

*Welcome to  
Senior College Night*

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WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
OCTOBER 2022

# *Presentation Overview*

- Welcome
  - Mr. Corey Blair, Assistant Principal of Guidance
- Navigating the Application Process
- The Admissions Perspective
  - Christine Murphy, Vice President for Enrollment Management, St. Joseph's University
- Q&A



# *College Applications are a Joint Process*

Role of the  
Student

Role of the  
Parent/Guardian

Role of the  
School  
Counselor

# Creating a College List

***“Finding a good college fit begins with identifying places that provide the academic program you need and a style of instruction that is most comfortable for you.”***

**- Peter Van Buskirk**

- Use Naviance & College Board to find potential colleges.
  - College Visits
  - College Fairs (October 20th - Per. 2 & 3)
  - Open House (Virtual or In-Person)
  
- Likely / Target / Reach Schools
  - Students should use **data** from schools to determine if it is a likely, target, or reach.



# *Application Components*

- Application
- High School Transcript (GPA, class size)
  - Senior Year Schedule / Mid-year grades
- Standardized Test Scores
  - Test Optional Policies
- Personal Statement
  - Utilize learning labs during lunch to revise it.
- Supplemental essay (if required)
- Activities, Clubs, Honors, Community Service

# *Who sends each part?*

## Student

Application  
SAT/ACT Scores  
Brag Sheet  
FERPA Release Authorization

## School Counselor

Transcript  
School Profile  
Teacher & Counselor Letters  
of Recommendation



# Applications & Admission Types

- Common Application (Over 900+ colleges & universities)
  - SUNY Application (i.e. Farmingdale, Stony Brook, Geneseo)
  - CUNY Application (i.e. Queens College, Baruch)
  - Institutional Applications
  - Coalition Application
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- Early Decision is **BINDING**
  - Early Action
  - Regular Decision
  - Rolling Admissions

**The Counseling Center requires  
2-weeks notice of your deadlines.  
You must complete a receipt for us  
to process your application.**

**i.e. November 1st → Submit by October 15th**

THE ULTIMATE  
INSPIRATION  
IS THE  
**DEADLINE**  
NOLAN BUSHNELL





# *On-Site Admissions Day*

- On-Site admissions will allow students to meet with an admission representative and receive an instant decision
  - Long Island University - November 2
  - Molloy University - November 17
  - Farmingdale State - November 29th
  - NYIT (Virtual) - November 30
  - St. Joseph's University - December 1
  - Suffolk Community College - December 5
  - Iona University - December 7
  - Mercy College - December 12th

**Sign-up in the Counseling Center!**

# Community College

- Suffolk and Nassau Community College are local schools that offer Associate's Degrees (2-year)
- Application Process
  - How is it different from the regular process?
- You can earn an associate's degree based on a career outcome.
  - HVAC
  - Radiology Technician
  - Auto-Mechanic
  - LPN, Physical Therapy Assistant

# Financial Aid

- Institutional Scholarships:
  - Merit Based: Based on academic records
  - Others: Military, Leadership, Community Service, etc.
- Whitman Exclusives Scholarships
- Scholarship Databases
  - Naviance
  - [www.FastWeb.com](http://www.FastWeb.com)
- Financial Aid is **need** based (overall family income)
  - TAP, Excelsior
  - NYS DREAM Act (undocumented students)



# *Understanding Financial Aid*

**Thursday, October 13**

## **Financial Aid Information Night at Walt Whitman HS**

- Never rule out a college because of cost alone. Compare costs before applying
  - Net price calculators can provide an estimate of financial aid eligibility and remaining college costs.
- Compare awards – look at grants, loans, and parental contributions before making a final decision on a college.
- You will receive your financial aid package approximately 4-6 weeks after being accepted.

# *Stay In Touch!*

**Communication with your School Counselor is a necessity. Use our website to make an appointment or see a secretary in the Counseling Center.**

**Thank you!**



# *The Admissions Perspective*



**Christine Murphy, Vice President for Enrollment Management**