



Watkins Mill High School

A Professional Learning Community

SENIOR INFORMATION NIGHT

September 23, 2009

7:00 pm

SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION

- **Sponsors:**
Mr. Jae Lee and
Mrs. Kimberly Krill
- **Mandatory Graduation**
Expenses \$54 if paid by 11/25
- **\$65 after 11/30**
- **Paid at Financial Office**



SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **MUST HAVE 22 CREDITS & PASS ALL REQUIRED COURSES FOR THE STATE OF MD HS DIPLOMA**
- **MUST PASS ALL FOUR HSA EXAMS (ALGEBRA, BIOLOGY, ENGLISH 10 AND GOVERNMENT) OR EARN A TOTAL SCORE OF AT LEAST 1602.**

STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING (SSL)



- 60 HOURS OF SSL HOURS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION
- COMPLETE & SUBMIT FORMS TO MR. SPEARS
- WWW.MCPSSSL.ORG

The Career Center

...houses a wealth of information

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The Career Center...not only for the College bound student...

- Military Information
- Trade School Information
 - ___Cosmetology
 - ___Culinary Schools
 - ___Computer Training
 - ___Mechanics Training

Employment after High School

- Apprenticeships

www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/appr.html

- Federal employment

www.studentjobs.gov/firsttimers.asp

www.usajobs.opm.gov/

- Maryland state employment

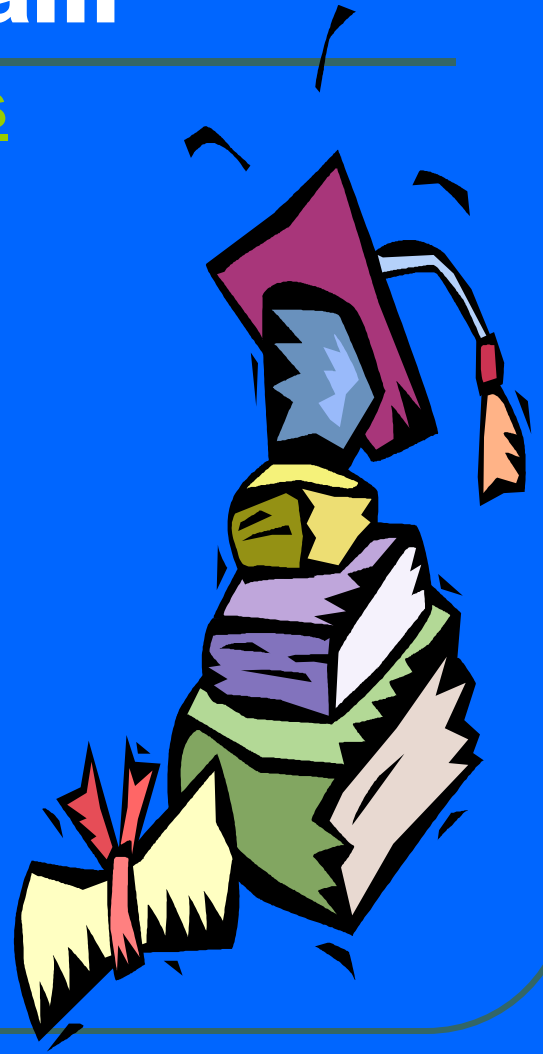
www.workformaryland.com

www.DBM.Maryland.gov

Family Connection by Naviance; A College Search Program

www.connection.naviance.com/wmhs

- Family Connection allows students to see the likelihood of acceptance to a college based on WMHS graduates from the last several years.
- Every senior should have a password. If not, see Mrs. Prochnow or your counselor



The Career Center has Web Access

- College Applications
- Scholarship Searches

Scholarship Applications

- Check the Career Center weekly for new scholarships
- Fastweb.com
- Check the Scholarship section on the Career Center webpage
- PTSA Scholarships
- Michael Tyler Scholarships

Also in the Career Center

- Essay writing tips
- Sample resumes
- Resources
 - Fiske Guide to Colleges
 - Rugg's Recommendations
 - Book of Majors
 - Top 300 Careers

Registration forms and Sample Tests for SAT and ACT

- SAT Reasoning Test
- SAT Subject Tests
- ACT + Writing

What are the

SAT Subject Tests?

