



**Welcome
Seniors!**

**Let's get this
party started**



START

Today will just
be an overview

The Arc of Glory

Learning Targets for the year



College Timeline, Common App, Colleges in Naviance

I can..

Set up common
app

Enter key details
into C.A.

Add colleges to
C.A.

Have the pink
form &
application
Checklist

More Common App I can..

Complete and
sign the FERPA
release in C.A

Add colleges to
my Naviance
Account

Identify HOW I
am applying in
Naviance
i.e. C.A. or Direct
to Institution

Linking Naviance & Common App. Sending Transcripts

I can..

Officially request
transcripts

Choose the
accurate "type" of
application for
each school. ED, EA,
or Rolling

Link C.A and
Naviance

Letters of Recommendation

I can..

Follow the
appropriate process
to request teacher
letters of
recommendation

Follow the
appropriate process
to request
counselor letters of
recommendation

FAFSA & paying for college

I can (identify)..

Where and how to
start the FAFSA

Where and how to
start the VT state
grant

Start finding \$ for
college using
scholarship tools
like the fastweb,
CHS website, &
Naviance

VSAC and Local Scholarships

I can..

Identify multiple
resources I can
use to apply for
scholarships

Describe how to
apply for VSAC
scholarships

Identify at least
1 scholarship I
am eligible for in
the VSAC booklet

Graduation Tasks I can..

Take the
graduation
Survey on
Naviance

Request final
transcript on
naviance

Take the CHS
exit survey on
Naviance



Learning Targets

1. I understand why it is important to attend *ALL* School Counseling AT's and check my email regularly.
2. I can confirm that my transcript is accurate.
3. I know where/how I can find out about colleges coming to “visit” CHS and why it is important to “meet” with college representatives.
4. I can describe the differences between Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision and Rolling Admissions
5. I can describe the general timeline of the college application process.



Beyond College

- Lots of CHS graduates go on to careers that don't require college
 - Trades
 - Electrician, Plumber, Machinist, Welder, HVAC, etc.
 - Cosmetology
 - Military
 - And more!!!
 - Some students take a GAP year and volunteer/work/travel



If college isn't your plan...

- If you know for sure that you are not interested in college and have another plan, let your counselor know the details of your plan via email as soon as possible. When we hear from your guardian we'll unbook you.
- If you'd like to talk about different options that don't include college, feel free to make individual appointments.
- FYI- There will be other School Counseling presentations later in the year that you will have to view as not all Senior presentations are college related.

With privilege comes responsibility



School counselors aren't in the chasing business. This is your process and it's your responsibility to be here.

- It is essential that you view our presentations and complete the tasks identified to assure you are on track.
- Pace too fast or too slow?
- Miss an AT?
- Check your email and stay connected to your counselor.

What we've learned from former seniors

- These presentations are super helpful for your navigation of the college process. Read/watch closely and email your counselor with questions.
- Make individual appointments (virtual or in person) with your counselor via Ms. Ward in the School Counseling office or email your counselor directly.



Just to reiterate...

- Some things we'll cover in Senior Presentations
 - The college application timeline and process
 - The Common App
 - Financial aid (FAFSA)
 - Scholarships and the VSAC Grant
 - Sending transcripts and SAT/ACT scores
 - Recommendations
 - Importance of Naviance
 - And so much more!



We get to cover
all those things
in our
presentations!?
That's so
exciting!

Helpful Tips

- ★ Please make individual appointments with your counselor if you feel like the pace of the presentations isn't working for you.
- ★ This process doesn't define you!
- ★ This is a marathon, not a sprint.



College Process during the pandemic

(it's going to be different)

- It is even more important to check specific college websites or **contact** colleges for specific requirements and processes when applying to their school.
- If you cannot do “in person” tours, do virtual tours and still apply. You'll have until May to make a decision.
- Check on the testing requirements if you are unable to take your registered SAT/ACT test (many colleges are switching to test optional for the 2021-2022 school year)



SAT and ACT

Testing is tricky and confusing right now

- Your best bet is to look at the testing websites as well as college admissions pages regularly for information
 - collegeboard.org
 - act.org
- Communication with admissions reps is key to understanding what is required to apply. Students rather than guardians should be making these calls and sending these emails. Colleges take note of who calls/emails.
- Many colleges are going test optional this year, but not all
 - Some programs may be still require testing i.e. some nursing



So, how can I strengthen my application?

