

## HOW PREPARED DO YOU FEEL FOR SENIOR YEAR?



# CITY HONORS SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022 COLLEGE PLANNING KICKOFF NIGHT

LEARN ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS PROCESS.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021** 



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## CITY HONORS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 CREDITS- ENGLISH
- 4 CREDITS- MATH
- 4 CREDITS- SOCIAL STUDIES
- 4 CREDITS- SCIENCE
- 1 CREDIT- ART/MUSIC
- 3 CREDITS- FOREIGN LANGUAGE
- 2 CREDITS- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- .5 CREDIT- HEALTH

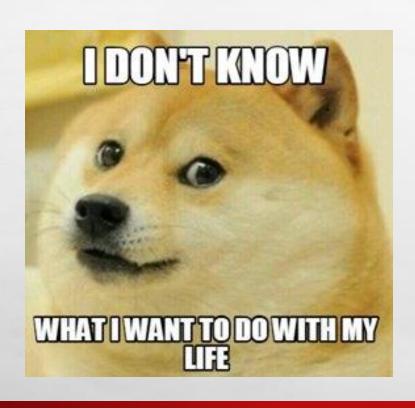
## Regents Exam Requirements for Advanced Designation:

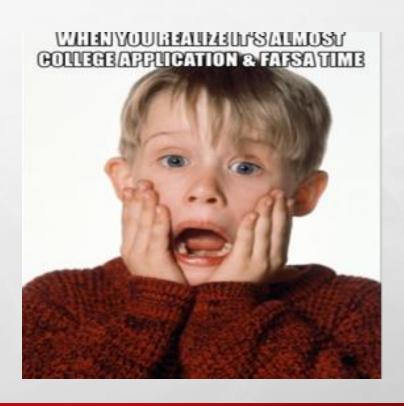
- 3- Math
- 2-Science
- 2- Social Studies
- 1- English
- 1- World Language (Check point B)

## GRADES

- IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO IMPROVE YOUR GRADES THIS YEAR!
- IF YOU NEED HELP:
  - SEE YOUR TEACHERS DURING ASYNCHRONOUS TIME OR AFTER THE END OF CLASSES.
  - TALK TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.
- YOUR FINAL COURSE GRADES AND EXAM GRADES WILL APPEAR ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT.
- THIS IS YEAR 3 OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.
  - THIS WILL BE SENT TO COLLEGES YOU APPLY TO IN THE FALL.

## YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR WILL HELP YOU!





### FIGURING OUT NEXT STEPS

- FIRST, TAKE A CAREER INTEREST INVENTORY.
  - YOUR INTERESTS ARE MATCHED TO CAREERS THAT WILL FIT YOU AFTER SURVEYING YOUR LIKES & DISLIKES.
  - HTTPS://WWW.CAREERONESTOP.ORG/EXPLORECAREERS/ASSESSMENTS/INTERESTS.ASPX\_OR\_HTTPS://WWW.MY NEXTMOVE.ORG/EXPLORE/IP
- THEN, LOOK UP CAREERS THAT INTEREST YOU IN THE OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK (<a href="https://www.bls.gov/ooh/">https://www.bls.gov/ooh/</a>).
  - GIVES INFORMATION ABOUT THE EDUCATION REQUIRED, ESTIMATED SALARY, JOB GROWTH RATE, AND OTHER
    JOB PROSPECTS
- NEXT, FORM A LIST OF MAJORS THAT WILL HELP YOU IN THE CAREER YOU WANT TO PURSUE.

## **VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS**





Programs that provide hands-on experience directly related to a specific job

At the end of a program, you get a diploma or certificate, prepare for a licensing exam, or become an apprentice or journeyman in a skilled trade.

## **VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

- LOCAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
  - SUNY ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE & NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
  - NORTHLAND WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER
    - OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH SUNY ERIE AND ALFRED STATE
  - ERIE 1/ERIE 2 BOCES
  - BPS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER
  - THE SALON PROFESSIONALS ACADEMY
  - NY INSTITUTE OF MASSAGE

- SOME EXAMPLES OF VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS:
  - ELECTRICIAN
  - PLUMBER
  - HVAC TECHNICIAN
  - WELDER
  - COSMETOLOGIST
  - MASSAGE THERAPIST
  - BRICKLAYER
  - LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)
  - AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC

## ARMED FORCES (ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES, COAST GUARD)

#### ROTC

- COLLEGE PROGRAM WHERE YOU
   COMPLETE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND
   GRADUATE AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER
   IN A MILITARY BRANCH
  - LENGTH OF SERVICE VARIES
- GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.
  - ASVAB NOT REQUIRED

