

Senior Parent Night

YHS Class of 2010

Tonight's Topics

- Introduction of Counselors
- Diploma Options
- Preparing for college
- Applying for college
- Paying for college
- NCAA - Brief Overview
- Communication Tips
- Graduation Policies

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Diplomas, diplomas, diplomas

- General
- Core 40
- Academic Honors



General Diploma

- 46 credits
- No GPA requirements
- Required Subject Areas

Core 40 Diploma

- 46 credits
- 2.0 GPA requirement
- Required Subject Areas
- Basis of College Admissions

Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma

- 47 credits
- 3.0 GPA requirement
- C- (or better) in required subject areas for diploma
- Required Subject Areas

What can I do to prepare?

- Check for information from Guidance Office every two weeks
- Request/Gather letters of recommendation
- Prepare & turn in Senior Brag Sheets

First Semester

- Keep a calendar of deadlines
- Register & take the SAT/ACT
- Athletes register with NCAA clearinghouse/eligibility center (more on this later)
- Contact the schools of your choice for catalogs and college applications

First Semester (continued)

- Attend college fairs and take college days
 - Delaware Co. College Fair – 10/19 @ 7 p.m., MCHS
- Narrow your college choices and make sure you meet their deadlines
- Attend college visits scheduled in the guidance office

First Semester (continued)

- Mail college applications by November 1st. Be sure to print the counselor page and give to your counselor
- Do not slack on your senior year schedule! Colleges will look at the courses you are taking this year. Also keep in mind that your grades DO MATTER this year as colleges/universities will look at your final transcript
- Find the FAFSA application on-line at www.FAFSA.ed.gov after December 1st
 - College Goal Sunday – Feb. 21st, 2010
 - Financial Aid Night @ YHS – date TBD

Second Semester

- FAFSA applications are due in early March (usually around March 10th.)
- Contact the financial-aid offices of your prospective colleges/universities and request additional forms they may require

Second Semester (continued)

- Many admission deadlines are March 15th. Make sure all of your college admission applications are mailed by this date. (Check the date with your college/university).
- Student Aid Report (SAR) mailed/emailed to you between February and April. Review carefully and follow any instructions.

Second Semester (continued)

- Review financial aid information for your college/university, report any grants or scholarships you have been awarded outside of the college/university
- April/May: finalize college decisions, make notifications
- June: confirm that your final transcript has been sent to your college/university and make sure that your admission packet and information is complete

SAT

- Best to register online (immediately secures seat)
- Most colleges require the SAT Reasoning Test unless it is stated specifically in the application that they want you to take a Subject Test
- Tests critical reading, math, and writing skills
- Samples/prep available on our website

SAT – Test Dates

2009-2010 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline
October 10, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	“	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009 (YHS)	“	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	“	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	“	April 29, 2010

ACT

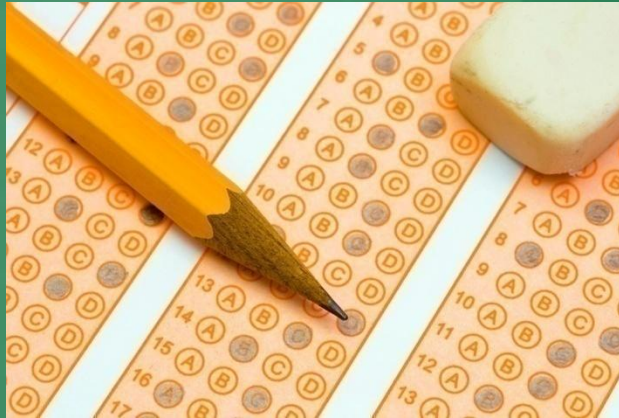
- Best to register online (immediately secures seat)
- Assesses English, math, reading, and science ability
- Optional writing exam
- Examples/prep available on our website

ACT – Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
September 12, 2009	August 7, 2009	August 8-21, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 18, 2009	September 19 – October 2, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7 – 20, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	January 6 – 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 – 19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010

Testing Preparation

- See page 7-ish for a list of preparation websites



- Also consider The Compass in Muncie or other fee-based agencies
 - www.MuncieCompass.com

Applying & Getting Accepted

- What do the counselors send to the office of admissions?
 - Transcript
 - Test scores (SAT/ACT/GQE)
 - Current senior year courses
 - School profile
 - Possibly a letter of recommendation

Paying for College

- Loans
 - Government (subsidized and unsubsidized)
 - Private
- Grants
 - Fill out FAFSA to determine eligibility
- Scholarships
 - Counseling Office has current listing
 - Visit/register at websites listed in S.G.

Scholarships

- Applying – things to include
 - Community service/volunteerism
 - Clubs/Activities (both in and out of school)
 - Grades
 - Classes taken

Letters of Recommendation

- Start early!!!
- “Strong letter”
- Provide BRAG sheet
- Be courteous – give your recommender at least two weeks

NCAA

- Clearinghouse registration at

<https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>

- Amateurism Certificate

Seek and sign this certificate

Needs to be completed on or after April 1st

- Core courses

Div I = 16 core courses

Div II = 14 core courses

NCAA (continued)

- SAT/ACT scores

Must be reported directly from SAT/ACT
code = 9999

- If you are being recruited, or think you may be recruited, **TALK TO YOUR COUNSELOR!**

Communication Tips

- Teacher/grade issues?
 - Contact TEACHER first
 - Email or Call at school
 - Set up a conference
 - Can include counselor on info/conference
- Communication from Guidance Office
 - Meetings with your senior – documentation given to senior and sent home

Graduation Policy Reminders

- Seniors who do not meet the State requirements of credits to graduate cannot walk across the stage at the graduation ceremony. This is a Corporation Policy!
- Seniors must attend graduation practice in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. This is a Corporation Policy!

Thank you!

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