



The College Admissions Process from 9th to 12th grade



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What Should my 9th Grader be doing?

- **Building Your Profile**

- Put academics first
- Figure out interests and get involved
- Learn early to maintain balance
- Create a 4-year plan
 - Think about 10th grade classes

- **College Planning**

- Become familiar with Naviance
- Start Resume

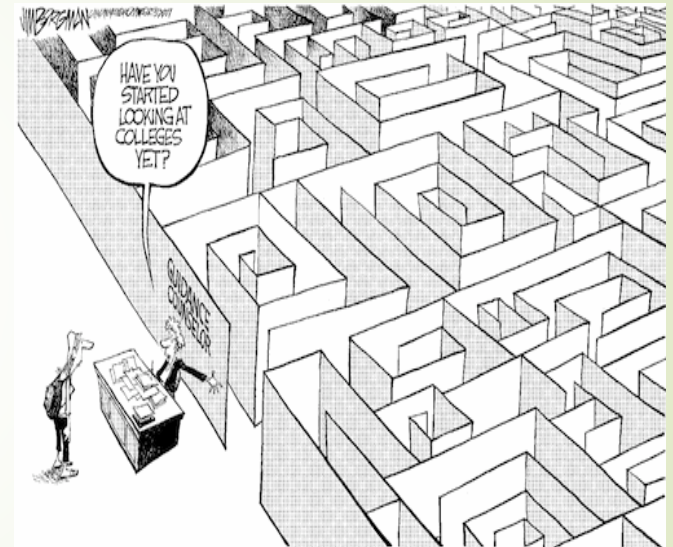
- **Testing**

- October 19th – ASPIRE (preliminary ACT)



What Should my 10th Grader be doing?

- **Building Your Profile**
 - Focus on Grades – they definitely count!
 - Continue to Maintain Balance
 - Think about 11th grade courses
- **College Planning**
 - Continue navigating Naviance
 - Update Resume
 - College Kick-Off – November 3rd
 - Think about what you want in a college
 - Location, Size, Major, Type of School
 - Attend College Fairs
 - Begin visiting college campuses when possible
 - Participate in a Chaminade college tour!
- **Testing**
 - October 19th – PSAT (preliminary SAT)
 - May – AP World History & SAT Subject Exam (if applicable)



What should my 11th grader be doing?

➤ Building Your Profile

➤ Fall

- Challenge yourself: take the most rigorous curriculum available
- Contribute meaningfully to the life of your campus/community
- Take a major/career interest inventory
- Seek leadership positions

➤ Spring

- Keep Academics Strong
- Select senior year courses
- Attend JR Workshops (see master calendar)
- Find Summer Opportunities



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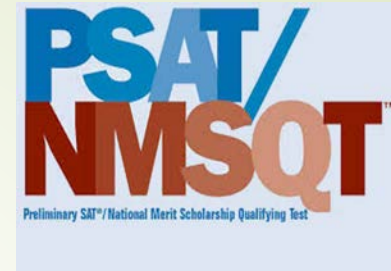
➤ Standardized Testing

➤ Fall

- October 19th – take the Preliminary SAT
 - NMSQT Qualifying Exam this year
- Begin standardized test preparation

➤ Spring

- Take the SAT & ACT (yes, both!)
 - Plan test dates for the spring
- May – Take AP Exams
- Take SAT Subject Exams
 - Link to AP/H coursework



What should my 11th grader be doing?

➤ College Planning

College Familiarization

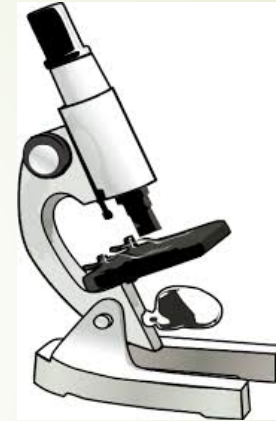
- Attend College Fairs
- Check out colleges online
 - School websites, facebook, twitter, etc.
 - YouVisit.com
- Visit campuses

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- 2nd Lunch College Representative Visits → full list on Naviance
- College Kick-Off – November 3rd
- Local college tours in the spring time
- Participate in a Chaminade college tour!

