## WELCOME



College Planning Night September 6, 2017

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# CVHS Counseling and Career Center Website

#### www.cvschools.org

- Click "High School" under the "School" tab on the top left
- Scroll down to the middle of the page Navigation Bar "Counseling and Career Center"
- You have arrived at the CVHS Counseling and Career Center Website!

#### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### 23 Total Credits to Graduate from CV

- 4 credits in English
- 4 credits in Social Studies (3 for Vo Tech Students)
- 3 credits in Science
- 3 credits in Math
- (Plus 1 Additional Math OR Science Credit)
- 2 credits in Health & PE

## **TESTING**

- PSAT Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> practice test for the SAT, qualifier for the National Merit Scholarship during Junior year.
- SAT College Admission Test; Writing and Language, Reading, Math. Optional Essay.
- ACT College Admission Test; English, Math, Writing, Science. Optional Essay.

#### **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EXAMS**



Website: www.CollegeBoard.org

Test Structure: Math, Reading, Writing & Language

Reading: 5 passages

Science: None

Math: Through Trigonometry & Data Analysis

Tools: Half of the math sections allow use of a

calculator

Essay: Optional

#### Length:

- 3 hours (without essay)
- 3 hours and 50 minutes (with Essay)

#### Score:

• Cumulative Score: Scale of 400 – 1600

\*\*\*No penalty for incorrect answers



Website: www.ActStudent.org

Test Structure: Math, Reading, English, Science

Reading: 4 passages Science: 1 section

Math: Through Trigonometry

**Tools:** All math sections allow use of a calculator

Essay: Optional

#### Length:

- 2 hours and 55 minutes (without essay)
- 3 hours and 40 minutes (with Essay)

#### Score:

- Composite score of 1-36
  - \*\*\*No penalty for incorrect answers

Most colleges accept both the SAT and ACT equally for admissions and merit-based scholarships, so decide which test is right for you!

## 2017- 2018 TESTING DATES

$\mathbf{SAT}$						
Test Date	Deadline					
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017					
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017					
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017					
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017					
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018					
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018					
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018					

$\mathbf{ACT}$						
Test Date	Deadline					
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017					
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017					
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017					
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018					
April 14, 2018	March 9 ,2018					
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018					
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018					

## TEST SCORE SUBMISSION

"Official" College Admissions Exam Scores (ACT/SAT/AP/Subject Tests) MUST be submitted by YOU through YOUR personal College-Board account

- □ You receive 4 free score reports submissions to school when you REGISTER for a test and for up to nine days after the test.
- ☐ After that, if you did not take advantage of the opportunity for 4 free score reports to be sent to colleges, there is a fee for sending score reports, unless you're eligible for a fee waiver.
- ScoreChoice

#### Testing After Applying:

- Do not wait for test scores to come in to submit your college applications!
- For the OCT & NOV tests, code the colleges you want to receive your scores at registration

# TOOLS FOR PREP AND THE FUTURE

- Collegeboard.org
  - Khan Academy uses PSAT and SAT scores to create a free prep program
  - College and Career Planning
  - Question of the Day on twitter
- ACT.org
  - Test prep
  - College and career planning
- Independent/Community-Based Programs (\$\$\$)
  - \*\*\*Check the Counseling and Career Website for additional College Admissions Exam Prep opportunities in the area\*\*\*

### **TRANSCRIPTS**

- The High School Transcript consists of the following information:
  - All courses taken during high school, the final grades and credit earned in each course
  - Weighted and Unweighted cumulative GPA
  - Class Rank
- The students' official transcript is kept in the counseling office throughout high school and for many years after.
- College Admissions Exam Scores are NOT included on student transcripts.
  - College Admissions Exam Scores must be sent by **the student** through their Collegeboard Account.

### NCAA ELIGIBILTY CENTER

Students on course to participate in college athletics on the Division 1 or Division 2 level, must meet with their counselor.

These students will need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center after their junior year.

More information can be found at eligibilitycenter.org

## COLLEGE VISITS

- Students have 2 days each school year they may use for college visits.
- Visit forms available in the Counseling Center and Attendance Offices

#### • Important Stops

- Admissions Office
- Financial Aid Office
- Classes of intended major
- Student Union
- Dining Hall
- Residence Halls

# APPLICATION FORMS (DEADLINE)

## • BE AWARE OF YOUR COLLEGE'S ADMISSIONS TIMETABLE!!!

#### Early Action

• Apply early and receive a decision early. Not binding.