#### **ACTIVE DUTY**

- FULL TIME SERVICE
- TERMS 2-6 YEARS AT A TIME
  - MUST TAKE THE ASVAB

#### **RESERVES/NATIONAL GUARD**

- PART TIME (ONE WEEKEND PER MONTH AND 2 WEEKS OF TRAINING IN THE SUMMER)
  - CAN BE CALLED TO FULL TIME TO SUPPORT COMBAT MISSIONS
- RESERVES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
   NATIONAL GUARD STATE & FEDERAL
  - MUST TAKE THE ASVAB

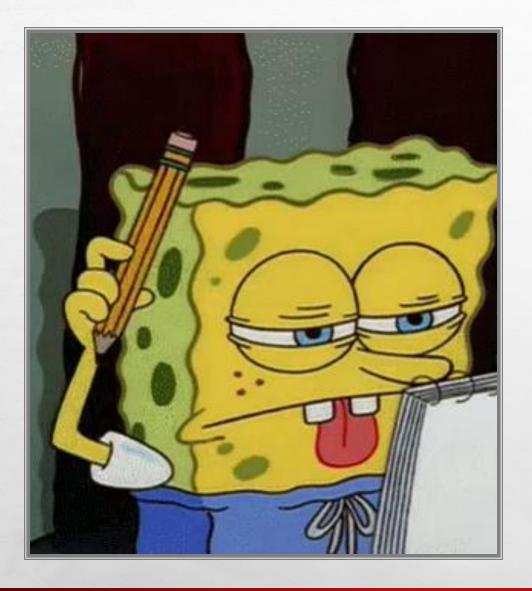












## WHAT TO THINK ABOUT WHEN SEARCHING FOR COLLEGES TO APPLY TO

- LOCATION
- PUBLIC/PRIVATE
  - RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS, NO AFFILIATION, COED/SINGLE SEX?
- SIZE
- PROGRAMS
- TOTAL COST (TUITION, ROOM & BOARD, FEES, BOOKS, TRAVEL, PERSONAL EXPENSES, ETC)
- CHANCES OF ADMISSION
- AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

## RESEARCHING COLLEGES

- ATTEND COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES.
- MEET WITH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES DURING VISITS TO CITY HONORS.
- COLLEGE FAIRS
  - NACAC NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR <u>HTTPS://WWW.NACACFAIRS.ORG/ATTEND/ATTEND-VIRTUAL-COLLEGE-FAIRS/STUDENTS/</u>
  - NYSACAC COLLEGE FAIR HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/DOCUMENT/D/1K3QXLE FPXDW6UXZJ7KXQY8LJZ6ETOJB5US9NIO5ANG/EDIT
  - SUNY COLLEGE FAIRS <a href="https://www.suny.edu/attend/events/virtual-college-fair/">https://www.suny.edu/attend/events/virtual-college-fair/</a>

## PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

- CREATE A LIST OF SCHOOLS WITH THE MAJOR YOU'RE INTERESTED IN.
- REQUEST INFORMATION ON SCHOOLS' WEBSITES.
- KNOW THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE (GPA, TEST SCORES)
- WHAT'S IMPORTANT COURSE OFFERINGS, CAMPUS LIFE, LOCATION, COST, SUPPORT SERVICES
- PLAN TO APPLY TO AT LEAST 6 SCHOOLS 2 TARGET (MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS), 2 REACH (FIND A WAY TO STAND OUT), 2 SAFETY
- START COLLEGE TOURS MANY SCHOOLS ARE OFFERING VIRTUAL TOURS, BE YOUR OWN TOUR GUIDE,
   SCHEDULE AN IN-PERSON TOUR WHEN OFFERED
- CHECK OUT THE NACAC JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST HTTPS://WWW.NACACFAIRS.ORG/LEARN/APPLY/PREPARING-FOR-COLLEGE-JUNIOR-CHECK-LIST



## **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

- THE COMMON APP AND SUNY APP ARE THE MOST COMMON.
- OTHER APPLICATIONS: <u>COALITION</u>, <u>COMMON BLACK</u> COLLEGE, INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS
- KNOW WHICH APPLICATION THE SCHOOLS ON YOUR LIST WILL ACCEPT.
- BE AWARE OF THE APPLICATION FEE FOR EACH SCHOOL YOU APPLY TO.
  - PRICES PER APPLICATION RANGE FROM FREE TO \$80. COSTS ADD UP FAST!