Naviance

- Add schools to your “thinking about” list
- Work on your résumé



Where should my senior be today?



- **Application List:** completed or nearly there
- **ACT/SAT:** have taken or registered to take
 - Yes, November/December is acceptable at most schools
- **Essay:** should be a “work in progress”
 - Reviewed by teacher/counselor
 - This should be the students voice – please don’t pay someone to “help” with this part of the application!
- **CommonApp:**
 - registered and working on app & supplements
 - Recommendations: need 1-2 teachers + counselor
 - If EA/ED → remember the 3 week rule
- **Naviance:** Recommendation Questionnaire & Résumé should be complete

Rest of the Fall Semester

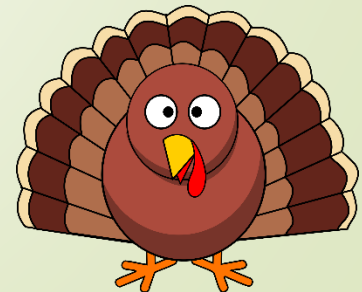
► October:

- Begin working on CSU & continue work on UC/CA apps
- Keep grades strong
- Have a strong essay draft completed



► November:

- Apply to CSU & UC by 30th of November
- Pay Attention "early" deadlines → Nov. 1st & 15th
- Finish up any testing
- Search for Scholarships
- By the **18th**, request recommendations for regular deadlines
 - Jan. 1st or later
- Make sure transcripts have been requested



Rest of the Fall Semester

- ▶ Attend 2nd Lunch College Rep Visits

- ▶ Attend Application Workshops

- ▶ 10/27 and 11/2

- ▶ All at 2:15 in the Media Center



- ▶ **December**

- ▶ Finalize applications due in December/January
- ▶ Follow-up with teachers/counselor regarding recommendations

- ▶ **Throughout the Entire Process:**

- ▶ Check email daily!
- ▶ Once student applies - check each school's "portal" every couple of days
- ▶ If a college needs something, get back ASAP

Frequently Used Application Types

- **Common App**

commonapp.org



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APPLICATION

- **Coalition App**

coalitionforcollegeaccess.org



- **California State University**

csumentor.edu



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- University of California**