- Keep up your grades this year!!!! More important than ever (see your counselor if you need help)
- Have a really strong essay-personalize yourself
- Communicate directly with colleges (can't say that enough)
- Take on leadership roles, when possible
- Explain grades or circumstances if needed (either in essay or additional information section of the Common App)
- Get strong letters of recommendations
- Do Dual Enrollment to prove your college readiness



HELP SESSIONS



- We'll be offering extra help sessions during AT's that we can Pre-Book you for in September, October, and December.
- We are also available for individual appointments throughout the week.
- Some students choose to meet with their counselor weekly throughout the college application process.

What's the difference between Early Action and Early Decision?

Early Action

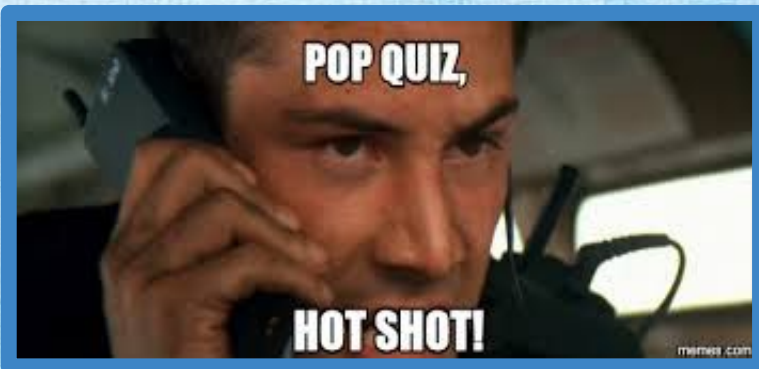
- Non-binding (you aren't locked into that school).
- Becoming much more popular these days.
- Get the college application process done and out of the way.
- Some schools (like UVM) even waive admissions cost if you apply EA. Apply to multiple colleges this way.

Early Decision

- Binding-you must attend this school and pull all other applications!
- You are absolutely sure where you want to go.
- You have the funds to afford any package awarded to you. You will receive your offer of admission and financial aid simultaneously so you will not be able to compare financial aid offers from other colleges.

What does the timeline look like?

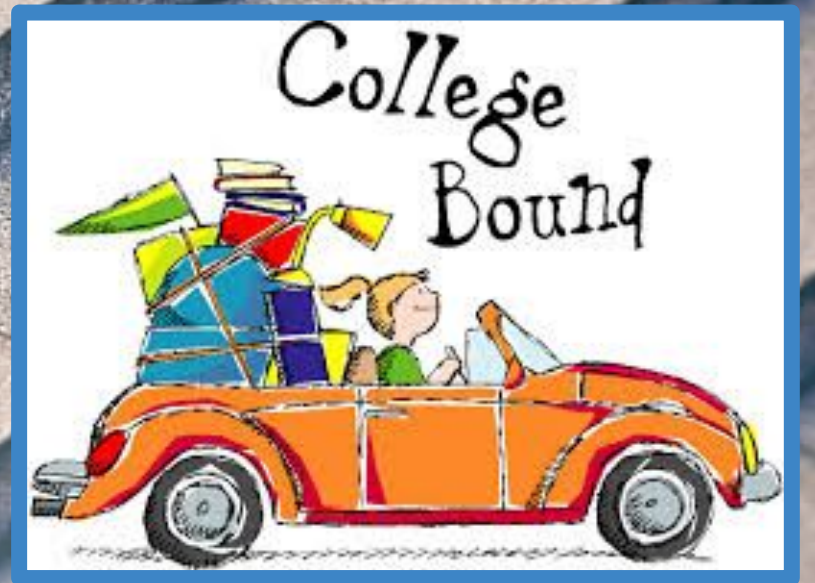
- **October-** FAFSA time
- **November 1 (November 15)-** Most Early Decision and Early Action applications are due.
 - Dates can vary.
 - Check specific college/university websites
- **December- Some other Early Action Deadlines are December 1**
 - Decisions may come back from colleges for ED and EA



*What's the difference between...
Early Decision and Early Action

What does the timeline look like?

- **January 1, 15 or February 1, 15th.**
Regular admissions deadline depends on the school
 - Check college websites
- **March-** Regular admissions decisions come in
- **May 1-** Commit to school



What about Rolling Admissions?

- Rolling admissions- Any time. BUT, with certain majors, you really need to get your application in early. When programs fill, they fill.



check out your
Transcript



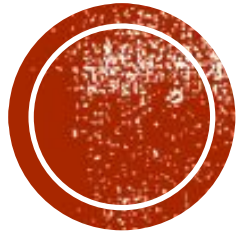
*For folks who attend CTE or BTC AM, please contact your counselor directly for a copy of your transcript.

