

Dear 12th Grade Parents:

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I want to take this opportunity to remind you and your daughters of certain changes and programs leading up to the college application season. As many of you may know, senior year can be an overwhelming and stressful time, especially during the college application season. Therefore, as their senior counselor, I would like to share some information that should be useful as parents and students prepare to finalize college plans.

I have met with all of your daughters to discuss their college plans. Every student has received a copy of what was discussed at the meeting and I encourage you to have an honest conversation about college choices and financial support. I encourage you and your daughters to be realistic and practical about the selection of schools to which you'd like to apply, limiting that list to only ten as each application has an accompanying fee and costs for college applications can become unwieldy. Also, please reconsider applying to a college or university to which your daughter has not visited, as not having visited a prospective college can limit a true feeling for the place. It is also very important for your daughter to contact an admissions representative from the colleges to which she wants to apply so as to find out if the school has any pre-requisites; such as, Subject Test, additional courses, number of teacher recommendation letters, etc.

Please note that the SAT will be administered in June and August. Ideally, I would love for all current Juniors to complete their testing early so they won't be overwhelmed with having to prepare for standardized tests in the Fall in addition to completing their college applications.

Finally, there will be a two-day College Admissions Season Boot Camp. On August 14 from 12:00PM -- 3:00PM, we will take the time to input prospective colleges into Naviance, invite teachers for letters of recommendation, and sync the Common Application to Naviance. On Tuesday, August 15 from 2:00PM -- 4:00PM, the focus will be on the Personal Essay Statement with continued work on the Common Application and Naviance. This boot camp is not required, but should your daughter not attend, she may fall behind with the college process, thus, I strongly encourage ALL current Seniors to attend. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me. I look forward to an exciting Senior year as we all prepare to be part of the college applications and admissions process.

Sincerely,



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