



# WELCOME

If you can read this, you are close enough!



# THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Senior Parent Night  
September 14, 2016

# PRESENTED BY THE NORTHERN VALLEY DEMAREST GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

- ➔ Mr. Matthew Spatz, Director of Guidance
- ➔ Mr. Michael O'Malley, Lead Counselor
- ➔ Mrs. Jennifer Ferraro
- ➔ Ms. Tracey Salerno
- ➔ Mrs. Laura Schwartzapfel
- ➔ Mrs. Colleen Spafford
- ➔ Mr. Howard Tiell



# Path to a Successful Application Process





# The Senior Meeting

- Review college lists and visits for purpose of updating Naviance and completing “yellow” card
- Review unofficial transcript and activities page
- NCAA- please see your counselor to review requirements
- Discuss new GPA and the completion of the “Transcript Acknowledgement” Form.
- Discuss completion of Senior Questionnaire and Parent Brag Sheet with your counselor

# Naviance

- eDocs- use and purpose
- Match: Have Common App email address handy
- Activation of applications
- Confirmation of all sent applications
- Teacher Letters of Recommendation
- College visits
- Scholarship listings
- Road Trip Nation

# STANDARDIZED TESTING

- SAT Reasoning Test, SAT Subject Test, ACT with Writing, TOEFL (for ESL students)
- Students SEND test scores (they are not sent by guidance dept.) Sending is the responsibility of student/family
- Sitting for October SAT is allowed for Nov 1 or Nov 15 ED or EA deadlines. Have scores sent immediately if you know you will need them.
- See counselor for discussion of score choice/sending options.

# How to Research Financial Aid Opportunities



- New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority  
[www.hessa.org](http://www.hessa.org)
- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- The FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Scholarship Offerings- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or  
[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)
- Attend **Financial Aid Night** November 1, 2016 (7:00 p.m. at NVOT)



# Additional Information

WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM

➔ <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-find-your-college-fit>

Northern Valley College Fair  
October 20, 2016 7 PM  
Pascack Valley High School

# The Common Application

- Signing on to Common App
- Creating your list of colleges-must match your active list in Naviance
- Application Components
- Decision Options (ED, EA, Regular, Rolling)
- Essays and Supplements
- Submission Procedures

# Important Dates To Remember

## College Deadline

October 15

November 1

November 15

December 1

December 15

January 1

January 15

## Due in Guidance

September 21, 2016

October 10, 2016

October 21, 2016

November 3, 2016

November 21, 2016

December 2, 2016

December 16, 2016

15 school days are needed to process an application.

Deadlines are the student's responsibility.

# College Night

The Bergen County Directors will be hosting a college fair at FDU-Teaneck

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Begins at 6 p.m.

# Question & Answer

