How are you feeling?

Nervous
Excited
Overwhelmed
Eager
Worried
Confused
Anxious
Where do you start?

YOU ARE HERE
General Timeline to Follow

**Now to March**
- Begin the conversation
- Junior Seminars
- Start search on Naviance
- Finalize senior year courses
- SAT/ACT Preparation

**April to August**
- Visit schools
- Take SAT/ACT
- Optional parent counselor meeting
- Attempt to finalize list
- Start essay

**September to December**
- Apply to schools/complete Common App (info in Senior Seminar)
- Senior Parent Night
- SAT/ACT again
- Attend Financial Aid Night
- Keep up grades
The most important document for college

- Transcript
  - Final grades
  - Academic rigor
  - GPA / Rank
Standardized Testing

Which test to take?

- Cost similar
- Test dates vary
- Good rule of them: Take each once; retake the test you feel more comfortable with.
- Take writing at least one time.
Expectations

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE STUDENT

• Take ownership of the college process complete and submit applications, transcript request forms, brag sheets, essays, etc.
• Arrange to have test scores sent to schools
• Proofread your essays – ask for help!
• Meet ALL deadlines.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE PARENT

• Support and encourage your child, offering advice and guidance where appropriate
• Coordinate visits to college campuses
• Be open to new ideas and suggestions
• Complete the FAFSA

You are driving this train – take your responsibility seriously. It is the first step into adulthood.
Check out these useful links…

• www.pthsd.k12.nj.us (link to PHS)
• www.BigFuture.collegeboard.org
• www.collegeresults.org
• www.collegedata.com
• www.inlikeme.com
• www.raise.me
• www.unigo.com
• www.khanacademy.com
• www.campustours.com
• www.niche.com
A comprehensive tool that can be used to help students and parents through the college and career planning process

- Conduct a college search and compare colleges
- Complete career and interest inventories
- Search for Scholarships
- Invite teachers to upload letters of recommendation
- Receive communication from School Counseling Department
- Complete brag sheet
- Record college admittance decisions
- [https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=Parsippany](https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=Parsippany)
Ask us, we are here to help!

- Forgot Naviance log in or password
- Any and all specific questions
- Individual parent meetings

(973) 263-7001 dial 4 for Guidance
What’s next?

Navigating Naviance Morning Session
December 14, 2018 at 8:00 AM
Bring your laptops!
Naviance College Search

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Scattergrams
Let’s hear from the source....

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