

Schuylerville

Central School District

11th Grade Student & Parent Night “Preparing for 12th Grade and Beyond”

January 9, 2020

Presenters:

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Sarah Rust, *School Counselor (M-Z)*

Carrie Bean, *School Counselor (Internship Counselor)*

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The College Choice Is ...

- Reached through understanding personal priorities, academic needs, and goals
- Based on facts and feelings
- Difficult and at times frustrating
- Important to others besides only the student
- A process that requires organization and communication



The College Choice Is Not ...

- Final or irreversible
- The same for any two people
- Something that should take over your life
- For others to make for you/for you to make in isolation
- A matter of luck

What Are Colleges Looking For?

- Transcript
 - Strength of program
 - Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Class Rank
- Standardized Test Scores
 - SAT Reasoning
 - SAT Subject Tests
 - ACT
- Special Talents
 - Art
 - Music
 - Athletics
- Portfolio
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Athletics
 - Community Service
 - Employment
- Other
 - Personal Essay
 - Demonstrated Interest
 - Interview
 - Recommendations
 - Diversity



Sources of College Information

- Your school counselor
- District webpage - www.schuylervilleschools.org
- College webpages/catalogs/viewbooks
- College visits
- College Representative visits to Student Services
- College day/evening programs
- Parents/relatives/teachers/friends
- Professionals in your intended career field



Selecting the “Right” College

- Consider your priorities and academic needs
- Use all available resources to identify those that match your priorities/needs
 - Visit the campus/community
 - Interview and ask questions



The College Application Process

- Application
 - Online Common Application/SUNY Application
- Official SAT and/or ACT Scores
 - **Student sends scores directly from the College Board or ACT to the college/university**
- High School Transcript
- Essay
- Portfolio
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Counselor and Teacher(s)
- Application Fee



Plan Ahead

Senior Internship Program

Ms. Bean

- Gain valuable hands-on work experience
- Assist in choosing college major/career
- Explore several career paths
- Insight into likes/dislikes
- Develop and refine skills
- Resume builder
- Networking
- Gain confidence



Senior Internship Program

Program Overview

- Full year = 108 hrs. for 1 credit; Half year = 54 hrs. for .5 credit
- Students spend 8-10 wks. in 2-3 careers, 2-4 days a wk. for 1.5-3+ hrs.
- Students must have their own license and transportation
- Typically students intern after 6th period (12:15)
- Students can still take honors/AP courses, participate in sports/clubs
- Weekly time sheets, journals and other career related activities
- Students meet mentors prior to starting an internship
- Appropriate attire based upon business



Senior Internship Program

Internship Process:

Students apply late winter/early spring:

1. Application (includes resume, essay, references)
2. Review of grades, attendance, transportation, career interests and disciplinary issues
3. Interview with Ms. Bean



Financial Aid - Forms to Complete

- **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**
www.fafsa.gov
 - FAFSA can be completed as early as October 1, 2020
 - Student & parent must apply for FSA ID
 - Visit FAFSA website to complete the form
- **CSS Profile**
www.collegeboard.org
 - Required by more selective colleges and universities
 - Visit the College Board website to complete the CSS Profile
- **NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**
 - Link to complete application provided after completion of FAFSA application
 - Attend a college/university within New York State
- **Institutional Forms**



Financial Aid Continued ...



Nearly all students receive some form of financial aid:

- Grants (free money): PELL, TAP, Institutional
- Scholarships: School Specific, Private, Regional, National
- Federal Work Study: Employment on campus
- Loans: Stafford/Perkins Federal Loans, PLUS (Parent Loans)

Visit [FAFSA4caster](#) for an estimate on how much aid you might be eligible for!

SAT & ACT Information

When and how often should you take them?

- SAT Reasoning Test
- SAT Subject Test
- ACT

School Based Testing - March 25th

How do you register for these?

Where will you take the test?

Do you need to take the optional writing test?

How do you test with testing accommodations?



SAT vs ACT

Why Take Both?

ACT vs NEW SAT

What's the Same?

No penalties for guessing
Curriculum-focused content
Score choice
Optional essay

What's Different?

	ACT	New SAT	
2 Hours 55 Minutes	<p>36 ← TOP SCORE</p>	<p>1600 ← TOP SCORE</p>	3 Hours
	<p>MATH SECTION</p> <p>1+1= No Formulas given Calculator for ALL sections No Grid-in Answers</p> <p>TOPICS → Geometry Arithmetic Algebra Trigonometry</p>	<p>MATH SECTION</p> <p>Lots of Formulas given Calculator for ONE section Grid-in Answers</p> <p>Some Geometry & Arithmetic Advanced Algebra Some Trigonometry Interpretation of Data</p> <p>← TOPICS</p>	
4 SECTIONS	<p>READING SECTION</p> <p>8% Vocabulary</p> <p>ENGLISH/Writing SECTION</p> <p>3% Vocabulary</p> <p>SCIENCE SECTION Interpretation of Data Graphs & Charts</p>	<p>READING/Writing SECTION</p> <p>17% Vocabulary (Reading Questions) 7% Vocabulary (Writing Questions) Questions based on Graphs & Charts</p> <p>SCIENCE SECTION</p>	2 SECTIONS

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

Action steps you can take now - [cb.org/opportunity](https://collegeboard.org/opportunity)

1. Build your college list (Jr. year, Dec. - Jul.)

Create and save a college list on BigFuture with six or more colleges - earn a chance to win a \$500 scholarship

2. Practice for the SAT (Jr. year, Dec. - Oct.)

Use Khan Academy for six or more hours - earn a chance to win a \$1000 scholarship

3. Improve your score (Jr. year, Apr. - Jan.)

With an improving score of 100 points or more - earn a chance to win a \$2000 scholarship



College Board Opportunity Scholarships

Action steps you can take as a senior ...

1. Strengthen your college list (Sr. year Aug. - Oct.)

Update your list; include safety, match, and reach schools - earn a chance to win a \$500 scholarship

2. Complete the FAFSA (Sr. year, Oct. - Feb.)

Fill out and submit the FAFSA to be eligible for financial aid - earn a chance to win a \$1000 scholarship

3. Apply to colleges (Sr. year, Oct. - Feb.)

Apply to at least two colleges - earn a chance to win a \$1000 scholarship



Important Dates to Remember

- New Visions Student Information Dates
 - January 14th @ 1pm - Engineering
 - January 15th @ 1pm - Health Careers Exploration
- Student/Parent Guardian Counselor Meetings
 - Letters with appointment dates/times were mailed over break
 - Please contact Student Services to change meeting date/time if necessary
 - Course selection/post graduation planning
- SAT School Based Testing
 - March 25th @ 8 am
 - Payment due by January 24th to Student Services
- SUNY Adirondack Spring College Fair
 - Date: April 30th
 - Time: TBD (during the school day)
 - More information and permission slip to follow



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