
Senior Send Off

Planning for and Applying to College

— MHS Class of 2021 —
Parents/Guardians

Evening Agenda

- I. **Looking back...and moving forward!**
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- VIII. The Gap Year

Join Class of 2021 Remind!

Receive quick announcements/reminders via text messages

Text @wcat2021 to the number 81010

You'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @wcat2021 to (440) 996-5054.

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Looking back...

Last year, we presented to Juniors in English classes (November) and to Parents (January) to address:

- How to create a Common App Account
- How to use Naviance - Interest Inventories, college search engines, adding colleges to “Colleges I’m Interested in”
- The ACT/SAT/SAT Subject Tests (accommodations for IEPs/504s)
- The importance of attending College Fairs, visits, or meeting reps (virtually, now!)

And Moving Forward...!

- Presented in Government classes this week
- College & Military Reps will “virtually” visit the HS (see Naviance for schedule)
- Take Virtual College Campus Tours/Visits
- Attend the NACAC Virtual College Fair
- Plan to meet admission deadlines
 - Early Decision - Binding (Nov)
 - Early Action - Eager/excited, non-binding (Nov/Dec)
 - Regular Decision - (Jan-April)
- What to expect your senior year - You'll be busy! :)

College Entrance Exams...in a pandemic!

The basics:

- I. Thousands of schools are waiving or making it test optional. Check their websites!
- II. SAT Coordinator - Mia Bourdakos (mbourdacos@mayfieldschools.org)
- III. ACT Coordinator - Pam Bobinski (pbobinski@mayfieldschools.org)
- IV. For IEP/504 Accommodations, **contact the test coordinator**
- V. **ACT @ MHS** - September 12th, 2020
- VI. **School Day SAT @ MHS** - Planning for September 23rd, 2020
- VII. **SAT @ MHS** - November 7th, 2020

College Entrance Exams - Sending Scores

If you have taken an SAT or ACT previously, the scores will appear on the transcript that we send to colleges.

1. If you do NOT want this, notify your counselor.
2. Most colleges will not accept scores on a transcript and may **require you to send scores from ACT or College Board**. Check w/ your college!

Other Entrance Exams...

1. Two-year colleges

- a. Compass or Accuplacer test
- b. Free admission
- c. Student does not need to have an ACT or SAT

2. Military

- a. ASVAB Test (The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

Letters of Rec...how does this work?

- Request letters NOW! (personal email/request is preferred. Requests in Naviance are a nice reminder).
- Provide a brag sheet or resume.
- **Allow plenty of time and give anticipated deadline.**
- *If requesting from a Mayfield teacher* - they will upload this letter to Naviance (You must waive your FERPA Rights in Common App)
- *If requesting from a Non-Mayfield Employee* - They need to send your counselor a hard/email copy.
- **SEND A THANK YOU LETTER!** We're all busy, and it takes time to write these, I know...but they took time to help you because YOU matter to THEM :).

Virtual College Visits and Fairs

- **Schedule a Virtual Visit or Tour** w/ the College Admissions Dept. or Rep. Check their websites for details.
 - Normally, students get two excused absences for college visits. Stay tuned for the procedure...
- **NACAC** (National Assoc. for College Admissions Counseling) **Virtual Fairs:**
 - [Register here!](#)
 - Sept. 13: 12-8pm
 - Oct. 12: 1-9pm
 - Oct. 18: 12-8pm
 - Nov. 8: 2-10pm

Meet with Admissions Rep (virtually) @ MHS

- Representatives from colleges will virtually visit MHS
- **Students MUST register for a visit through Naviance**
- List of reps in Naviance (**check frequently!**). Students will also get email notices.

So what is Naviance?

- A web-based resource warehouse specific to Mayfield High School that supports student career and college planning.
- Used by MHS Staff to communicate with students, parents and colleges
- Processes **ALL** college application materials (transcripts, school reports, letters of rec, Common App reports etc).

The Application Process

1. Begin with Naviance. Login using “Clever”
2. Add colleges to “Colleges I’m Applying To”. Counselors can’t send docs if this is not complete.
3. Know how you will apply to your school and select the appropriate one in Naviance.
 - a. Common App or online using the school’s website.
 - b. If you have a choice, you must choose Common App

The Application Process Cont...

Using the Common App:

1. *If its a Common App school, you must use Common App
2. Create an account www.commonapp.org (use a NON-Mayfield email)
3. Complete a profile, add colleges, complete the application, upload essay, etc.
4. Check to see if your colleges require supplements, fees and complete these.
5. PROOFREAD before you **submit! Once you submit, you cannot make changes!**

The Application Process Cont...

Using the online application on a college's website:

1. To apply online, go to the college's website and follow instructions to apply.
2. Complete application, upload essays, etc.
3. Check for and pay any fees
4. PROOFREAD before you submit.

***NOTE:** Deadlines are important! **Plan ahead** and complete applications, letters of rec, ACT/SAT score requests **TWO WEEKS before the deadline!**

After you click SUBMIT (i.e. you've applied, now what?)

1. Log in to Naviance

- a. Colleges I'm Applying To → "Have you applied?" → Find college → "I have submitted my application"
- b. Check "Submission Type" (Common App, Direct to Institution etc).
- c. **Match your Naviance account to your Common App (you MUST waive your FERPA rights when doing this b/c you do want US to share YOUR information)**
 - i. [How to match Naviance to Common App](#)

2. Request Transcript:

- a. [Class of 2021 Transcript Request Form](#) (Do NOT request any documents through Common App or through the school!)
- b. Mid - Year Reports (January) - use the same request link
- c. Final Transcripts (June) - stay tuned for how to do this....

After you click **SUBMIT** cont...

1. **Scholarships** (local ones available in mid-winter. Stay tuned...)
2. **Financial Aid** (FAFSA) -
 - a. you can begin the application now. FAFSA opens on Oct. 1st.
 - b. Awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. **College Now** - Doug Boes, financial planning advisor, FREE to you!
 - a. More info to come on how to schedule an appointment.
4. **“Virtual” Financial Aid Workshop - Tues. Sept. 8th @ 7pm.** Details to come...

Should You Consider a Gap Year?

- **A gap year is structured in some way**, whether you are exploring your interests through travel, service, work or apprenticeships.
- Helps with **maturity and growth** prior to entering college, which requires significant financial commitment.
- Is a **break from academic rigor and routine** (it's not binge watching Netflix!)
- Two bodies of thought:
 - Now is the good time - [NYTimes: A Gap Year During Coronavirus? Do It Here](#)
 - Now is not the time - [Forbes: Don't Take a Gap Year Because of Covid 19 Pandemic](#)
- See you counselor to explore these in more depth.

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