## TYPES OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- EARLY DECISION
  - YOU APPLY EARLY AND IF YOU ARE ACCEPTED, YOU ARE OBLIGATED TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL AND MUST WITHDRAW ALL OTHER APPLICATIONS.
  - YOU, A PARENT, AND YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR MUST SIGN AN AGREEMENT THAT THE STIPULATIONS WERE DISCUSSED.
- EARLY ACTION
  - YOU APPLY EARLY AND CAN BE ACCEPTED EARLY WITH NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND.
  - RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION YOU CAN ONLY APPLY TO ONE PRIVATE SCHOOL UNDER THIS TYPE, BUT UNLIMITED PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
- REGULAR DECISION
  - YOU APPLY BY THE COLLEGE'S REGULAR DEADLINE.
- ROLLING ADMISSION
  - APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

## EARLY DECISION VS. EARLY ACTION WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- EARLY DECISION (ED): THIS IS A BINDING
   AGREEMENT WITH THE COLLEGE THAT IS YOU ARE
   ACCEPTED YOU WILL ATTEND
- YOU CAN ONLY APPLY TO ONE SCHOOL ED.
- IF ACCEPTED, YOU MUST WITHDRAW ALL OTHER APPLICATIONS
- YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES

- EARLY ACTION: YOU ARE ACCEPTED EARLY, BUT THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND
- CAN APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL UNDER EARLY ACTION
  - SOME PRIVATE SCHOOLS ARE RESTRICTIVE EARLY ACTION.
- WILL NEED TO DECIDE BY MAY 1ST-THIS GIVES TIME TO COMPARE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES





## NYS EOP & HEOP

- EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM SUNY SCHOOLS
  - SEEK CUNY SCHOOLS
- HIGHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN NY STATE
- YOU MUST QUALIFY ACADEMICALLY AND FINANCIALLY.
- YOU CAN'T APPLY TO A SCHOOL UNDER EOP/HEOP AND EARLY ACTION.



#### **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS**

#### SAT

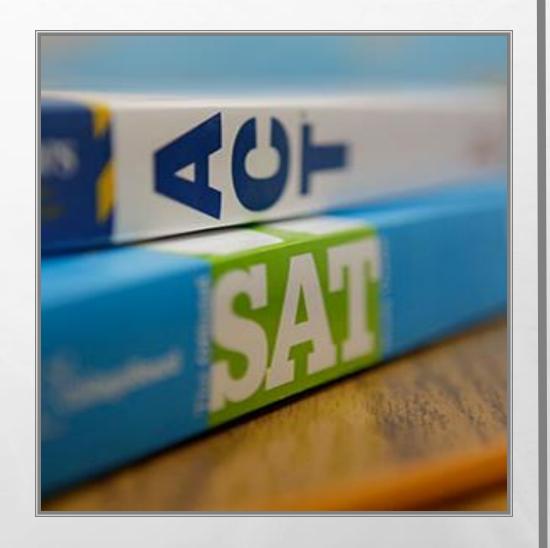
- Offered in March, May, June, August, October, November, & December
- 1600 points
- 4 sections, 2 areas: Critical Reading & Math
- College Board has discontinued the optional essay and SAT subject tests.

#### ACT

- Offered in April, June, September, & October
- Scored out of 36 points
- Tests English, Math, Science, and Social Studies

#### PREPARING FOR THE SAT/ACT

- TAKE A FREE PRACTICE TEST.
- LINK RESULTS FROM THE PSAT TO KHAN ACADEMY.
- SAT/ACT PREP
  - HTTPS://WWW.KHANACADEMY.ORG/SAT
  - HTTP://ENROLL.ATLASTESTPREP.COM/PRACTICE-EXAM-SAT-OR-ACT/
  - HTTP://WWW.ACT.ORG/CONTENT/ACT/EN/PRODUCTS-AND-SERVICES/THE-ACT/TEST-PREPARATION.HTML
  - HTTPS://COLLEGEREADINESS.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG/SAT/PRACTICE/FULL-LENGTH-PRACTICE-TESTS

