Class of 2021: Preparing for College

Everything you need to know about the college process presented by: The College and Career Center and Counselors
Meet your Junior/ Future Senior Team

- **Counselors**: Ms. Maites and Mr. Collins
- College and Career Coordinator: Ms. Arrington
- Assistant Principals: Julian Pineda and Kendric Hawkins
- Dean of Students: Mr. Haith
- Attendance Counselor: Ms. James
- Social Worker: Ms. Mathis
- DC CAP: Mr. Barton and Ms. Larnouth
THE COLLEGE PROCESS MEETING
AGENDA

- A quick glance into how to go to college- parents, students
- Naviance accounts
- College and Career Process
- College Board accounts
- Summer Opportunities
- Available Student Supports
- Options for Community Service Hours
- Announcements and FAQs
Preparing For Your College/Career in High School

LOG ON TO YOUR NAVIANE ACCOUNT-CLEVER.com

USERNAME: STUDENT ID

PASSWORD: BIRTHDATE MM/DD/YY

COMPLETE TIGER PAWS SELF-EVALUATION 20-21 BY SEPTEMBER 1ST

PARENTS COMPLETE TIGER PAWS PARENT BRAG SHEET

ALL COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS WILL BE FULFILLED ONCE YOU COMPLETE A TIGER PAWS SELF-EVALUATION AND SUBMIT A TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM.

COUNSELORS DO NOT SEND SAT/ACT TEST SCORES; SCORE REPORTS ARE SENT THROUGH COLLEGE BOARD

YOUR DEADLINE IS NOT OUR DEADLINE
Available Resources

- DC CAP
- FAFSA-Opens October 1st
- Scholarships
- DC TAG-Opens February 1st
- Common application workshops
- Essay writing workshops
- 200+ College visits to Wilson
- Community service hours opportunities
- College Advice/Mentorship
What should juniors be doing now...

- Have parent/student meeting with Ms. Arrington. Schedule at [www.wilsoncollegeandcareer.setmore.com](http://www.wilsoncollegeandcareer.setmore.com) after March 4th SAT
- Think about what teachers you would like to write Letters of recommendations
- Rigorous classes for senior year
- Develop list of colleges you are thinking about in Naviance
- Prepare for the March 4th in-school SAT
Graduation Requirements

- English - 4 credits
- Math - 4 credits
- Social Studies - 4 credits
- Science - 4 credits
- World Language - 2 credits
- Career/Technology - 2 credits
- Health & Physical Education - 1.5 credits
- Elective - 1.5 credits
- Art - 0.5 credit
- Music - 0.5 credit
Transcript Request Process

Students turn in the Transcript Release and Request Form to school counselor. Counselors have 30 days to fulfill request!

Counselor are charged with completing the following items for each student:

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Transcript Release and Request Form

- Must be given to counselors 30 days before first deadline
- Complete Tiger Paws Self-Evaluation
- Match Naviance and Common App
- Have a good sense of all the schools you are applying to
A Snapshot of the Common App/Naviance Process

1. Create Common App account
2. Sign CA FERPA release waiver
3. Match CA account in Naviance
4. Add colleges to application list
5. Request LORs and transcripts
College Board

- Go to Collegeboard.org and create an account
- Why would you use college board?
  - 1) Check PSAT, SAT, and AP scores
  - 2) Has useful tools of practice test, career planning, and college searches
  - 3) Use Big Future to find best fit colleges
  - 4) Useful scholarship information
  - 5) Send SAT scores to colleges you are applying to (give at least two weeks)
Timeline for College Process

- **December**: Begin building a college list
- **January**: Use official SAT Practice on Khan Academy to prepare for SAT
- **4 Mar.**: Attend session on Colleges that Change Lives-6:00 PM SAT
- **May**: Students should ask teachers if willing to do letter of recommendation
- **June**: College applications are open to start applying
- **August**: FAFSA opens, college night at Wilson, in-school SAT
- **September**: Common application opens for students
- **October**: Common application workshops
- **December**: Common application workshops
Ways to apply to colleges

- Common Application-https://www.commonapp.org/
- Coalition Application-http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/
- Directly through the institution's website
- Black Common Application-https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/
College Application Terms

- **Early Decision**- (ED) A binding commitment to enroll; that is, if accepted under ED, the applicant must withdraw all other applications and enroll at that institution.

- **Early Action**- (EA) is a type of early admission process offered by some institutions for admission to colleges and universities in the United States.

- **Regular Decision**- is the normal process by which students apply by published deadlines, with promise of receiving an admissions decision no later than April 1 of their senior year.

- **Demonstrated Interest**- is the degree to which you show a college that you are sincerely interested in coming to their school. It has become an important, subtle tool that colleges use to efficiently and accurately enroll a specific target number of students each year.
Commonly used Terms

- **Naviance** - We send all school documents including school reports and profile, written evaluations, teacher recommendations, and the transcript through Naviance.
- **EDocs** - Electronic documents sent to colleges and universities.
- **Tiger Paws Self-Evaluation Survey** - Survey counselors use to write your recommendation.
- **Transcript Request Form** - The form you write the schools you are applying to on and turn into your counselor (30 days before the first deadline).
- **Common APP** - The most common way to apply to colleges (you do not apply through Naviance).
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Community Service

- **100 Hours** required to graduate
- **Class of 2020 Goal:** Complete community service hours by December 2020
- Try to get as many hours as possible this summer
- Next year, Wilson will be offering Saturday opportunities for community service hours
- Senior counselors will keep seniors aware of any outside community service hours
Summer College Boot Camp

- Students will receive a clear understanding of the college application process.
- Students will gain an understanding of the universe of schools and develop a list of 5 schools that are right for them.
- Students will complete the common application including a first draft of the essay.
- Students will learn about the financial aid process and become informed about how to research scholarships.
- Students will receive input on choosing the test (SAT or ACT) that is right for them and learn about self-study resources.
College Summer Boot Camp Dates

- **Monday, June 22:** 9am - 5pm, field trip to visit two colleges in the DC area
- **Tuesday, June 23:** 9am - 1pm
- **Wednesday, June 24:** 9am - 1pm
- **Thursday, June 25:** 9am - 1pm
- **Friday, June 26:** 9am - 1pm (celebratory lunch at Guapos)

A simple breakfast will be provided each day at 8:30am; Gift cards for lunch (Tuesday - Thursday) will be provided.
Financial Aid

- **FAFSA-(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**- is administered by the Department of Education, and the results that it presents are then given to your college or university's financial aid office. It assesses you and your family's financial situation to determine how much you can afford to pay for college. ([WWW.fafsa.ed.gov](WWW.fafsa.ed.gov))

- **DC TAG- (Tuition Assistance Grant)**- Up to $10,000 towards the difference of in-state and out-of-state tuition for all public colleges and universities throughout the US; public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) throughout the US; all private, nonprofit colleges and universities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. ([www.osse.dc.gov](www.osse.dc.gov))

- **DC College Savings Plan**- Helps parents to save money for their child's education while lowering their taxes. ([www.dccollegesavingsplan.com](www.dccollegesavingsplan.com))

- **DC CAP Scholarship**- Pays up to $4,000 for DC residents. ([www.dccap.org](www.dccap.org))
Words of Advice...
Dear Wilson Families,

Help the teachers and the administration understand how we can best support you and your children.

Please take the DCPS Family Panorama Survey [bit.ly/dcpsfamily](bit.ly/dcpsfamily)

The survey will inquire if you think that your children feel a sense of belonging and are challenged at Wilson.