Welcome to Senior College Night

WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Presentation Overview

➢ Welcome
- - Mr. Corey Blair, Supervisor of Guidance K-12
➢ 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

This is your process - OWN IT!
One of the top mistakes students make is to not check their email regularly!

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 16th - 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 writing labs during lunch to revise it - 617A
- ➤ Supplemental essay (if required)
- ➤ Activities, Clubs, Honors, Community Service
- ➤ SRAR (if required)

Who sends each part?

Student
Application
SAT/ACT Scores
Brag Sheet
FERPA Release Authorization
SRAR (if required)

School Counselor
Transcript
School Profile
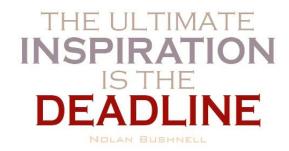Teacher & Counselor Letters
of Recommendation

Applications & Admission Types

- ➤ Common Application (Over 1000+ colleges & universities)
- ➤ SUNY Application (i.e. Farmingdale, Stony Brook, Geneseo)
- ➤ CUNY Application (i.e. Queens College, Baruch)
- ➤ Institutional Applications
- ➤ Coalition Application

- ➤ 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

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- Long Island University - November 20
- St. Joseph's University - November 28
- NYIT - November 29
- Suffolk County Community College - December 6
- Adelphi University - December 7
- Molloy University - December 11
- Mercy University - December 12
- Iona University - December 13
- Farmingdale State College - TBD

Sign-up on Naviance or 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 four year college 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
Other: Military, Leadership, Community Service, etc.

➢ Whitman Exclusives Scholarships

➢ Scholarship Databases
- Naviance
- www.FastWeb.com

➢ Financial Aid **need** based (overall family income)
- FAFSA, TAP, Excelsior
- NYS DREAM Act (undocumented students)

Understanding Financial Aid

Thursday, October 12

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

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