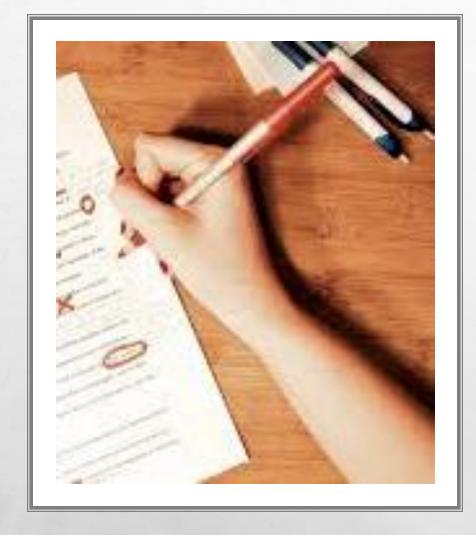


## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SAT/ACT

- YOU CAN RETAKE THE SAT OR ACT.
- REPORTING SCORES TO SCHOOLS? COLLEGES WILL EITHER:
  - SUPERSCORE TAKE THE HIGHEST SCORE ON EACH SECTION TO FORM A NEW TOTAL SCORE.
  - REQUIRE OR RECOMMEND ALL SCORES.
  - ACCEPT SCORE CHOICE YOU DECIDE WHICH SCORES TO SUBMIT.
- SCORES CAN BE SENT TO FOUR COLLEGES FOR FREE.
  - ADDITIONAL COLLEGES CAN RECEIVE YOUR SCORES FOR \$12-15 PER SCHOOL. CHECK THE "FEES" PAGES
    ON THE COLLEGE BOARD AND ACT WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- IF YOU THINK YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A FEE WAIVER, CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

## TESTING POLICIES FOR COLLEGES

- MANY SCHOOLS HAVE ANNOUNCED "TEST OPTIONAL"
   POLICIES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE FALL
   2022 APPLICATION CYCLE.
- CHECK THE ADMISSIONS WEBSITES OF THE SCHOOLS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS.
- THE DECISION TO REPORT YOUR SCORES IS UP TO YOU.
- SCHOOLS WILL BE LOOKING AT OTHER FACTORS (ESSAY, GRADES, LETTERS OR RECOMMENDATION, ETC)



## THE COLLEGE ESSAY

- NEEDED FOR YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION
- CAN OFTEN BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
- MR. GENE WARNER, RETIRED FROM THE BUFFALO NEWS
   AFTER 36 YEAR OF REPORTING
- REACH OUT VIA EMAIL FOR A VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT AT GENE.WARNER7@GMAIL.COM.

## **SELECTING A TOPIC**

Start early- decide on a topic over the summer.

Choose a topic that is important to you & had an impact on your life.

Make sure your essay is reflective - What have you learned, how has it changed you?

Essay writing is a process that takes time to develop – start early and write several drafts.

#### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**



- MH05
- A TEACHER WHO KNOWS YOU WELL & LIKES YOU!
  - **TAUGHT YOU RECENTLY**
  - TEACHES A CORE SUBJECT OR RELATED TO YOUR MAJOR
- ► IS A CERTAIN SUBJECT REQUIRED?
- NEED 2-3 LETTERS? ASK DIFFERENT TEACHERS WHO CAN HIGHLIGHT SEPARATE STRENGTHS.
  - GIVE THE SCHOOLS WHAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR & STICK TO THEIR LIMITS.
- YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR WILL ALSO NEED TO WRITE YOU A LETTER.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION CONT.

- WHEN?
- > ASK IN ADVANCE (AT LEAST 2-3 WEEKS BEFORE DUE DATE, END OF JUNIOR YEAR PREFERRED)
- FIF POSSIBLE, SCHEDULE A MEETING TO ASK.
- **BE SURE TO FOLLOW UP WITH A THANK YOU EMAIL.**
- PROVIDE THE PERSON YOU ASK WITH YOUR ACADEMIC/ACTIVITIES RESUME, BRAG SHEET, OR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION QUESTIONNAIRE (EXAMPLES CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASS OF 2022 SCHOOLOGY GROUP RESOURCES OR THE CHS SCHOOL COUNSELING WEB PAGE)

## FINANCIAL AID

WE WILL HAVE A FINANCIAL AID NIGHT IN THE FALL!









CSS Profile



## FEDERAL & STATE AID

- FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID): WWW.FAFSA.GOV
  - CAN BE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS, WORK STUDY, AND/OR FEDERAL SUBSIDIZED (NEED-BASED) & UNSUBSIDIZED
    (NOT NEED-BASED) LOANS
- NYS HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP): <a href="https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/nys-tap.html">https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/nys-tap.html</a>
- ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE BOTH THE FAFSA AND TAP TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM SAY YES!

## **CSS PROFILE**



Operated by College Board, there is a fee to apply unless you qualify for SAT fee waivers.

\$25 for one school, \$16 for each additional school



Looks at financial information of the student and their parents



Private colleges and universities use this to determine eligibility for institutional scholarships and grants.



