

# Schuylerville

Central School District

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

**January 7, 2021**

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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](http://www.schuylervilleschools.org)
- College webpages/catalogs/viewbooks
- College visits (virtual and/or in-person)
- 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 Common 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](http://www.fafsa.gov)
  - FAFSA can be completed as early as October 1, 2021
  - Student & parent must apply for FSA ID
  - Visit FAFSA website to complete the form
- **CSS Profile**  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://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

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

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, December - October)

Use Khan Academy for six or more hours - earn a chance to win a \$1000 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 Virtual Information Dates
  - January 14th @ 11:00 am - Engineering & Health Careers Exploration
- Online Scheduling Process
  - The window to select courses for the 2021-2022 school year is open
  - Use Student Portal to request courses
- Student/Parent Guardian Counselor Virtual Meetings
  - Letters with virtual appointment dates/times were mailed over break
  - Please contact Student Services to change meeting date/time if necessary
  - Review course selections/post graduation planning
- SAT School Based Testing
  - March 24, 2021 @ 8:00 am (tentative)



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