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Junior Year College Planning





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College Counseling

- Individual meetings with all juniors – college planning and scheduling (parents welcome)
- Parent/Student workshops
- Classroom guidance lessons – monthly in the fall, weekly in the spring
- Guidance Department newsletter and website
- Scholarship resources
- Coordinate college visits to Providence
- Professional Development through College Board, SACAD, NACAC, FSCA, meetings with admissions representatives

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The College Search Process

Stay Calm...

- About 50 percent admit over 75 percent of their applicants
- Only about 10 percent admit less than half of their applicants
- The selectivity level of the college your child attends is not a report card on the quality of your parenting.
- Don't believe everything you hear from well-meaning friends about college admission.
- There is no single "right or best" college – the right college will be the one that is the best fit for your student.

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How to Begin the College Search

- Family Discussion (What is important?)
- Computer resources (College Websites, Internet college search sites – www.collegeboard.com, www.princetonreview.com, www.petersons.com, etc.)
- College Guides, books
- College representatives visit Providence
- College Fairs
- College Campus visits (over summer)

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Things to Consider

- Commuting vs. living on campus
- Urban vs. small college town
- Size of the school
- Extracurricular/ athletic activities
- Size of classes/ faculty-student ratio
- Restrictions/ regulations of social life
- Type of programs offered
- Cost of the school

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Develop a Primary List

- Begin to categorize schools on your list
 - **Reach** - most students with a similar profile to yours (GPA, test scores, etc) not admitted
 - **Target** - half or more of the students with a similar profile to yours are admitted
 - **Likely** - most students with a similar profile to yours are admitted



What are College Admissions' Officers looking for in prospective students?

- G.P.A.
- Rank
- ACT/SAT Test Score
- Personal statement
- Recommendations
- Difficulty of course selections
- Courses in progress
- Academic Accomplishments
- School Involvement
- Personality Characteristics
- Level of Commitment
- Personal Accomplishments
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Narrow Down Options

- Choose 3-5+ schools
- Pick a mix: “dream school”, within reach, “safe school”
- Choose fit over any other factor
- Consider out-of-state/private schools
- Competitive vs. Selective
- Make sure school has the major you want!
- Athletes: pick schools without choice of sport as back-up

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NCAA Eligibility Center & Student Athletes

- The clearinghouse evaluates your academic record to determine if you are eligible to participate at a Division I or II college as a freshmen.
- The clearinghouse certifies your eligibility to compete as a student athlete, but your college must accept you as a student.
- You can review the eligibility requirements and register at **www.eligibilitycenter.org**



SAT/ACT Testing

- Juniors should take both tests in the early spring
- Always do writing on both types of tests
- Begin to focus on one test once you know which is better for you. Retake that test in your junior year to try to raise scores
- Colleges, bright futures, etc. will use your best scores and most will combine scores from different test dates to get the highest score possible

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Prior to the Test Date

- Review and Practice!
 - Especially the math – Algebra I and Geometry!
 - Both the SAT and ACT have practice problems and exams on their websites.
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.act.org

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Community Service

- Providence students must complete 100 hours of community service (25 per year)
- Service must:
 - benefit the general community
 - be unpaid
 - be with a not-for-profit organization

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Senior Year Preparation

- The following must be on file in the Providence Counseling Office by the first week of school to keep senior privileges:
 - 75 hours of community service
 - SAT/ACT scores
 - Senior surveys
 - Transcript release forms

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Junior Year To-Do List

- Keep up your grades!
- Take the SAT and ACT
- Start/Continue the college search process
- Visit Colleges
- Community Service
- Get/stay involved!

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Questions?

- Survey:
 - Please take a moment to complete the survey – your feedback is very helpful and appreciated!

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