



Junior/Senior Parent Night!

Student Services Presentation

Fall 2017

7-8 pm

Welcome

- Administration
 - Mr. John Beeker, Principal
 - Mr. Adam Welchans, Assistant Principal
(Student Services)
- Counselors
 - Mrs. Sarah Schreiber (A-Com)
 - Mrs. Jennifer Smith (Con-Gi)
 - Mrs. Kristi Kendall (Gj-K)
 - Mr. Earl Coleman (L-Or)
 - Mrs. Natalie Betz (Os-SI)
 - Mrs. Megan Ulrich (Sm-Z)

Agenda for Evening

- Planning for the Future
- Post High School Options
- College Admission Standards/Visits/Fairs
- Testing
- Transcripts
- Scholarships
- Application Process

Graduation Information



- Mrs. Knowles in Main Office
 - READ EMAIL NEWSLETTERS for important information
 - You can stop by or e-mail Mrs. Knowles
 - lknowles@tsc.k12.in.us

Graduation Diploma Information

- Reminder – check diploma requirements
 - Especially extra requirements for
 - Technical Honors
 - Academic Honors
 - Distinction
 - Student Services webpage has checklists
- Senior Audit Letter
 - Will be sent this week
 - Students received a copy via email
 - Diploma type, Cumulative GPA, Credits, etc.

Decisions after High School

- Options
 - Work Force
 - Apprenticeship
 - Career/Technical school
 - 2 yr. college
 - 4 yr. college
 - Military



*"There are no shortcuts
to any place worth going."*

Beverly Sills (1929 - 2007)

Planning for the Future

- Research

- Learn More Indiana – www.LearnMoreIndiana.org
- Career Explorer – www.indianacareerexplorer.com
- Purdue career counseling office
- Job Shadowing
- Course Selections- meet w/juniors in spring
- Utilize College Admissions Sites [Purdue Search for Majors](#)
- Undecided - okay

Workforce and On the Job Training

- Work One
 - WorkKeys
- LARA
 - Certificates and Certifications
- Apprenticeship Programs
 - Local Unions
- Ivy Tech
 - Certificates and Certifications
- Military

What do colleges/universities want to see from applicants?

- Course selection: how challenging, grades
- Grades that relate to your major
- Test scores
- Trends
- Extracurricular: leadership
- GPA: viewed differently at each school
- What you share in your essays
- What your transcript doesn't cover

Testing



- SAT/ACT
 - Recommended that Juniors take ACT and/or SAT at least once so they can retake if needed while applying to colleges in Senior year.
 - Send scores directly from the testing agency
 - Dates are on website www.collegeboard.org/SAT or www.actstudent.org
 - We offer the ACT test at McCutcheon on April 14, 2018.
 - Waivers are available if qualify in Student Services Office

Testing (Continued)

- PSAT
 - Sophomores and Juniors
 - Test: Wednesday, October 11
 - Cost:
 - Sophomores & Juniors: Free
 - Free Test Prep:
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>
- ISTEP/ECA (current 11-12th graders)
 - Required for graduation: Algebra I and English 10
 - Testing dates: December and May

Transcripts

- Program to send transcripts electronically:
Parchment
 - Faster
 - More Secure
 - No getting lost in the mail
 - No PAPER!!!
- Most colleges/universities are requesting electronic transcripts
- Students will have to create an account
 - Do not duplicate creating an account.
 - If you have problems... see Mrs. Sutton or Mrs. Colvin



Parchment



- We met with English classes
- Need to use an email that will follow the student (not TSC email)
- Do not wait until last minute to create account
 - May need to get approval and we need 24 hours

Scholarships

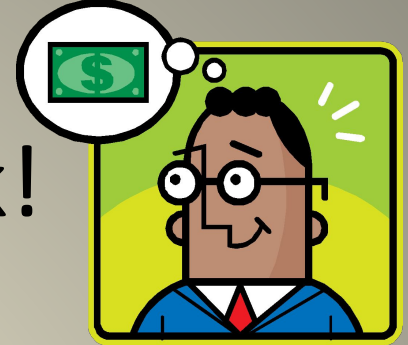


- Scholarships are not just for the 4.0 Student!
- Common types of scholarships include (but are not limited to):
 - Athletics, Community Service, Academics, Programs of Study, Hobbies/Interests, ETC...
- Doing the research = Free \$\$\$
- Be Warned of Scams! Do **not** pay to apply!!
- Essays
 - Have at least 1 person check over who is good at proofreading

College Applications/Scholarships

- Applications
 - Make sure to write in pen if there is a paper copy
 - Any paperwork that is dropped off in Student Services will need to be signed into our electronic sign in.

