Purpose of CSW

- Present overview of Post-Secondary Planning process
- Minimize Anxiety
- Identify Resources
- “The Right Fit”
College Admissions Process

- It is a process
- One step at a time
- Communication is essential
- There is a school for everyone
Guidance Support Programs

- College Search Workshops (10 & 11 Grade)
- College Representative Visits
- Sophomore Planning Meeting
- Junior Planning Meeting
- 12th Grade Application Processing Night
- 11th Grade Financial Aid Night (Spring)
- Mini-College Days (Grade 11 Spring)
- 8th - 11th Grade Career Exploration Programs
- Naviance Guidance Program
- Your Guidance Counselor
- MP Guidance Website
School Counselors

- Marisa Raptis
- Meghan Gallo
- John Scherer
- Jane Chiappone

Greatest Resource
College Search Resources & Considerations
College Search Checklist

☐ Public or Private
☐ Admissions Criteria (GPA, SAT, ACT)
☐ Location (state, region)
☐ Major/ Program of Study
☐ Size of School
☐ Cost
☐ Student Activities, Athletics
☐ Social Experience
☐ Honors Programs
☐ Specialized Programs
Creating & Narrowing “the list”

- Include reach, target and safe schools
- More than a wish list
- Create with extensive research
- Be wary of uninformed resources & College ranking reports (US News)
- Should not be limited only to schools you have heard of
- Visit colleges if possible
College Visits

- Importance of
- Meet with Reps
- Demonstrated Interest
- Feel for college community
- Schedule while college in session
How Colleges Choose Students

- Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Strength of Academic Program
- Standardized Test Scores (unless test optional)
- Strength of Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extracurricular Involvement
- Special Talents/Unique Qualities
- Demonstrated Interest
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Students with Special Needs (Classified & 504)
- Music/Art Auditions/Portfolios
- College Bound Student/Athletes
College Bound Athlete

- Interested in playing Division I, II, III
- NCAA Eligibility Center
- Academic first; athlete second
- Speak with your coach & counselor
Students with Special Needs (Classified & 504)

- What are your child’s needs? Which schools can meet these needs?

- What are the specifics of admissions & programs
College Planning Timetable
Junior Year

- Take SAT Reasoning Test, ACT, and SAT Subject tests (where applicable)
- Research and visit colleges
- Think about teachers for recommendations
- Attend College Fairs & MP Mini-College Fairs
- Schedule individual appointment with your guidance counselor (January)
- College Rep Visits to Miller Place Spring
- Attend Financial Aid Night (Spring)
Summer

☐ Review college app. specifics
☐ Begin draft of essays & update activity record
☐ Continue to research & visit schools
Senior Year

- **Be aware of deadlines:**
  - (Early Decision/Action, Rolling Admissions)

- Submit application processing sheets to counselor **2 weeks** before college’s deadline.

- **All application processing sheets should be in prior to the Friday before Thanksgiving break**

- Attend local college fairs & MP Mini-College Fairs

- Obtain scholarship information
Senior Year Continued

- Retake SAT, ACT, SAT Subject tests if needed
- Complete FAFSA form online after October 2017
- Wait for decisions from colleges
- Commit to college by May 1 and inform counselor of decisions
- Keep in touch with Counselor
Importance of: Senior Year Program

- Challenge of 12th grade program
- Mid-year grades are requested by many schools
- Final Transcript
Standardized Testing
Available Tests:

☐ SAT Reasoning Test with or without writing – Score Choice
☐ SAT Subject Tests – Score Choice
☐ ACT with Writing
☐ Khan Academy (Free online prep linked with exam)
☐ Preparation is essential
☐ Check with individual colleges for testing requirements
☐ Reminder to apply for accommodations if necessary
☐ JUNIORS REGISTER NOW!

CollegeBoard.com and/or ACT.org
Test Calendar 2016-17

SAT with or without Writing
January 21
March 11 (No Subject Tests)
May 6
June 3

ACT with or without Writing
April 8
June 10
Why take SAT Subject Tests?

- Selective colleges require them
- Demonstrate **mastery** in subject area
- Most colleges use for placement purposes
- Take up to 3 one-hour tests during one test date
Naviance Guidance Program
What is Naviance and “Family Connection”? 

☐ Naviance is a Web-based program designed to assist students through the college search and application process.

☐ “Family Connection” is a part of the Naviance program that allows students and parents access via a secure, personalized account.
What can you do on *Family Connection*?

- Search and Compare colleges
- Scattergrams & statistical information
- Keep list of prospective colleges
- Customized to Miller Place Students
- Search for Scholarships
- Career Interest Inventories
- Request recommendation letters
Coalition for Access, Affordability & Success

- Projected to be an online academic/college advisement website
- Ability to start storing information as early as 9th grade
- Concept created by Ivy League Schools
- Coalition website is currently open
- http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/
An unprecedented coalition of diverse public and private institutions join together to make college more affordable and accessible for all students.

CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT / START AN APPLICATION
Get started with the Coalition’s free tools.
Elimination of Numerical Rank

- Beginning in the 2017-18 school year numerical rank will not appear on student transcripts
- Importance of this change in practice & benefit to students when applying
- Forces a closer read of applications
- Minimizes impact with slight differences in averages having a dire effect
Rank Elimination (Cont’d)

- Allows students to potentially select more rigorous courses without possible impact on rank
- Has become a trend across LI & the US to eliminate numerical rank for students benefit
- Val/Sal still being selected for each graduating class
Grade Distribution

- Indicates where a student places in their class more generally which benefits the application process

- Will still allow colleges to review for scholarships more easily
Sample Grade Distribution

Class of 2017 Cumulative Grade Point Average Distribution

Highest Average = 100.3  Class Size = 248

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