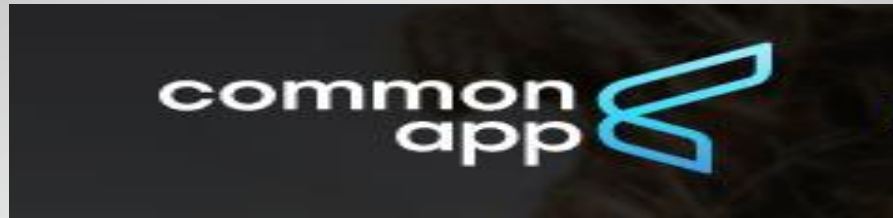# Senior Parent Workshop

Tappan Zee High School

September 15, 2022

Application Types and General Timeline-

- Early Decision/Early Decision II
- Early Action
- Early Action Restrictive
- Rolling
- Regular Decision
- Priority/Scholarship Deadline

www.commonapp.org

- More than 1,000 colleges accept *and prefer* the Common App, including SUNY Schools.

The Common Application includes:

Profile Section	Activities Section
Family Section	Writing Section
Education Section	Courses & Grades (if Required)
Testing Section	

- Many schools will require a supplement in the form of short answers and/or additional essays. The supplements can be accessed on the Common App.

- If a school does not use the Common App, their online application can be accessed through their individual websites. The CUNY application is another commonly used applications.

Self Reported Academic Records (SRAR)and Online Portals

SRARs-
- The number of colleges using this report is growing.
- SRARs require students to self-report courses, grades, and testing, that have been completed or that are in-progress, for high school credit.
- An official transcript will be required by the college if a student chooses to enroll there.
- Students can be prompted to complete the SRAR in a variety of ways: directly on commonapp, by reading application instructions on the school's website, **via email**, or after registering for the college's online portal.

Individual College Applicant Portals
- After a student applies to college, they are likely to receive a confirmation **email** and instructions for accessing the school's portal.
- The portal allows students to monitor their application (and sometimes financial aid) status, track the receipt of documents, and view the admissions decision.
- Opening these portals demonstrates a student's active engagement in the application process.
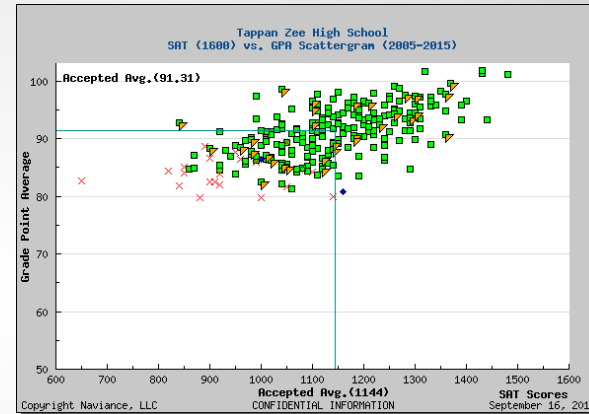
Student Resume

- Examples of student resumes have been provided to students. Naviance also has a resume builder feature. Examples can also be found on our website.
- Indicate an intended major or area of interest, including undecided (this is not binding!)
- Many colleges are allowing students to upload a resume directly to their application.
- Counselors will refer to the resume to write a more informative letter of recommendation
- Allows for easy data entry when students complete the activities section on their application
- Used as a reference for scholarship considerations

College Interviews

- Only a small number of colleges require or recommend an interview.
- College interviews can be informative or evaluative and may be conducted by admissions staff, alumni, or current students. Interviews may be conducted on or off campus.
- Check the college's website for information on their interview policies.

NAVIANCE
Family Connection
powered by NAVIANCE

- College Research Tool
    Scattergrams
    Virtual Tours
    Application Requirements
    Fast Facts
- Application Management System
    School Profile
    Transcript
    Letters of recommendation (counselor & teacher)
    Mid Year Reports- automatically sent to all schools to which a student applies
    Final Reports
- Account Matching with Common App-
    FERPA
    Waive Rights

Transcript Request Form

- A transcript request form must be completed for **each school** a student is applying to. This link was sent to each student via email and can be accessed on the counseling website.

- Completing the form guarantees that supporting documents, transcripts, profile, and letters of recommendation will be sent to colleges on a timely basis

- The transcript request forms must be submitted and followed by an appointment at least 3 weeks prior to deadline.

Teacher Letters of Recommendation

- Colleges typically require one or two letters. Some require no letters at all. Please check these requirements.

- Students must get a verbal/written agreement from a teacher before formally requesting a letter on Naviance. We visited English classes last week to walk students through this process.

- Teachers write only one letter for each student. The same letter is sent to all colleges.

- Teacher letters are uploaded and sent to colleges via Naviance.

- Students **do not** need to wait for letters of recommendation to submit their applications.

Counselor Letter of Recommendation

Materials Needed:

Counselor Rec. Info Sheet

- Found in Naviance under About Me –> Surveys from your School

Parent Perspective Form

- Found on the TZHS Counseling page under Forms
- This is an opportunity to provide helpful information for your child's Counselor.
- Please fill out and submit the form within three weeks of your senior's first application deadline to ensure the information provided is used.

Resume

Standardized Test Scores

- Test scores will not appear on the transcript.

- Scores can be **unofficially** self reported directly on the applications (must be careful with this if you plan to apply test optional to some schools).

- Students may be required to **officially** send their scores to the college directly from the testing agency.

- Due to COVID-19, many colleges have gone test optional/test-blind for this application season. Please check individual college admissions websites for the specific requirements.

What Counselors send...

- School Profile

- Transcript

- Teacher and Counselor Recommendations

- Mid-Year Grades/Final Transcript

What the student will send...

- The Completed Application

- Standardized Test Scores (if they are required to be officially sent)

- Items such as music demos or art portfolios when appropriate

State (SUNY)/City (CUNY)
University of New York

SUNY

- Among the top ranked state college systems in the nation
- 415,500 degree-seeking students currently attending a SUNY institution
- 4 Universities, 13 State Colleges, Technical and Community Colleges
- All majors offered somewhere throughout the SUNY system
- SUNY 2022-23 Tuition: $7,070 (4-Year) $5,212 (2-Year)

CUNY

- 275,000 degree-seeking students currently attending a CUNY institution
- 11 Senior Colleges and 7 Community Colleges are located across the five boroughs
- CUNY 2022-23 Tuition only: $6,930 (4-Year) $4,800 (2-Year)
- Macaulay Honors College at CUNY: A competitive Tuition and Merit Scholarship Package that includes full tuition at a senior college
  - Deadline for Macaulay Honors is November 16th @ 6pm (hard deadline)

Where have our graduates gone...

The class of 2022: 250 Students attended 102 different colleges
The class of 2022: 50% attended Public Institutions; 41% attended Private Institutions
The class of 2022: 76% (191 students) applied EA or Rolling; 13% (33 students) applied ED

$ Financial Aid and Scholarships $

Financial Aid Night

- September 29th Presentation at 7PM TZHS Cafeteria
- Dedicated to explaining the process of applying for aid to help meet the cost of your child's college education

Scholarships

- **The Excelsior Scholarship**
    - Students of middle-class families who make less than $125,000 this year are eligible for free tuition at CUNY and SUNY schools. Students are still responsible for the cost of room and board.
      More information available at www.hesc.ny.gov
- **Merit/College Specific**
    - Individual college websites
    - www.cappex.com
    - Edmit.me
- **National Scholarship**
    - www.fastweb.com
    - www.chegg.com
- **Local Scholarship**
    - Will begin updating in January 2023
    - http://blogs.socsd.org/tzhs/scholarships-2/