

Class of 2024 Counseling Newsletter

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the second half of Junior year!! This is an important time for students; they are beginning to make decisions about college and career goals. We are currently meeting with students individually to plan for their Senior year. Your student should be coming home with a packet of information to assist you in the college search/planning process.

Mrs. Hulbert and Mrs. Williams

What is the Common Application?

We are recommending all students use the **Common Application** to complete their applications next year.

The **Common Application** is an application system that students will use to apply to colleges. Students will be asked to provide their personal demographic information, list their grades, courses, activities and test scores.

Students will then add the schools they are applying to into their Common Application.

Individual schools may require additional supplemental material that will be generated in the Common Application as your student moves through the application process.

Please Note: Your email address will become your username and the Common App's primary method of sending updates and reminders so make sure that you provide an email **that you check on a regular basis.**

Students will also need to link their Naviance account to their Common Application once it has been created. KHS will use Naviance to electronically send their transcripts and letters of recommendation to the schools.

NOTE: If you are applying **only to SUNY schools**; we encourage you to use the **SUNY application.**



Upcoming Events

May 6

SAT exam at KHS

June 3

SAT exam at KHS

June 10

ACT exam at KHS

Naviance Student and Senior Year:

Students should be comfortable accessing their Naviance Student account. Students access Naviance through Clever. Currently students should be adding colleges to their list of "Colleges I am Thinking About". As we move into 12th grade, students will move those schools to the list of "Colleges I am Applying To".

Students will request letters of recommendation from teachers via Naviance Student. Students should have a conversation with teachers in advance of sending them the link to request a letter. We encourage students to give **teachers at least two weeks** to complete a letter. Keep in mind that teachers are receiving requests from multiple students.

DEADLINES!

Senior year moves quickly. The fall can be an overwhelming time for students and families. We recommend keeping deadlines on a calendar that is easy to access. Make note of application deadlines **and** financial aid deadlines. Staying organized is one of the best ways to reduce the stress of this process and ensure that everything is completed on time.

Student Responsibilities

Students are responsible for notifying their counselors of any changes or updates regarding their application submissions. Students oversee their individual application process. We are here to assist and ensure that transcripts are delivered in a timely fashion. If students have questions, they should make an appointment with their counselor.

Important Websites

Common Application

www.commonapp.org

FAFSA

www.fafsa.gov

College Board - SAT

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

www.actstudent.org

Raise Me - microsolarships

www.raise.me

Big Future Scholarships

www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Bold Scholarship Search

www.bold.org

NCAA – student athletes

www.ncaa.org

Khan Academy

www.khanacademy.org/

HESC – Paying for College

Students and parents can sign up to receive text messages from HESC to receive information about financial aid, important deadlines, events:

hesc.ny.gov/text.