in the Counseling Center during the month of October.
Tips for Parents

- **Communicate** – discuss college with your son/daughter
  - What is your student looking for in a college experience?
  - What is the most important thing to consider?
  - Are there financial considerations?

- **Empower**
  - Provide resources, but allow them to do their own work
  - Nurture problem solving
  - Be a non-anxious presence
Support Services  (in addition to us)

- **Tutorial**  M,T,Th,F  3:00 – 3:30pm
- **College & Career Center**  –  Library (Ms. Lopez-Kopp)
- **College Corps Volunteers**  –  help with College Apps
- **Academic Success Center**  –  Library (Dr. Jay Busch)
- **OneNote**  teacher pages
- **Behavioral Health Specialist/YES Counselor**
- **Academic coaches**  in the classroom
- **Peer Tutors**  - library
- **School Resource Officer:**  Bellevue Police Officer Greg Mills
- **StudentVue /ParentVue**
- **Naviance**
Thank You For Attending Tonight

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