

GETTING INTO COLLEGE SEMINAR

December 2, 2008

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11th GRADE PARENTS' SEMINAR AGENDA

- **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**
 - **12th Grade Course Selection**
 - **COURSE INFORMATION NIGHT**
 - **Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 7p.m.**
 - **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS**
 - **FINAL WORDS**
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CLASS OF 2010

Graduation Requirements

<u>COURSES</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
ENGLISH	4.0
SOCIAL STUDIES	4.0
MATH	3.0
SCIENCE	3.0
HEALTH	0.5
ART/MUSIC	1.0
LANGUAGE	1.0
ADDITIONAL COURSES	3.5
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<u>2.0</u>
TOTAL UNITS	22.0

12th GRADE COURSE SELECTION

- **KEEP IT STRONG**

- *Colleges look for rigorous / challenging program / good grades*
- *Senior grades matter!*
 - COURSE INFORMATION NIGHT
 - THURSDAY, January 29, 2008 at 7 p.m.

- **REQUIRED**

- *6 Classes plus Physical Education*
- *English*
- *Social Studies*

- **RECOMMENDED**

- *Continue math, science and world language*

- **ELECTIVES**

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- **TRANSCRIPT**
 - *Grade Point Average (GPA)*
 - *Rigor Of Coursework*
- **SAT and/or ACT SCORES**
- **RECOMMENDATIONS**
- **ACTIVITIES / AWARDS**
- **PERSONAL ESSAYS**
- **INTERVIEWS**
 - *Level Of Interest*
- **SCHOOL PROFILE**

STEP ONE – WINTER OF JUNIOR YEAR THINGS TO DO NOW

- **Register for SAT / ACT / SAT SUBJECT TESTS**
- **STUDY FOR SPRING TESTS**
 - SATs ACTs APs Regents Exams
- **SET UP APPOINTMENT WITH COUNSELOR**
(AFTER JANUARY 12, 2009)
 - *Discuss Senior Year Course Options*
 - *Review Academic Performance / Extra Curricular Activities*
 - *Brainstorm Potential Colleges To Consider*

PREPARE FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS

- **SAT – Spring - Junior Year / Fall - Senior Year**
 - ***Critical Reading / Math / Writing***
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees.html>
- **SAT Subject Tests – as appropriate**
 - ***Various Subjects***
- **ACT - Spring - Junior Year/ Fall – Senior Year**
 - ***The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas:
English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science.***
 - ***Plus Writing***
www.actstudent.org/regist/currentdates.html

SCORE CHOICE

- **ACT** (always available)
- **SAT/SAT Subject Tests** (Class of 2010)
 - ***Score Choice first available March 2009***
 - ***Tests taken prior to March 2009 will fall under the score choice option as long as no scores were requested to be sent when registering***

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/sat-reasoning/scores/policy>

JUNIOR YEAR – SPRING

FINDING YOUR COLLEGE “FIT”

- **STAY INVOLVED**
 - *Continue activities you are passionate about*
 - *Depth of commitment important*
 - *Start organizing activities resume*
- **YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH BEGINS with YOU!**
 - *Interest Inventories (www.careercruising.com)*
 - *Learning Style/Personality Assessments*
 - *Read about majors/careers*

INVESTIGATE COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES

List, Compare and Visit Colleges

- **LEARN ABOUT COLLEGES**
 - **Read, Research, Compile information**
 - ✓ ***Internet / Websites***
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.princetonreview.com
 - www.actstudent.org
 - ✓ ***College catalogs, bulletins, videos, and computer based services***
 - ✓ ***College representatives / College fairs***
 - **Counselors and teachers**
 - **Parents, students, and alumni**

STUDENT ATHLETE / RECRUITING PROCESS

- **NCAA – DIV. I & II**
- **REGISTER AFTER COMPLETION OF JUNIOR YEAR**
(www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- **DEVELOP ATHLETIC RESUME**
- **CONTACT COACHES OF PROSPECTIVE UNIVERSITIES**
- **JULY, 1ST DEADLINE**
- **ACADEMIC / ATHLETIC MATCH**

SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR !!!!!

- **DO NOT FORGET !!!!**

- **TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- *Discuss, “Reserve a Spot”*

- **STUDENT BRAG SHEETS**

- **PARENT BRAG SHEETS**

- *Handed to counselor before end of school year*

SPRING, SUMMER AND BEYOND

- **VISIT COLLEGES**

- *Narrow down list of colleges*
- *Gather applications*

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- www.jerichoschools.org

- **PLAN ESSAY**

SUMMER PRIOR TO SENIOR YEAR

- **PLAN ESSAY**
 - *Various topics, such as:*
 - *Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical*
 - *Topic of your choice*
 - <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/docs/downloadforms/CommonApp2008.pdf>
 - <http://www.admissions.wisc.edu/appTipSheet.php>
 - www.umich.edu
- **SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY**
 - *Why xyz college?*
 - *Explain a volunteer, work or extracurricular activity that means the most to you and why*

NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS

- **CREATE ADVOCATES**
 - *Teachers/coaches/counselors/advisors*
 - *Help them get to know you and your great qualities*
- **BE RESPECTFUL OF TIME**
 - ***“START EARLY...STRESS LESS”***
 - ❖ *Your advocates*
 - ❖ *Your family*
 - ❖ ***YOURS !!!!***

FINAL WORDS

PARENTS & STUDENTS

- **LOGICAL PROCESS**
- **KEY IS:**
 - *Be realistic*
 - *Remain organized*
 - *Be aware of deadlines*
 - *Enable students to be self-advocates*
 - *Stay positive*
- **STUDENT MUST SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT WITH COUNSELOR AND PARENT(S)**

KEEP IN MIND

- **FINANCIAL AID NIGHT**
 - *Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 7 p.m.*
- **CALL / EMAIL COUNSELOR FOR APPOINTMENT**
<http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/guidance.htm>