



Welcome to Your Senior Year!

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Looking ahead to  
May 24, 2017



# Tonight's Topics

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- Senior Meetings
- Applying to College
- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- Planning for Commencement
- Parents' Roles
- How to Contact Us
- Admissions Panel



# Senior Meetings

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- One-on-one meeting with counselor
  - Double-check graduation requirements
  - Discuss future plans
  - Answer questions



# Prepare to Apply to College

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- Take an SAT or ACT - Have your scores sent directly to the schools you are considering (do this before you take the test; afterward, there's a fee)
- Create or Update a Log of Activities, Honors, and Awards
- Finish Your Autobiographical Sketch



# Prepare to Apply to College

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## ■ What schools?

- College Fair / Jeff High School Gym / Oct 5 / 5-6:30 pm
- Campus Visits
  - The sooner, the better
  - Pamphlet in your packet
  - Report absence to Mrs. Slauter
- Admissions Reps at WLHS
  - From many colleges across the state and country
  - Read the daily announcements
  - Sign up in the counseling office

## ■ How many applications?

- Don't overwhelm yourself (or your counselor)
- Ideal: 2 safety / 1 match / 1 reach



# Applying to College

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- When to apply?
  - Starting now
  - Don't wait for SAT/ACT scores
  - What is Early Action? Early Decision?
- How to apply?
  - Common App (more on this later)
  - A college's own application on their website



# Applying to College

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- **Common Application** – If you've listed counselors and teachers, they will receive an email when you submit your application. Double-check that you have typed in their email addresses correctly before submitting. Then, double-check with those individuals to be sure they received the email from Common App.
- **Other Transcripts Services:**
  - Parchment
  - Send edu
  - USPS (request from WLHS)



# Applying to College

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- After Acceptance
  - Keep up the hard work
  - Apply for housing
  - File your FAFSA
  - Commit by May 1, 2017





# Scholarships and Financial Aid

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- File a FAFSA (more on this later)
- See Scholarship Handbook in your packet
- Local scholarships – available in mid-Oct (GLCF) & Dec 1 (WLEF)
- Read Announcements for non-local opportunities – ongoing



# Scholarships and Financial Aid

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## IMPORTANT CHANGES

## Scholarships and Financial Aid



# Lilly Endowment – CHANGE

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- If you haven't already, you will soon receive information about the Lilly Endowment scholarship from GLCF.
- The date for submission has changed from January to October – much earlier than in the past.
- If you're going in state, this scholarship pays full tuition + fees. Some colleges offer Lilly Scholars room and board as well.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid



# FAFSA – CHANGE

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Available Oct 1.

Uses prior-prior year (PPY) tax data.

In September, student and parent should go online and get the Federal Student Aid User ID's (replaced the old electronic PIN).

## Scholarships and Financial Aid



# FAFSA - What is this?

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- FREE Application for Federal Student Aid
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Links to the IRS website
- Availability and deadline changes beginning this year
- Watch for local workshops to help understand and complete this form

## Scholarships and Financial Aid



# Financial Aid Questions

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### QUESTIONS?

You will probably get the best answer from the financial aid department at the college your student is planning to attend. They are the experts who deal with this area all of the time, and they are happy to help!



# Planning For Commencement

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- Senior meeting for caps and gowns – Oct 6
- Know your senior class officers
  - President – Yi Fei Heng
  - VP – Arjun Ramani
  - Secretary – Hannah Han

Mrs. Gruss, Mrs. McClamroch, and Mrs. Sheffield are the senior class sponsors.



# How Parents Can Help

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- Research
- Plan Visits
- Discuss financial expectations
- Support and Encourage, Let your senior Do
- Understand that there's time to get everything done





# We're here to help!

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# Admissions Panel

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- Indiana University – Bloomington
- Purdue University – West Lafayette
- Wabash College