

# COLLEGE CORNER

FALL 2019

## THE COLLEGE AND CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CCRC)



Hello MHS Families,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and we are so excited to welcome all of the students back for the 2019-20 school year!

As a reminder, the CCRC is open! Students of all grade levels are invited to drop in or make an appointment to visit the CCRC. We offer assistance with all aspects of the college application process including:

- Narrowing down college/university choices
- College applications and essays
- Letters of recommendation
- Financial concerns and scholarships
- Standardized tests (SAT/ACT)
- NCAA/College athletics
- Military choices
- Career options/resume building
- And more!

### WHAT'S IN STORE THIS FALL

- Check out our electronic college planning resources:
  - College Planning Guide  
[bit.ly/2HhxoPM](http://bit.ly/2HhxoPM)
  - College Planning Workbook  
[bit.ly/2Jnq4Eq](http://bit.ly/2Jnq4Eq)
  - MHS College Corner YouTube Channel  
[bit.ly/2Q2L9V7](http://bit.ly/2Q2L9V7)
- College Representative Visits
  - \*Register to attend on Naviance beginning Sept. 3
- Evening Events for 2019-2020 (view calendar below)
- After school meeting times with the College Counselor, Mrs. Rusk, on Mondays from 3:30-5:30
  - \*Call 847-949-2200 x1037 to reserve your time in advance or register at <http://bit.ly/RuskAppointment>

# College Planning At A Glance Checklist

## Senior Year

- Be aware of college application deadlines (Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision) and apply on time!
- Request transcripts and letters of recommendation through Naviance **at least 2 weeks before** the deadline.
- Send ACT or SAT test scores to colleges/universities **3-5 weeks before** the application deadline, if they are required.
- Beginning October 1, complete the FAFSA. Attend the CCRC evening workshop on Oct 9.
- Complete the [CSS \(College Financial Aid\)](#) profile if required.
- Apply for national, local, and MHS grad-specific scholarships.
- After receiving your decision letters, compare all schools to finalize your choice.
- Commit to your school of choice by May 1! Congratulations!

## Junior Year

- Register and take the PSAT-NMSQT for potential eligibility for merit scholarships.
- Attend college representative visits in the CCRC and regional college fairs.
- In the spring: Take or re-take the SAT and/or ACT test, if necessary.
- Request an appointment with Mrs. Rusk to discuss any questions or concerns.
- Take note of college application deadlines and begin preparing your college essays.
- Request letters of recommendation before you leave for the summer.
- Apply for local scholarships. Look at the lists in the [College Planning Guide](#) and in [Naviance](#) to get you started!

## Freshman and Sophomore Year

- Get involved and volunteer.
- Prioritize academics and keep up your GPA.
- Take personality and career interest inventories.
- [If they are required or beneficial](#), take SAT subject tests after AP courses.

**Note:** If your family needs financial assistance with college application related costs (including SAT and ACT), please see your counselor to discuss how we can help!

# COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR

## 2019-2020

### August

Date	Event	Grade	Time, Location
Monday, Aug 5	<b>College Essay Workshop</b> <i>*Registration on <a href="#">Naviance</a> required</i>	12	1-3pm, MHS DMR
Sunday, Aug 18	<b>Colleges That Change Lives Fair</b>	All	11am, Lincolnshire Marriott

### September

Wednesday, Sept 4	<b>College Planning Night: Focus on Seniors</b>	12	7pm, MHS Auditorium
Thursday, Sept 5	<b>Noche de la Universidad: Enfocado en estudiantes de año 12</b>	12	7pm, MHS DMR (español)
Monday, Sept 9	<b>NCAA Night</b>	All	7pm, Wauconda H.S.
Thursday, Sept 12	<b>Financial Aid Night</b>	12	6pm, MHS Auditorium (español) 7:30pm, MHS Auditorium (English)

### October

Saturday, Oct 5	<b>NACAC National College Fair</b>	All	11am-3pm, McCormick Place, Chicago
Wednesday, Oct 9	<b>FAFSA Completion Workshop (ISAC)</b>	12	5-8pm, MHS C103 and C104
Thursday, Oct 10	<b>Fall College Fair</b>	All	6-8pm, College of Lake County
Tuesday, Oct 22	<b>Choices College Fair</b>	All	6-8:30pm, New Trier High School, Northfield Campus
Thursday, Oct 24	<b>NACAC Performing and Visual Arts College Fair</b>	All	7-9pm, UIC Forum, Chicago

**Please note that though all events have specific focus groups in mind, we readily invite parents who would like to get a jump start on planning to attend any and all presentations that you believe would benefit your family!**

# COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR 2019-2020

## February

Tuesday, Feb 11	<b>Noche de la Universidad: Enfocado en estudiantes de año 11</b>	11	7pm, MHS DMR (español)
Wednesday, Feb 12	<b>College Planning Night: Focus on Juniors</b>	11	7pm, MHS Auditorium

## March

Thursday, March 12	<b>Spring College Fair</b>	All	6-8pm, College of Lake County
Thursday, March 12	<b>Say YES to College (IEP/504) Night</b>	All	7pm, MHS DMR

## April

Tuesday, April 7	<b>Anticipating College Night</b>	9-11	7pm, MHS Cafeteria
Tuesday, April 14	<b>Managing College Costs</b>	12	6pm – (español) 7:30pm – (English) MHS DMR
Thursday, April 23	<b>Access College Fair Bilingual (English - Spanish) Fair</b>	All	6-8pm, Wauconda High School

*Please find College Planning event descriptions on the CCRC website:*

[bit.ly/2Q3jXWi](http://bit.ly/2Q3jXWi)

### A WORD ON NAVIANCE

Please remember:

- **SENIORS:** All transcript and letter of recommendation requests must be completed through Naviance. This function will become available in early September.
- All students can view and sign up to attend upcoming college representative visits and CCRC events on Naviance under the “College Visits” section.

## Connect with us!

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[bit.ly/2Vqwmoq](http://bit.ly/2Vqwmoq)

# College Planning Event Descriptions

<b>Common Application and College Essay Workshops</b>	Jumpstart your college applications by getting tips and feedback on your Common Application and college essays. In addition to CCRC staff, MHS alumni will be available to answer questions and offer insight. Students must register on <a href="#">Naviance</a> . Registration is limited.
<b>Colleges That Change Lives Fair</b>	40+ colleges and universities in attendance from across the country. Register at <a href="https://app.strivescan.com/students">https://app.strivescan.com/students</a>
<b>College Planning Night: Focus on Seniors</b>	This evening covers the college application requirements and resources available at MHS and provides tips and tricks to make your application the best it can be! Mrs. Rusk, MHS College Counselor, will be joined by a college representative.
<b>Noche de la Universidad: Enfocado en estudiantes de año 12</b>	Esta noche cubre los requisitos y los recursos de las solicitudes de la universidad disponibles en MHS y brinda consejos y tips para que su aplicación sea lo mejor posible. La Sra. Rusk, consejera universitaria de MHS, presentará con un representante de universidad.
<b>NCAA Night</b>	Athletes – this one's for you! Learn about NCAA divisions, rules, and regulations that govern the application processes.
<b>Financial Aid Night</b>	Seniors, don't miss this one! Prepare to complete your FAFSA, which will open on October 1, and learn about how to research scholarships and make college more affordable!
<b>NACAC National College Fair</b>	Sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Each fair draws representatives from 175 to 400 colleges. The schools are located throughout the US, and from around the globe. Register at <a href="https://www.nacacfairs.org/">https://www.nacacfairs.org/</a>
<b>FAFSA Completion Workshop (ISAC)</b>	Complete your <a href="#">FAFSA</a> with professional assistance for FREE! ( <a href="#">CSS</a> assistance also available)
<b>Fall and Spring College Fair</b>	180+ Universities in attendance from across the country. Register at <a href="https://app.strivescan.com/students">https://app.strivescan.com/students</a>
<b>Choices College Fair</b>	Regional post-secondary planning night for students with learning differences/disabilities/special needs who are college bound.
<b>NACAC Performing and Visual Arts Fair</b>	Interested in pursuing a college degree in music, theater, art, dance, or other related disciplines? The NACAC Performing and Visual Arts College Fair is for You! Register at <a href="https://www.nacacfairs.org/">https://www.nacacfairs.org/</a>
<b>Anticipating College For Freshmen through Juniors</b>	Start planning for college early to help organize and understand the processes involved. Learn what you can do now to be prepared!
<b>Noche de la Universidad: Enfocado en estudiantes de año 11</b>	Un representante de la universidad presentará sobre cómo preparar a aplicar a la universidad.
<b>College Planning Night: Focus on Juniors</b>	Learn how to prepare for the college application process from a college representative!
<b>Say YES to College (IEP/504) Night</b>	A presentation about the college planning process for students with disabilities.
<b>Managing College Costs</b>	This presentation gets students thinking about their college budget, including how to plan college financing, strategies for saving money in college, scholarships and working on campus.
<b>Access College Fair (Bilingual)</b>	30+ colleges/universities in attendance will all have a BILINGUAL (Spanish and English) representative available.