

JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT AGENDA

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024, 6:30PM

Handouts: Agenda, College Fair Save the Date, Junior Timeline, Making the Most of Your College Visit, Transcript

Prayer, Welcome, and Introductions - Eric Neiswender

- Kairos Retreat
- [School Counseling website](#)

Classroom presentations - Lori Schuh

- Student ownership
- Junior timeline
- College visits
- Junior visits - what we cover, how we invite them to meet with us

Exploring College Costs - Kim Hammen

- financial aid/FAFSA
- net price calculator

How Colleges Make Decisions - Kim

- Academic rigor
- GPA
- Test scores (many colleges will still be test-optional)
- For some: audition, portfolio, etc.
- We do not publish class rank
- Direct Admit WI

Scheduling for Next Year - Eric

- Enter choices in PowerSchool by 2/11/2024
- Use transcript to check progress toward graduation requirements
 - Check progress in specific academic areas, and don't forget:
 - Personal Finance
 - Phy Ed (.5 credit waiver for athletes who complete 6 seasons of a WIAA sport)
 - Fine Arts (1 credit, including yearbook and creative writing)
- Why take that 4th year of math, science, or language? Consider senior year a bridge between high school and whatever comes next. Know the requirements of the colleges to which the student might apply.
- 17 academic credits are needed for college-bound students
- Off blocks are optional senior year

Youth Apprenticeship - Eric

- [Youth Apprenticeship](#) allows students to earn credits and gain on-the-job experience while getting paid. Current juniors can enroll in this program this winter and begin working this spring or summer. Talk to your counselor if you are interested.

Naviance - Kim

- College Search methods - SuperMatch, other sites
- Managing College Applications - note special circumstances (performing and visual arts)

- Procedure for applying - 4 STEPS (app, transcript, letters, test scores)
- Procedure for transcripts requests -not processed until we are back in school (Sept 1)
- Website access - how to get to Naviance

Communications – Naviance e-mail - Kim

Do we have your correct email? If not, email us at:

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Mental health through the process - Lori

Questions?