Schools that use the CSS

**Profile:** <a href="https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx">https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx</a>

## WHAT IS SAY YES, AND WHAT DOES SAY YES COVER?

- FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:
- SAY YES IS A LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP
- COVERS TUITION COSTS (NOT FEES OR HOUSING) AT A SUNY/CUNY SCHOOL
- COVERS TUITION AT A SAY YES PRIVATE PARTNER COLLEGE (AMOUNTS CAN VARY, SOME ARE INCOME BASED)

**WWW.SAYYESBUFFALO.ORG** 



## **EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



- RECIPIENTS MUST ANNUALLY COMPLETE:
- **✓ FAFSA AND TAP**
- BE ENROLLED FULL TIME AND COMPLETE 30 CREDITS PER YEAR
- RESIDE IN NY STATE AFTER GRADUATION FOR THE SAME # OF YEARS THAT YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOLARSHIP

\*\*\*IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR SAY YES THEN YOU MAY WANT TO APPLY FOR EXCELSIOR.



\$500





\$2,000



\$500



\$1,000



\$1,000

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

#### A Clearer Path to College

This new schularitip program guides you through the college planning process and offers you a chance to earn money for college for each action you complete.

cb.org/opportunity



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#### **COLLEGE BOARD OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

- TO ENTER:
- CREATE A COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT OR LINK AN EXISTING ACCOUNT AT WWW.CB.ORG/OPPORTINITY
- 1. BUILD YOU COLLEGE LIST ON BIG FUTURE WWW.BIGFUTURE.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG
- 2. PRACTICE FOR THE SAT ON KHAN ACADEMY <u>www.satpractice.org</u>
- **3.** IMPROVE YOUR SAT SCORE BY 100 POINTS
- 4. STRENGTHEN YOUR COLLEGE LIST ON BIG FUTURE
- 5. COMPLETE THE FAFSA
- **6.** APPLY TO AT LEAST (2) COLLEGES
- 7. COMPLETE ALL SIX ABOVE ACTIVITIES

### TIMELINE FOR FALL OF SENIOR YEAR

- MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR FOR YOUR SENIOR REVIEW.
- KNOW WHAT THE DEADLINES ARE FOR YOUR COLLEGES OF INTEREST.
- RE-TAKE ACT OR SAT IF NEEDED (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER).
- BEGIN COMPLETING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS EITHER DIRECTLY THROUGH COLLEGE WEBSITE, SUNY APP, OR THE COMMON APP.
  - PLAN TO HAVE THEM COMPLETED BEFORE LEAVING FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK.
- CREATE FSA ID. START FAFSA & TAP.
- COMPLETE THE SAY YES APPLICATION.
- START RESEARCHING AND APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.
- FOR A MORE DETAILED TIMELINE: HTTPS://CITYHONORS.ORG/FILES/JUNIOR AMP SENIOR TIMELINE.PDF

## WHAT SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE DOING NOW?

- MEET WITH THEIR SCHOOL COUNSELOR ENSURE THEY ARE ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION, REGISTERED FOR RIGOROUS COURSES, PLANNING FOR SENIOR YEAR.
- GET INVOLVED AT SCHOOL CLUBS, SPORTS, VOLUNTEER WORK.
- DETERMINE WHAT THEIR FUTURE CAREER GOALS ARE TAKE A CAREER INTEREST INVENTORY.
- STUDY FOR ACT/SAT.
- PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE ATHLETES: REGISTER WITH NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER (WWW.ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG)



## WHAT SHOULD PARENTS BE DOING?

Support your child in what can be an exciting but overwhelming process

Encourage them to stay on track and complete tasks on time Monitor their progress.
Sign up for the Infinite
Campus Parent Portal
and Parent Schoology
apps.

Sign up for the Remind app to get important updates and reminders

Reach out to your child's school counselor if you have questions

Have your 2020 tax return available for the FAFSA completion for fall 2021

Fall 2021 - create a FSA ID

Enjoy this time as your child takes their first steps towards becoming a young adult!

## BE SURE TO VISIT THE CHS SCHOOL COUNSELING PAGE

- HTTPS://CITYHONORS.ORG/ACADEMICS/SCHOOL-COUNSELING-OFFICE/
- **✓ NEWSLETTERS**
- **✓ UPDATED COLLEGE WSIT SCHEDULE**
- **✓ COLLEGE INFORMATION**
- **✓ FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**
- **✓ CAREER INFORMATION**
- **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**
- **✓** ATHLETIC INFORMATION
- **✓ SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

## ANY QUESTIONS?



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