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# Welcome to College Information Night

March 1, 2022



# The Changing Face of College Admissions

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- More selective entrance requirements
- “Open enrollment” limited to community college/regional campus network
- Earlier deadlines for admissions and scholarships (some as early as Oct 15!)
- Test Optional Admissions

# Naviance: an online college counseling tool

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The Class of 2023 has been introduced to Naviance has access to :

- Career Inventories
- Career Information Searches
- College Search Tools

## Important Information about Naviance & the College Application:

- College Application Process – tracks a list of in-progress college applications. Students request electronic transcripts to be sent to colleges they are applying to. Students will also request teacher letters of recommendation on Naviance.
- College Representative Visits to Roger Bacon- students will sign up for college rep visits on Naviance.

<https://student.naviance.com/rogerbhs>

# Simplifying the Process

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1. Research and visit colleges
2. Apply for admission; observe deadlines
3. Develop a plan to finance college: FAFSA, scholarships, co-op/internships, etc.
4. Review all options & make a decision to enroll

# College Admission Testing

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## **ACT, SAT, or Test Optional?**

- Most colleges that were test-optional with admissions this year are staying test optional next year – the most up to date policies will be on the individual college's websites
- Make sure you know how you plan to apply, and pay attention to test optional questions on applications
- You can take the ACT or SAT- colleges will accept either test

# What are colleges looking at?

## “HOLISTIC REVIEW”

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- GPA and Class Rank
- Rigor of academic coursework
  - Any trends (up or down) over the course of your academic career
- ACT/SAT scores (unless applying Test Optional)

# Other Considerations

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- Extracurricular Activities, volunteer service
- Special talents and/or passions you possess
- Essay and short response answers
- Letters of recommendation
- Interviews, interactions and demonstrated interest

# The Common App is the most used application!

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

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Application for over 800 colleges  
– including OSU, UC, XU, NKU and Miami-

- Set up applicant account anytime
  - Common App “rolls over” every summer- you can begin applying after August 1<sup>st</sup> of your senior year
- At the beginning of senior year you will match your account with Naviance



# College Visits

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- Meet with Admission Department
- Take a campus tour
- Investigate academic programs
- Attend a class
- Talk with students and faculty
- Ask questions!!!

College Visit Form is available in the Guidance Office and online.  
Submit to Assistant Principal at least one week in advance.

# COLLEGE FAIRS

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College fairs provide valuable exposure for students to schools that they may not have considered. Students can ask questions and make important contacts.

Cincinnati Spring College Fair

Monday, March 28th, 2022

6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Xavier High School – Ellis Gymnasium

Spring Virtual College Fair schedule

- Sunday, Apr. 3 (1:00 pm ET)
- Tuesday, Apr. 12 (6:00 pm ET)
- Tuesday, Apr. 26 (6:00 pm ET)

# Student Athletes

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- NCAA Clearinghouse, NAIA
- Eligibility – Core GPA, test scores
- Register at end of junior year
- Notify Guidance Office to send transcripts

Attend the Student-Athlete College Information  
Night on October 19<sup>th</sup>

# College Planning Handbook

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These were handed out in Flex yesterday!

Contains valuable information as students prepare  
for college applications next year

# College Planning Meetings

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- Counselors are available to meet with students and families discuss post secondary plans
- This will allow for more individualized discussion & planning
- Zoom meetings are available
- Contact your student's counselor to schedule a meeting!

We hope you enjoy our breakout room:

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**Option 1:** Four Year Colleges presented by Michael Garcia (Xavier University)

**Option 2:** Two Year Colleges presented by Kevin Wesselman (Cincinnati State)

**Option 3:** Financial Aid presented by Lisa Fails (University of Cincinnati)

You will have the opportunity to attend all 3 options.

**Times: 7:20-7:40, 7:45-8:05, 8:10-8:30**