SAT Subject Tests

- May be used for admission and/or placement
- Most colleges ask for math and one other subject test
- Check college applications carefully for SAT Subject test requirements
- Students may take up to three at one time

The College Application Process at WMHS



Identify a list of colleges

- Find the “Right Fit”
- Include “reach”, “target”, and “safety” schools on the list
- Consider financial cost, but do not eliminate a school based on cost
- Obtain applications
 - Apply online
 - Download from college website and mail
 - Common app (www.commonapp.org)
 - Black Common app (www.eduinonline.com)

College Representative Presentations in the Career Center

- Students sign up to visit with reps on Family Connection then pick up a pass for teacher approval on the day of the visit.
- Lists of visiting colleges are posted on Family Connection and in Visit Binder in Career Center

Visit Colleges

- Arrange an appointment with the Admissions Office
- Ask students questions
- Visit the dormitories
- Attend a class if possible
- Arrange an overnight

Other points to consider...

- Look at college course requirements once admitted
- Is there an application process for a particular major?
- How much math is required in the general education requirements?
- Is there a foreign language requirement?

Be aware of these college terms:

- **EARLY DECISION:** A binding commitment. Once admitted, all other applications must be withdrawn.
- **EARLY ACTION:** Admissions decisions are made by an early date. Non-binding.
- **ROLLING:** Admissions decisions are made as applications arrive at the college
- **PRIORITY:** Apply by this date for scholarship consideration and best chance of admission

When ready to begin the actual application process...read the requirements carefully.

- What are the deadlines?
- What are the essay requirements?
- Are SAT Subject tests required?
- How many teacher recommendations are needed?

Submit your application online or by mail

- It is the student's responsibility to get the application in on time.
- Remember the application fee!

Online applications

- Print and save a copy!
- Don't forget to request a transcript and other paperwork from the Registrar's Office.

The UMCP Application

- Priority deadline is November 1.
- for Honors, Gemstone, Scholars and other special programs
- For merit scholarships
- 95% of class is selected
- Test scores need to be sent directly from the test centers to College Park
- Request transcript by early October

Request recommendations from teachers....

- Give teacher(s) a copy of the Student Brag Sheet & Request Form
- Provide teachers with stamped, addressed envelopes for each college or university
- Include name under flap of envelope & deadline
- Make requests to teachers early!

Request SAT/ACT scores

- Colleges require that these scores be sent directly from the testing service
- You can order by phone or online.

NCAA PROCEDURES

- Register with NCAA
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.org
- Send SAT and/or ACT scores to Clearinghouse
- See Mrs. Jacobson for transcript

Return these items to the Registrar's Office, for preparation of the necessary documents

(Before school, during lunch or after school)

- Signed transcript request form
- Transcript fees
- Student Brag Sheet
- Watkins Mill Secondary School Report Form
- Stamped, addressed envelopes

What happens next?

- The Registrar will give your counselor your file and will request a letter of recommendation if needed

What documents are sent by WMHS?

- Official transcript which lists courses, grades, and credits for grades 9, 10, and 11, and course titles for grade 12
- The School Profile
- Recommendation from counselor

Montgomery College

- Applications available in the Career Center
- Due date for the Scholars Program and Macklin Program is in January
- Complete application by March 1 to waive admission fee
- Students must take the Accuplacer if there is no SAT or ACT score or if the scores are not higher than 550 for SAT and 24 for ACT
- Check Career Center for visits from MC Admissions Staff
- Take assessment tests before registration

CAREER TECH SCHOOLS

- **Application deadlines-second semester**
- **Apply to Career Tech schools after contact with admissions office**

What is the Counselor's Role?

- Complete the Watkins Mill Secondary School Report Form
- Write letter of recommendation
- Counsel when it's time for the BIG CHOICE
- Remind students that they will find a school that fits

Be aware that...

- Counselors may write up to 45 letters of recommendation for seniors so please be considerate of time lines!

What is the parent's role in the application process?

- Communicate with your son or daughter about guidelines for a realistic college choice (cost, distance from home)
- Help keep track of deadlines and requirements
- Complete the parent's part of the application
- Attend Financial Aid Night, Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- Complete the FAFSA form early in 2010.

What is the senior's role in the application process?

- Gather, organize, and complete applications on time
- Follow the WMHS process.
- Be aware of each college's requirements and deadlines
- Contact college about scholarships specific to that college

COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION

- FALL

- Follow College Application Procedure
- Take SAT and/or ACT and SAT Subject tests if needed
- Visit college campuses
- Visit with College Reps in the Career Center

- FALL/WINTER

- Complete and submit college applications – abide by deadlines
- Attend the Financial Aid Workshop – Nov. 19
- Request mid-year report to colleges if needed
- Complete and submit FAFSA after Jan 1
- Apply for scholarships

- SPRING

- Maintain good grades and attendance – VERY IMPORTANT
- Most schools ask for mid-year transcripts – avoid Senior Slump!
- Request Final Transcript from **Mrs. Jacobson**

Congratulations!

You are planning your way toward life
beyond high school graduation!

Thank you for coming!!!