universityofcalifornia.edu/apply



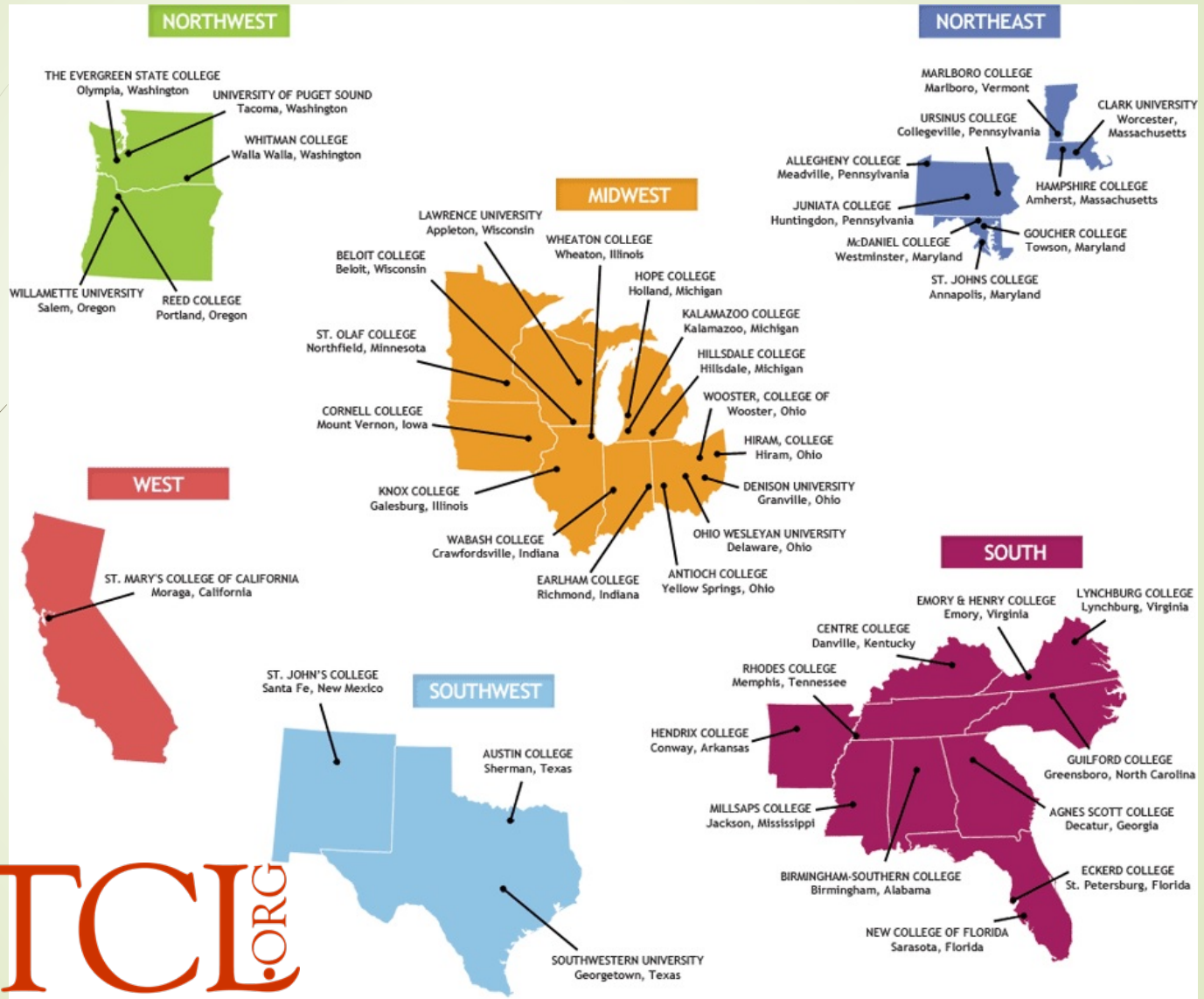
- **Out-of-State Public** – varies by location

What is My Role as a Parent?

- Be Your Student's Biggest Cheerleader
 - Senior Parents → Naviance Brag Sheet!
- Encourage Your Student to **Take Ownership**
- Have discussions with him or her about balance
- Don't let college conversation take over!
 - Make a weekly time to check in
- Take your student to visit schools on his/her list when possible



Colleges That Change Lives



50 Top Colleges

(that you can get into with a 3.6 gpa)

Bates College	Franklin and Marshall	Marquette University	Texas A & M	Univ. of Massachusetts - Amherst
Baylor University	Furman College	Miami University	Trinity College	University of Minnesota
Beloit College	George Washington University	Michigan State University	Tulane University	University of Pittsburgh
Centre College	Gettysburg College	Mount Holyoke College	Union College	University of Tulsa
Clark University	Grinnell College	Muhlenberg College	University of Alabama	University of Washington
Connecticut College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Ohio State University	University of Delaware	Wabash College
Creighton University	Kalamazoo College	Sewanee College	University of Denver	Willamette University
Denison College	Lawrence University	Soka University	University of Florida	Wofford College
DePauw University	Lehigh University	St. Lawrence University	University of Georgia	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Earlham College	Macalester College	St. Olaf College	University of Iowa	Yeshiva University



ANY QUESTIONS