#### Early Decision

• Apply early and if accepted, you must attend the institution. Binding agreement!

#### Regular Decision

• All applications are due on a certain date, and all applicants are notified on a certain date.

#### Rolling Admissions

• Applications are evaluated and processed as they are received.

#### Honors and Special Talents Programs (Art, Music, etc)

• Will most likely have separate deadline dates.

# NAVIANCE TOOLS FOR COLLEGE

#### Supermatch and College Match

• Match interests, majors, size, clubs, sports, etc. to colleges

#### • College Compare

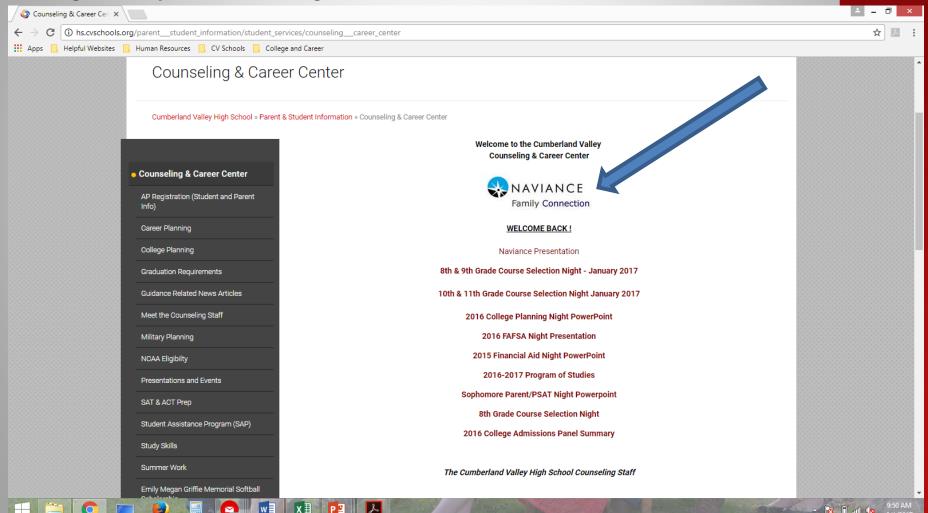
- Will compare students scores with those of others from CV that got accepted, compares other schools with similar information, matches other schools with your student that they may be interested in
- Maps and Scattergrams
- Scholarships

#### • Colleges Lookup

- Virtual Tours
- Admissions Requirements
- Details and Stats about school
- Majors
- Extra-curriculars
- Financial Costs and Aide
- Sign up for Admissions Visits to CV
- Colleges I'm thinking about
- Colleges I'm applying to
  - Application process, request for transcripts
  - Process directions can be found on counseling center page under presentations
- Scholarship List

#### LOGGING INTO FAMILY CONNECTION

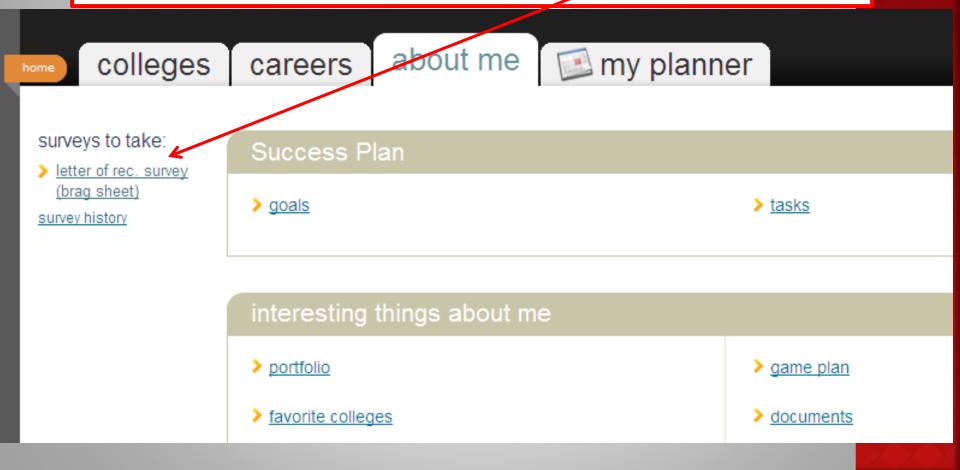
- Make sure you have already registered an account with Naviance/Family Connection
- Go to the CVHS Counseling webpage and click Naviance
- Or go directly to the following website:



