Welcome Parents of the Class of 2020!

Department of School Counseling
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# Caseload Assignments for 2019-2020

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Tonight’s Topics

- Naviance
- Common Application (Common App.)
- Transcript
- Deadlines
- Letters of Recommendation
- Fall Testing
- Who Sends What
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
What is Naviance?

• Naviance is a web-based program utilized for researching colleges and careers
• All students at OHS have an account
• Some of its features include:
  – Interest inventories and surveys
  – Database of college majors
  – Resume builder
  – Track school documents sent to colleges
  – Sign up for College Visits
Naviance and the College Process

• Most Colleges/Universities are processing application materials electronically.
• Student transcripts, OHS school profile, counselor and teacher recommendations, and other required forms will be submitted online through the Naviance program.
• We will continue to send college application materials by mail to the colleges and universities that do not yet permit electronic submission.
What is the Common Application? What are its advantages?

• One application to apply to several schools.

• 800 + colleges accept it – most of the colleges our students apply to. (Example: All Connecticut State Schools)

• Look for supplements.
Getting Started

- Common Application and Naviance Accounts
- Common App/Naviance Link
- FERPA—what does it mean?
The Process Begins....

• Students were instructed to set up their Senior Conference with their school counselor as soon as possible. Parents are welcome to attend!

• Counselors have already visited all senior English classes to support students in creating a Common App account.

• Students were provided a Senior Application Checklist.
OHS Transcript/Senior Grades

- You child’s transcript and Grad Checklist will be mailed home to you soon. Please look it over and contact us if you have any questions.
- The transcript is the single most important piece of information available to the Admissions Office.
- Shows only FINAL grades for each course completed
- Includes a weighted GPA
- OHS does not report class rank
- Quarter 1 Grades -sent upon student request
- Mid-year grades are automatically sent
- College Courses require a separate transcript request through the College/University
How do transcripts get sent to colleges?

• Electronically or by mail if required

• Transcript Request Form (online, OHS Counseling Office or LMC)

• Students need to add the schools that they are applying to under “Colleges that I am Applying To” section in Naviance
OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST
(For internal use only)

Student’s Last Name ______________________ First _______ Middle In. ________ Application Deadline ____________
(As indicated by college)

Student’s E-Mail ___________________________ (E-mail address used for student’s college applications)

College Name ______________________________

City __________________________ State ___________

Decision Type ____________________________ (Check one)
___ Early Decision I  ___ Rolling
___ Early Decision II ___ Priority
___ Early Action ___ Other ______________________
___ Regular  __________________________ (NCAA, scholarship, etc)

Are you using the Common Application?  Yes ______ No ______

Counselor Name __________________________ ______ Request letter of recommendation from counselor ______
(Recommendation packet included) Check off

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date __________________________

(To be completed by School Counseling Department personnel)

Date received School Counseling Office ____________________ By ____________________
Deadlines

Early Decision
• Binding agreement
• Must be 100% sure
• Be able to pay the full cost
• May only apply to one school Early Decision

Early Action/Priority
• Non-binding agreement
• Find out in Dec/Jan.
• Compare financial aid packages
• Apply to as many as you like!
Deadlines
(continued)

**Restricted Early Action**
- Non-binding agreement
- Find out in Dec/Jan.
- Restricts what other schools you can apply to.

**Regular**
- Fixed deadline- 1/1, 1/15, 2/1, etc.

**Rolling**
- No fixed deadlines, decisions are made from 11/1- 4/1
Letters of Recommendation

• “Letter of Recommendation Packet” (located on the school’s website, in the counseling office or LMC)
• Students must request all recommendations at least 30 days prior to the deadline in person.
• Students need to invite teachers to submit letters through Naviance.
• The letter is confidential.
Letters of Recommendation

• Teachers will submit their letters of recommendation through Naviance

• If the college or university does not accept electronic materials, the student will need to supply the teacher with an envelope stamped and addressed

• Look for “delivery type” icons in Naviance
How many letters of recommendation should your child request?

• Application materials from colleges include that information

• More is not always better

• Average # of letters is 2
To how many colleges should your child apply to?

- Average is 4 to 8
- Include: “Reach” Schools
  “Ballpark/Target” Schools
  “ Likely/Safety” Schools
- The “compare me” feature in Naviance is helpful in determining a student’s candidacy
Fall Testing Dates

**SAT Test Dates:**
- November 2nd - Registration Deadline is Oct. 3rd
  (register on collegeboard.org)
- Dec 7th – Registration Deadline is Nov. 8th
- Subject Tests
- Optional essay

**ACT Test Dates:**
- October 26th – Registration Deadline is Sept. 20th
- December 14th - Registration Deadline is Nov. 8th
  (register on actstudent.org)
- Optional writing section
Who sends your child’s SAT, ACT, and AP Exam scores to colleges?

• The Student
• Students have the option to have their scores sent to four colleges (no additional fee) when they register for SAT’s and ACT’s
• Send score reports (for a fee) online at collegeboard.org or actstudent.org
• Some school are allowing student to self report via common application and send official scores later
Oxford High School Counseling Department
Who Sends What?

**Student sends:**
- Application
- Fee
- Essay
- Resume (optional)
- Supplement (if required)
- SAT/ACT scores via testing service

**Teacher sends:**
- Their Recommendation

**Guidance sends:**
- Transcript
- Report Card (if requested)
- School Profile
- Secondary School Report
- Counselor Recommendation (if requested)

**The College or University**
What if my child wants to play a sport in college?

• Student athletes should apply online at eligibilitycenter.org if they are considering athletics in college.

• Each division has different requirements for eligibility—combination of SAT scores and grades.

• Feel free to direct questions to our AD Brian Luchsinger.
Financial Aid

**FAFSA**
- Used to qualify for ALL federal aid
- Required at all institutions
- Available online
- Can be filed as of October 1, 2019
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**CSS Profile**
- 2 step process
- Part 1 can be filled as soon as list is complete
- Required at most private institutions, and for other scholarships
- When part 1 is submitted, part 2 is sent to your home
- Available online through CollegeBoard.com
Financial Aid Resources

• FAFSA4caster at FAFSA.GOV

• Net Price Calculator

• Financial Aid office @ the College/University

• Financial Aid Night: Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 pm with Lewis DeLuca from SCSU
Reminders....

• Be sure to complete Financial Aid paperwork ON TIME!

• Find out what forms are required by each college and the deadline dates for each school.

• All schools require the FAFSA-Free application for federal student aid- www.fafsa.gov

• Many colleges require a CSS profile as well.

• Be sure to contact the financial aid office if you have questions
Scholarships

We encourage students to check Naviance for local scholarship information on a regular basis!
Scholarship Websites

www.cappex.com

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

http://www.highscholarships.com/high-school-senior-scholarships.html

http://scholarships4students.com/

www.collegeboard.com

https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/
Together we will make this year a success!

• Contact your student’s school counselor with questions. We are here to help!

• Have a great evening!