Scholarships: Where to look!



- Scholarship websites are sent to students through TSC Email accounts, posted throughout the building, and updated each month on the MHS website
- Many scholarships are listed at no cost on these trusted websites:
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.finaid.org
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.in.gov/ssaci

Other Scholarship Opportunities

- Double check with your employer and other affiliations for scholarships
- Always check with the college/university for scholarship opportunities!!
- Some scholarships come and go with no applicants
- **Students** need to be proactive when applying & searching for scholarships

College Athletics

- NCAA Eligibility Center
 - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- NAIA
 - <http://www.naia.org/>



Financial Aid

- Talk about how you will be paying for college
- Talk with individual schools about options
- Fill out a FAFSA
 - Opens October 1, 2017
 - Prior-prior year tax information
 - IRS data retrieval tool
 - Deadline – March 10, 2018**
 - (Priority deadline for some schools is March 1, 2018)

Other Financial Aid Opportunities

- Student Loans
 - Subsidized vs Unsubsidized
 - 3 payment methods
 - Immediate Repayment
 - Interest-only Repayment
 - Deferred Repayment
 - Grace Period
- Grants
 - Need-based
 - “Free” money
- Federal Work-Study Program
 - School participation
 - Part-time/Full-time work
 - On or off campus



Informational Meetings to help with FAFSA

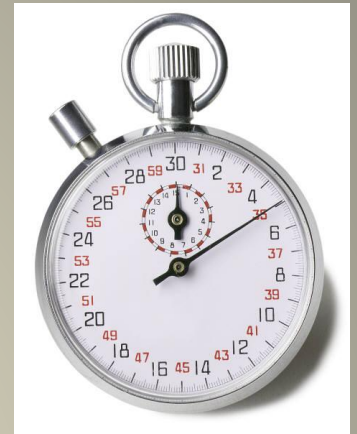
- Financial Aid Office (Ivy Tech & Purdue)
Information meeting:
 - Wednesday, November 1, 2017
 - Tuesday, January 23, 2018
 - At Ivy Tech, but not specific to that school
- Help with Filling out the FAFSA
 - College Goal Sundays- November 5, 2017 and February 25, 2018

College Exploration and Admissions

- Start with online searches
 - Online search services available
 - College websites
- College Fair
 - Local area fair on September 27 @ Lafayette Jeff from 5:30-7:00 pm
- College Representatives at School (Seniors)
 - Dates are sent via email to students
 - Available on Student Services Website
- College Visits
 - Colleges/Universities have many different types of chances to visit campus
 - If missing school, student will need to return with a form for attendance
 - Does count as one of 9 allowed absences
 - Virtual Campus tours at www.campustours.com

College Applications

- Suggested Deadlines
 - Four Year Colleges
 - Suggested you have them in by Nov 1
 - Check priority dates
 - Two Year Colleges
 - Suggested you apply by Feb 1
 - Check priority dates
 - Career/Technical Colleges
 - Check individual schools for preferences





Please Welcome

Megan Dorton

Senior Associate Director of Admissions

Office of Admissions

Purdue University

Reminders

- Check Deadlines & Requirements
- Plan Ahead
- Important dates
 - College Fair – Sept. 27
 - FAFSA – March 10**
 - January 1 for some Colleges
 - March 1 for some Colleges



Communication!

- Check out the [Student Services Department](#) on the MHS Webpage
- Providing up-to-date information regarding
 - Curriculum
 - Testing
 - College/Career
 - Career Technical/Dual Credit
 - Scholarships/Financial Aid

Remind

For updates and reminders to your phone text the following message to the number below:

- Remind - By Grade Level
 - Text To: 81010
 - Class of 2018 message: @2018mav
 - Class of 2019 message: @2019mavs

We will be giving out updates and reminders through the school year!

Communication!

- McCutcheon Daily News Announcements
- Monthly Parent Emails from Mr. Beeker
 - Stay up-to-date on School & Student Services Info
 - Upcoming Important Dates & Events
- Student Email through TSC Account
- Remind app - Updates will be sent throughout the year!
- Contact School Counselor with questions!!

??Any Questions??

For the good of the group