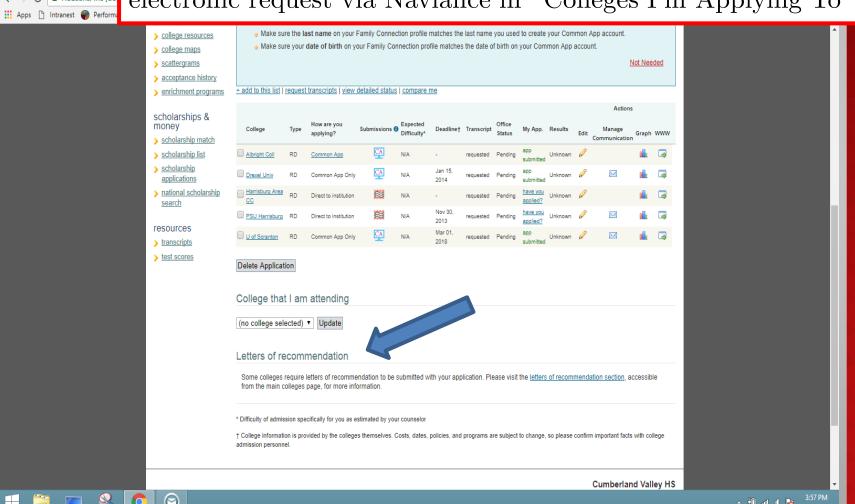
- Typically no more than (2) TWO Letters of Recommendation are necessary; follow your colleges' requirements.
- Choose someone carefully (ask an academic teacher and/or a teacher who knows you well and is familiar with your most recent school work).
- Ask EARLY and IN PERSON! Allow two weeks or ten work days for individual to write your letter!
- Complete the "Letter of Recommendation Survey" on Naviance; print a hard copy if requested.

\*\*\*Follow up with a thank you!!

Ask your teachers before requesting a letter of recommendation. Then complete either the paper copy of the "Recommendation Letter Resume" available in Guidance, or the electronic "Letter of Rec Survey (brag sheet)" in the ABOUT ME section of Naviance (ask teacher for reference)



Request a letter of recommendation from a teacher/counselor/ administrator in person first! Once they agree, submit an electronic request via Naviance in "Colleges I'm Applying To"







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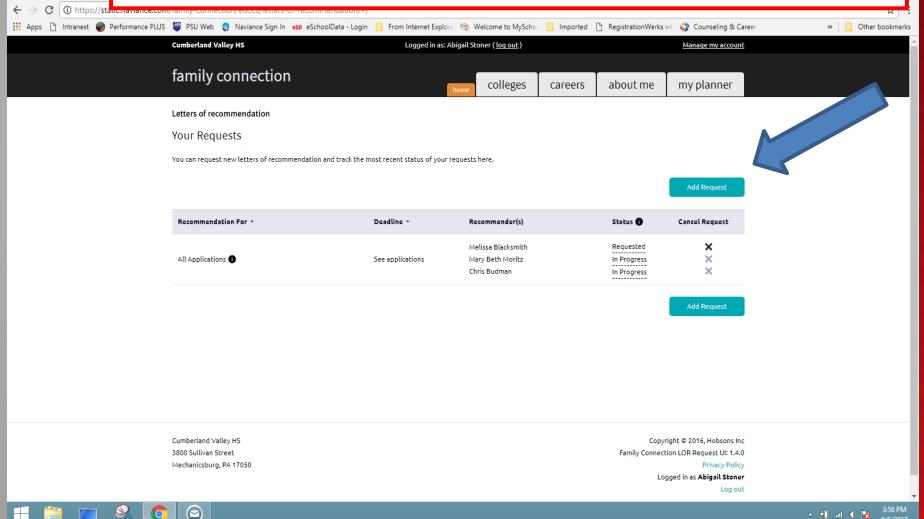






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This is where students request letters from teachers. All staff names are in a drop down menu once you hit "Add Request."



### "YES, I DO WAIVE MY RIGHT..."

#### ⇒ IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE FOR COMMON APPLICATION

Common Application recommendation forms may not be submitted online by your school until you answer the questions below. You will not be able to change this information once you have completed the items below.

