

MSHS Class of 2020 Senior Meeting

September 10, 2019

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Overview

Today: College process

Wednesday: Parchment (transcripts)

Thursday: Financial Aid/Scholarships

Sept 30: Parkland application workshop

- Bring SSN if possible

Need help getting started?

MSHS [Guidance Website](#)

Senior Conferences (optional meeting w/
counselor)

It's **YOUR** senior year!!

- ❖ Take **Responsibility**
- ❖ Senior **Survey** (via email)
- ❖ Check your school email! Counselors will use this for communication
- ❖ Mark upcoming college events on **Your Calendar**
- ❖ Check your school email! This will be a communication tool we use.

Testing?

- ❖ Check **Deadlines** (applications, tests, etc.)
 - ✓ Application Deadlines
 - ✓ ACT (Sept 20 deadline for Oct 26 test)
 - ✓ SAT re-take (Sept 17 = Late deadline for Oct 5 exam)
 - (October 22 deadline for November 2 exam)

Financial Aid Night!

September 26

6:00-7pm

MSHS Auditorium

Illinois Regional College Fair

PARKLAND GYM

Wednesday, September 18

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Visit our website for the list of over 80 colleges and universities!

Register with www.StriveFair.com for QR code to get info from colleges

Additional College Fairs

National College Fairs

✓ McCormick Place(Chicago, IL), Sat, Oct 5, 11am - 3pm

Performing and Visual Arts Fair

✓ UIC

Tues, Oct 24th, 7p-9p

Area Visits and College-Related Events

(all of these require registration)

**Stanford, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, &
Penn**

Hilton Garden Inn

Wednesday, September 18th

7:00 PM

*****RSVP required: www.exploringcollegeoptions.org**

Click on Illinois and register for “Champaign”

Choosing Colleges

Look for a good match

- ✓ Be Realistic
- ✓ Safety/Target/Reach schools
- ✓ Check the school's "**Mid 50%**" of admitted students
- ✓ Visit www.collegeresults.org for grad rates and debt

College Representatives

- ✓ See Guidance and Counseling website for list of rep visits

College Visits

- ✓ 2 visits/year will be excused and will not count against attendance (Bring back note).

College Applications

Online Applications

- ✓ Complete application online
- ✓ Request official transcript from Parchment
- ✓ Often a fee associated
 - can provide waiver letter if you qualify for free/reduced school fees

The Common Application

- ✓ www.commonapp.org
- ✓ Must invite counselor and/or recommenders

SendEdu

Things to keep in mind

Letters of Recommendation

- Writers mail to college or get to counselor, not to student.
- ASK writers, and do not wait until last minute to do this task!

****Give at least 2 weeks notice for counselors/teachers submitting information on your behalf. (Letters, counselor reports, etc.)**

A few tips on Application Essays

- Do **NOT** write one essay and use it for all colleges. Admissions counselors can tell a generic essay from a specific one.
- Write the essay **yourself**.
- Do **not** compose essay on the application site. Use word processing application, then cut/paste into the application.
- Proofread, Proofread, **PROOFREAD!**
- If essay is optional, write one.

Your Transcript

Sixth semester: through junior year

4.0 Scale

- Contains weighted and unweighted GPA
- Current class size is 213. That was end of last year.
- High School Profile is on our website.
- Mr. Garrison covering Parchment tomorrow

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Illinois)

Things to keep in mind for Illinois apps

- ✓ Early Action= November 1 (includes all materials)
- ✓ Last day to submit = Jan 5
- ✓ Early = Mid Dec decision, regular = March
- ✓ NO transcript. SRAR. Self report accurately.
- ✓ SR for test scores
- ✓ Illinois does not accept letters of recommendation.
- ✓ A college visit is a good idea, without even leaving town!
- ✓ If U of I is a first choice, make sure you list backup major!
 - ✓ Pathway to Illinois applications come out in spring semester.

Some helpful advice...

Read **ALL** application directions carefully

Be careful of what is on your **FB/twitter/snapchat/,etc**

Consider **email** account name

Save your work when doing applications

Proofread. Proofread. **PROOFREAD!**

Print final version of application

Click **submit** button when ready to submit application

Do **NOT** wait until last minute or else...

College Student Athlete?

- MSHS has a NCAA link on website
- **NCAA Eligibility**
 - ✓ Register with Eligibility Center (NCAA clearinghouse)
 - ✓ If you get F/R lunch, you can get a waiver
 - ✓ Send SAT/ACT scores to NCAA (NCAA code: 9999)

Extras

- ✓ Senior survey! Would like to get this back from you!
 - ❖(Email Floress if you can't find link in your email from Aug 28th)
- ✓ Scheduling Senior Conferences
- ✓ Stick to your class schedule!! If any changes are made (drops/audits), notify the college.
- ✓ Stay on Track! Do your Best!