Transcripts

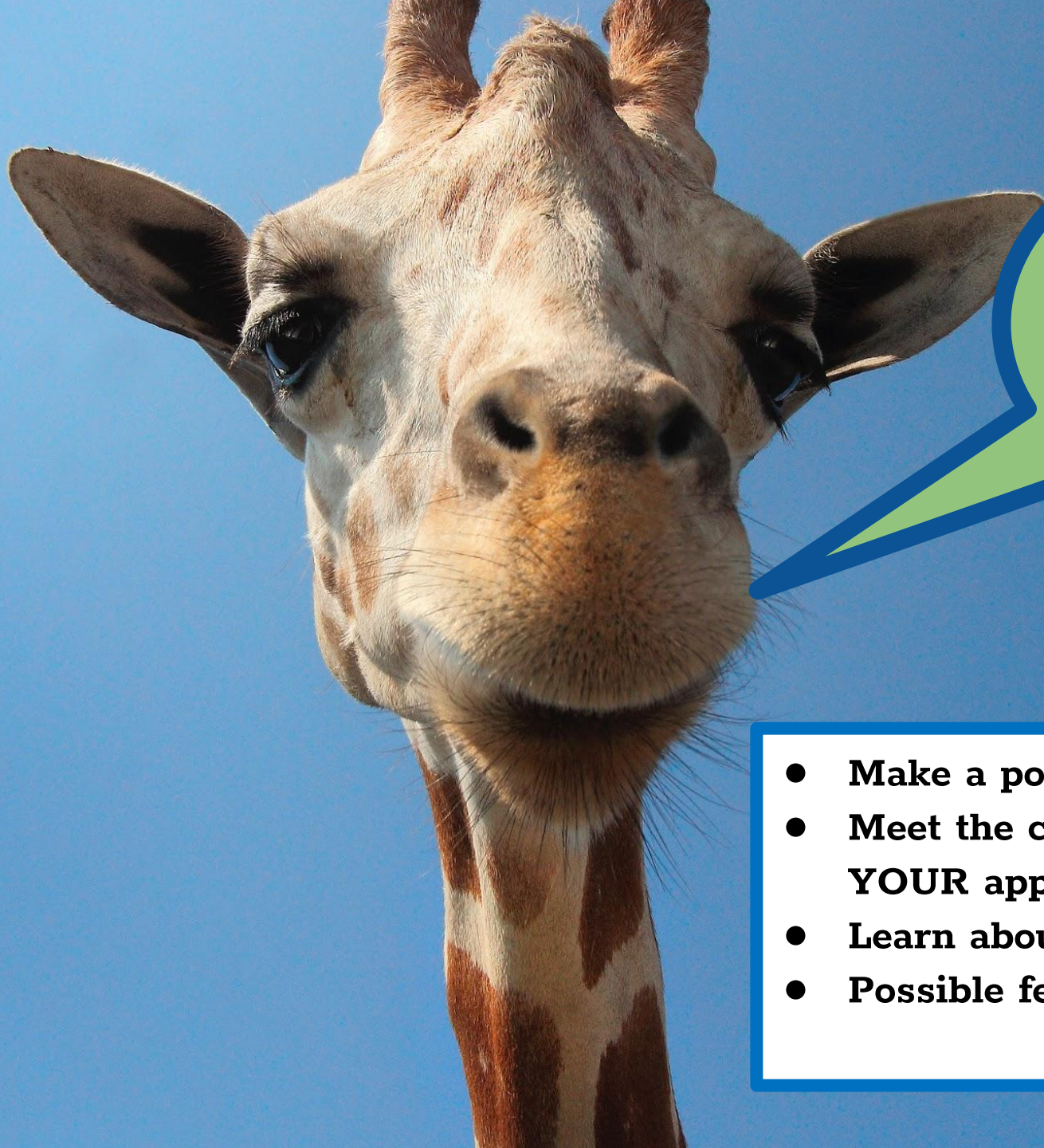
- **Does your transcript look right? Colleges see these so please take the time to double check and make sure they are correct (BEFORE you request your transcript).**
- **If your transcript is incorrect, please email Patty Ward AND your counselor with what needs to be changed.**
- Does it say you earned a “C” in synchronized swimming when you really took physics and got an “A”?
- Did you take Honors, but your transcript doesn’t reflect that? Mark that on your transcript!
- Are 8th grade credits for Languages and Math listed?
- Are there Incompletes that need to be amended?
- Are there College credits you already earned?
 - If so and if they are not on your transcript, see Mrs. Ward to see if we have your college transcripts



COLLEGES COMING TO CHS (virtually)



★ Sign up in Naviance to get a link to the visit.