I understand that under the terms of the FERPA, after I matriculate I will have access to this form and all other recommendations and supporting documents submitted by me and on my behalf, unless at least one of the following is true:

- 1. The institution does not save recommendations post-matriculation (see list at www.commonapp.org/FERPA).
- 2. I waive my right to access below, regardless of the institution to which it is sent:
- Yes, I do waive my right to access, and I understand I will never see this form or any other recommendations submitted by me or on my behalf.
- ONO, I do not waive my right to access, and I may someday choose to see this form or any other recommendations or supporting documents submitted by me or on my behalf to the institution at which I'm enrolling, if that institution saves them after I matriculate.

Most college applications will ask you to either check the box:

- □ "Yes, I do waive my right..." or
- "No, I do not waive my right..." to designate if you waive your right to view your recommendations after enrollment.

I highly recommend waiving your right to access the recommendations.

# AFTER APPLYING TO COLLEGE...

#### **STUDENT**

- SAT/ACT Scores must be sent to colleges through testing agency
  - Collegeboard.org
  - ACTStudent.org
- Submit to the counseling office copies of acceptance letters and scholarship awards as they are received
- Update status in Naviance as results are known

#### **SCHOOL**

- School Counselor will submit the following:
  - Recommendation letters/forms
  - School Profile
  - Official Transcript

\*\*\*Student college application portals are not always updated in a timely manner. If questionable, follow up with each schools' admissions office to confirm documents have been received.



## COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

#### CUMBERLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL-CEEB # 392545

COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

TUDENT NAME:					UNSELOR:		
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Student Signature:							

# CVHS COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

All senior students should be familiar with and should be using their **Naviance** account to research careers and colleges.

Students who are unfamiliar with Naviance or need assistance should see their counselor or Mrs. Marshall ASAP.

## Three Basic Steps for Submission of College Application Documents:

- 1. Student will go to the college website and complete the application. Most websites do not open until August.
- 2. Student will then go into their Naviance Account and update the "Colleges I am Applying to" section with the names of the schools.
- 3. Finally, a <u>CV College Application Checklist</u> must be completed and submitted to Guidance. This is an internal form that allows us to track application submission.

## SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

- CV High School Counseling and Career page
  - > College Planning link
    - Financial Aid link
    - Several links to resources online regarding financial aid information and scholarship search sites.
- Scholarship List in Naviance

## DO NOT PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION!

### JUNIOR COLLEGE TIMELINE

#### FALL

- Obtain a broad list of schools by using NAVIANCE and/or other programs
- Attend the College Fair (October 4<sup>th</sup>) and talk with representatives
- Take the PSAT
- Schedule meeting with your counselor to discuss options
- Attend CV's financial aid workshop or other area events
- Prepare for College Admissions Exams (ACT/SAT)

#### **SPRING**

- Continue to narrow down your college choices
- Continue college visits and/or college Open Houses
- Take the SAT, SAT Subject Tests and/or ACT
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your progress
- Work on your resume and consider teachers for recommendations

#### SUMMER.

- Continue college visits and interviews
- KNOW APPLICATION DEADLINES

## SENIOR COLLEGE TIMELINE

#### FALL

- Attend CV's College Fair or others in the area, complete college visits
- Schedule an appointment with your school counselor or Mrs. Marshall if you have questions about the application process
- Pare down college choices to 4-6 colleges
- Apply for admission on college websites and then update your Naviance account
- Take College Admissions Exams and send official scores to colleges
- Attend CV's FAFSA and Financial Aid Night
- Begin search for college scholarships and the Naviance Scholarship List

#### WINTER

- Continue to search for and apply for scholarships
- Double check to make sure that you have met financial aid deadlines

#### **SPRING**

- Make final college decisions and notify colleges of your decision
- Notify CV of your college plans and scholarship awards
- Keep grades up for final reports

## IMPORTANT TAKE AWAYS

- Students should apply to their chosen colleges through the <u>specific college website</u>
- Students are responsible for sending SAT and ACT scores
- Submitting requests for transcripts and letters of recommendation take place through Naviance
- Complete the College Application Checklist to ensure all steps have been followed
- Students should take responsibility for the process of sending and submitting materials
- Students MUST consistently check their emails for communication from their colleges!

#### TIME MANAGEMENT

PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR DEADLINES

Allow 10 School Days to process Transcript and Recommendation Letter Requests!!!

## **UPCOMING DATES**

#### **Back-to-School Night**

• September 14<sup>th</sup> 6:45 pm

#### Financial Aid Night

• September 26th 7:00 pm

#### CV College Fair

October 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

#### FAFSA Night

October 10th 7:00 pm

## THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Please drive safely.