



# Junior Planning Meeting

# Essential Question

- What items do I need to consider as I am planning for my senior year?



# After High School...What Are Your Choices?

- Working Full Time/Part Time
- Attending a 4 year school
- Attending a technical school
- Attending a Community College
- Entering a branch of the military



# Start Investigating

- Naviance
- Job Shadow
- Internships
- Career Link:
  - find jobs
  - get training
- Your Interests
- Your Abilities
- Your Goals





# Junior Timetable

- Spring 2017:
  1. Research careers and educational requirements
  2. Visit with College Representatives, Open Houses
  3. Register for SAT or ACT or ASVAB
  4. Make a list of schools to visit
  5. Seek letters of recommendation
  6. Seek part-time jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities

# Senior Timetable

## Summer:

1. Create college list (5-8) and visit them
2. Register for fall SAT' s or ACT' s or SAT subject tests

## Fall:

1. Visit with college reps in the counseling office
2. Attend college fairs/ visit Career Link
3. Complete applications early
4. Complete the FAFSA
5. Visit top 2 college choices again
6. ASVAB

## Winter:

1. Check monthly scholarship list (Fall-Spring)
2. Receive replies from colleges

## Spring:

1. Complete college specific financial aid forms
2. Make final decision and send in the deposit
3. Notify colleges you are not attending
4. Visit Career Link if you haven't already done so





# Creating a list of colleges

Things to consider:

- Size of the student body
- Location
- Academic programs
- Campus life
- Cost
- Diversity
- Retention and graduation rates



# The College Visit



## ■ Why visit?


To really get a feel for the school, you need to see it and walk around. Do you feel comfortable? Can you picture yourself there for four or more years?

Shows college you are interested in them!



## ■ Procedure:

Call the admissions office to set up a visit. A visit usually consists of a tour of the campus and time for questions and answers, so prepare a list of questions to ask before you go.





# The Job Interview/ College Visit

- Be on time
- Proper handshake
- Good eye contact
- Know something about the workplace/college
- Ask questions
- Thank you



# Testing

- What kind of testing will you need?
- ASVAB, SAT, ACT
- College placement tests







# ASVAB

## Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery



- ✓ Provides a snapshot of your current knowledge and skills.
  - ✓ Can compare your scores with the educational or job requirements for occupations of interest to you.
  - ✓ Scores can qualify you for certain jobs and training in the Armed Forces.
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# ASVAB

- Testing will be offered at Warwick in Fall and Spring.
- Testing interpretation will be offered at Warwick when tests are scored
- Excellent career planning tool and does not commit you to the military.

# SAT vs. ACT



<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Math, Reading, Writing and Language, Essay</li></ul>	<b>Test Structure</b>	Math, Reading, English, Science, Essay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3 hrs plus 50 min. essay</li></ul>	<b>Length</b>	2hrs 55min plus 30 min. essay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5 reading passages</li></ul>	<b>Reading</b>	4 reading passages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Science</li></ul>	<b>Science</b>	1 Science section
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Algebra I,II, Geometry, Trig., Data Analysis</li><li>Some sections do not allow a calculator</li></ul>	<b>Math</b>	Algebra I,II, Geometry, Trig. You can use a calculator on all math sections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Essay is optional</li></ul>	<b>Essays</b>	Essay is optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>400-1600</li></ul>	<b>Score</b>	1-36

# How Test Scores May Be Used

- SAT- Highest verbal and math scores across different administrations.
- Others use the highest pair of scores from a single administration.
- ACT- Most institutions use the highest composite score from a single administration.
- Best combination of English, Math, Reading, and Science
- Some schools do not use test scores if your GPA is a certain level or if you include writing samples (ex: Lebanon Valley College, Franklin and Marshall)
- ASVAB- used for military placement



# Trend Changes

- More students than ever before are applying to schools:

Elizabethtown: 3393 applied, 1944 accepted (57%)

Millersville: 50% applicants accepted

PSU: 50,000 applied, 7000 accepted at Main (14%)

Bucknell: 9000 applied, 900 accepted (10%)

Penn: 20,483 applied, 3,617 accepted (18%)

- More schools offering summer start
- More schools are “wait listing”
- All schools accept SAT and ACT



# Trend Changes... cntd.

Colleges/employers want to see:

- Social skills/people skills
- Maturity
- Responsibility
- Dependability

These traits are often more important than skills!





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MaLslu1vdE>





# So..... Apply early and get applications in on time!!

(September, October)


- Usually increases your chances for acceptance
- Gives you time to visit or re-visit and weigh your options
- Most schools have deadlines
- Less hassle for a busy senior year
- Apply to a variety of schools (“reach” and “safety” schools)

# Types of admissions

- Rolling- applications are evaluated as they are received
- Regular- definite due date- applications are reviewed in comparison to the entire pool
- Early Action- decision is reached by specified date-non-binding
- Early Decision- same as early action but binding


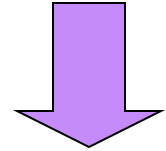
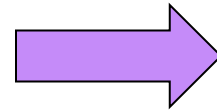


# Application Process




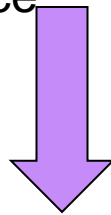
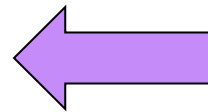
Student completes application on-line and lists school under “colleges I’ve applied to” in Naviance

Review application to see if recommendations are necessary. If so, ask teachers in person.



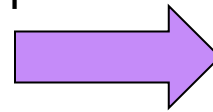
If you are using the Common Application, be sure to link it with Naviance

List “Recommenders” in Naviance so they can upload their letters.



Complete the transcript request form in the counseling office.

Counselor reviews materials, signs official transcript, and application is sent (allow 10 school days)



See link to Naviance instructions on WHS website



# Types of admission decisions:

- **Accepted!**
- **Deferred-** schools may ask to see mid-year grades or an additional SAT/ACT test score
- **Wait Listed-** schools may place you on a wait list until the students who have been offered admission respond. If more students turn down the offer of admission than expected, the wait list may be used.
- **Denied**



# *Financial Aid*

## And Scholarships

- Financial Aid Workshop- Fall 2017
- Create a PIN at: [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)
- FAFSA Form-File after 10/1/17 at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)
- Senior bulletin for seniors every month- check it out for scholarships!!!
- Be in communication with the financial office of the colleges you are applying to. They may offer additional scholarships.

# Don't Let Time Slip Away!

## Useful Tools:

- Naviance
- PA Career Link
- Friends, Family
- Your Counselor



# Internet Sites

Most colleges have their own website that explains their admission process, academic offerings, and campus life. Other helpful websites include:

- [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)
- [act.org](http://act.org)
- [educationplanner.com](http://educationplanner.com)
- [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org)
- [ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- [Fafsa.ed.gov](http://Fafsa.ed.gov)
- [Jobs4lancaster.com](http://Jobs4lancaster.com)
- [lancasterchambercareerconnect.com](http://lancasterchambercareerconnect.com)







# Course selection



## ■ Senior Options

-CTC, internships, Open Campus, Early release/late arrival, dual enrollment, Thaddeus Stevens Early Enrollment, Teacher Assistant



## ■ Graduation Requirements

## ■ Pre-requisites

## ■ CTC complete full schedule



## ■ “Notes” section

# Questions

- What are your questions?
- Summer hours