Why should I visit with a college rep when I have so much other stuff to do?!

- **Make a positive impression.**
- **Meet the college rep who will be reading YOUR application. This gives you a leg up!**
- **Learn about the school and ask questions.**
- **Possible fee waiver to apply.**

Naviance.com/main

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HomeCollegesCareersAbout MeMy Planner

Type a college nameSEARCH

ction by Naviance!

Family Connection site is designed to assist our students with college and career in the tabs above will help you:

It will enhance your education and allow you to achieve your goals

Interest based on questionnaires and personality surveys

My Favorites

COLLEGES
I'm thinking about

COLLEGES
I'm applying to

CAREERS AND CLUSTERS
I'm thinking about

What's New

Hofstra University will be visiting your school on Monday, September 10th, 2018 at 8:00 am more info

Middlebury College will be visiting your school on Monday, September 10th, 2018 at 8:30 am more info

College visits

Pay attention to announcements AND emails from guidance!!!

9:32 AM
9/4/2018

Back

Click register to sign up for a visit

Register

SEPTEMBER

Mon 10

08:00AM

COLLEGE VISIT INFORMATION

Hofstra University

Not Specified

Status: Not Registered

Registration for this event is open.

Visit Description

Time

Monday, Sep 10 2018, 08:00AM

Visit Representative

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A note about social media

What would a college admissions rep think if they saw your social media accounts?

“According to a [CareerBuilder study](#), 70 percent of employers use social media to screen job candidates before hiring them, up from 60 percent in 2016 and 11 percent in 2006.” (Business News Daily April 3, 2018)



2021 Annual NEACAC College Fair

Online and In Person this year!

In Person:

Saint Michael's College: October 12 from 9-11:00am

Saint Michael's College: October 12 from 6:30-8:30pm

Virtual:

October 21: From 6-8pm

November 7: From 1-3pm



**New England Association
for College Admission Counseling**

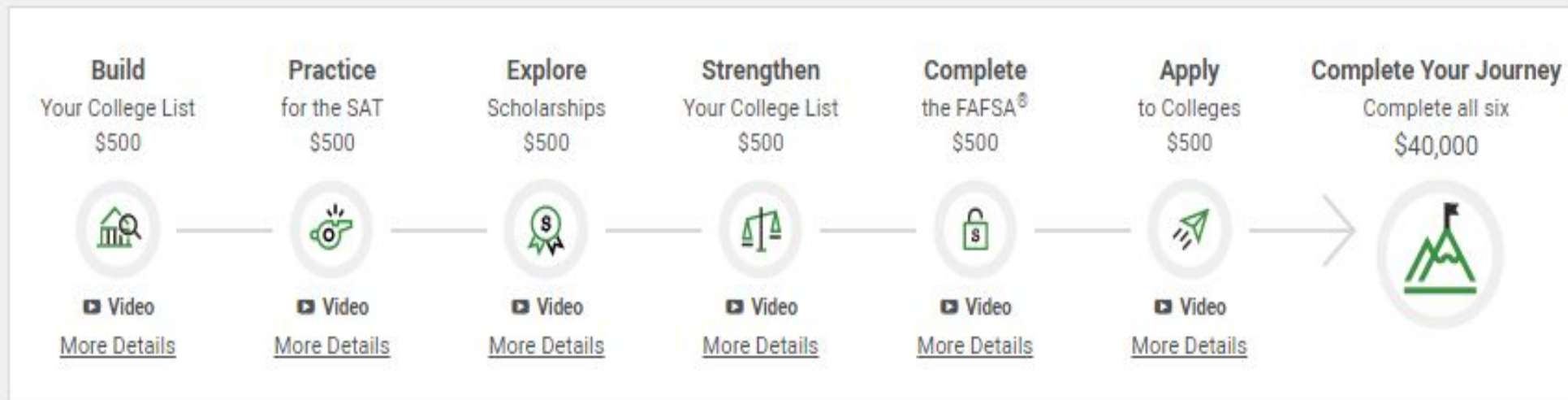
Opening Doors to Higher Education in New England



Opportunity Scholarships through College Board and www.raise.me

The Scholarships

Class of 2022: Complete these 6 college planning steps for 6 separate chances at \$500. When you finish all 6, you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$40,000 scholarship, but you can still earn money even if you don't complete them all.



NEXT WEEK:

- Setting up and starting your Common App Account

