

Senior August Newsletter

• <u>To-Do:</u>

- Schedule a meeting with me: Schedule a meeting here. Come with any and all questions and bring your iPad! I want to meet with all seniors before October 9th.
- Complete your Letter of Recommendation Survey in Scoir if you haven't already!
- o Sign-up for College Rep Visits in Scoir (the first one is DePauw on 8/19)
- <u>SAT</u>: Sign-up for Senior SAT on October 9th if you want to. More info below.
- Watch Videos below to review application info
- Senior SAT October 9th: Wednesday, October 9th is PSAT day for underclassmen; however, we are offering the SAT for seniors who would like to take it again. Scores are anticipated to be available by October 24th. The cost is \$48. Please sign-up here if you would like to take this SAT.
- Review of Aug. 8 and 9 Meeting: The technology wasn't in my favor last week. You win some, you lose some! Below are some videos with the information I hoped you would get. I will be coming into Theology classes this week and next to cover what we didn't get done in these meetings. Check the College Counseling Drive for a copy of the presentation. Here are the videos:
 - Application deadlines and Common App intro
 - Common App Education and Profile tab
 - Scoir: Requesting Letters of Recommendation and Transcripts

• College Visit Information

<u>College Fairs</u>: In the next few months, there will be a variety of College Fairs happening
around Indianapolis and Indiana. These fairs are a great opportunity to see representatives from
multiple colleges from around the midwest and country. Keep an eye on our <u>College Rep</u>
<u>Calendar</u> for these dates.



- Hamilton County College Fair: 6:30-8pm at Hamilton Southeastern High School on September 11th
- <u>College Rep Visits</u>: Additionally, we will be inviting college reps to visit Bishop Chatard. You can sign up to attend their sessions on Scoir. Please sign up in Scoir so I can send you a pass and know what space to reserve. These sessions are tailored specifically to Bishop Chatard students, and you'll have more time to talk to the college representatives.
 - To sign up, go to the "Me" tab on your Scoir account and click on "events and deadlines."
 - Be sure you let teachers know you will be missing part of class or seminar!
- <u>College Campus Visits:</u> And, as always, you can also do an official college visit, which is recommended for schools high on your college list. You have two excused absences for college visits. See Mrs. Saurine or the main office for an excused absence form.

Important Application Points from our meetings:

- November 1st is the most important date! That is the early action deadline that gives you fullest scholarship consideration!
 - o If you are applying *early decision* (binding agreement to attend a school if accepted, usually reserved for highly competitive schools) you need to come and talk to me because I need to sign your contract too!
- Scoir: When you submit your application, be sure you update Scoir "my colleges" tab so that I know you are ready for me to send your transcript. If you do not update Scoir, I will not know you need a transcript sent to that school.
 - APPLYING COLUMN: tells me you are working on the documents
 - APPLIED COLUMN: tells me you submitted your application and you are ready for me to send your transcripts
- <u>Application Portal:</u> After you submit your application, be sure you keep an eye on your email so you can **create a portal for each school you applied to**. This is where you can see your application checklist so you know what's missing and what has been received. If you do not get an email from the school, come and see me.
- **Document Matching**: Remember, it takes about two weeks for documents sent by me (transcripts, secondary school reports, letters, etc.) to match with your application on the college end and for it to show up in your application portal. It is really important your legal name in Scoir and Common App match and that your personal email address you added in Scoir and what you have for the Common App match.
 - This also means you should NOT wait until the deadline to send your application. You want to give yourself plenty of time to make sure all of your documents are ready to go.
- <u>Test Scores</u>: You are in charge of getting your test scores to your colleges. Pay attention to how the college wants test scores submitted if you choose to submit scores. Is self



reporting your scores in your portal enough or do you need to send official score reports through College Board?

Check out the <u>July Newsletter</u> for frequently asked application questions.

Always come in with questions! I am happy to help!

SAVE THE DATE:

- August 29th: deadline to sign-up for the SAT offered here at BCHS for seniors on October 9th.
- Multiple Days: College Rep visits throughout August and September
 - You can sign-up in Scoir. Go to "me" then "visits and deadlines"
- September 22: Application Help Night- Students and parents welcome!
- September 24: Financial Aid Night with INvestEd
 - Outside organization dedicated to helping families pay for college will be at BCHS to talk about scholarships, loans, FAFSA, and more. Students and families welcome
- September 23-27: College GO week in Indiana
 - Some Indiana schools waive their application fees that week, so it is a good goal to finish and submit your applications by then if you can
- October 15th: Early Action Deadline for some schools, mainly in schools in the Southeast
- November 1st: EARLY ACTION DEADLINE

Update 8/13:

Evening with IU and Purdue on August 27th. Information below!



An Evening with

Indiana University

Purdue University

August 27 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Via Zoom



Grades 9 to 12 families are encouraged to attend this informative event, where reps from IU and Purdue will update students and families on the latest information regarding the University Admissions Process. Guests will also learn about admission procedures and scholarships.



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