

“WHAT NOW?”

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND THE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Review the college application process at Arundel High School
- Explore the Naviance “Colleges” Tab
- Explore the Arundel High School Scholarship Blog
- Review a “timeline” of important events each year of high school

NAVIANCE

Parents and students in 9th-12th grade have access to Naviance as a tool for the college research and application process

1. www.arundelhigh.org--> Naviance
2. Enter username and password
(student ID for both)



ARUNDEL SCHOLARSHIP BLOG

- Updated weekly with new scholarship opportunities

Arundel Scholarship Blog

Home of scholarship and financial aid information for Arundel High School seniors!



COLLEGE READINESS FOR FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES

- Get involved
 - Find something you really like doing, and then dive into it. Maybe you're drawn to sports, student council, music or art. Join a school group or club, or find other ways to follow your passion. You'll develop skills and show colleges you can make a commitment and stick with it.
- Take challenging courses and keep your grades up
 - Colleges look for rigor in your course load. Finding balance between rigor and academic success is key.
- Get ready for college-admission tests
 - As a sophomore, get on track to take the SAT or ACT. The PSAT is a good practice for admissions tests and gives you an indicator of where you need the work.
- Meet with your counselor and begin research on colleges and careers

COLLEGE READINESS FOR JUNIORS

- Prepare and take college admissions tests
 - Take the PSAT again in October; use your scores to target your study for the SAT and ACT. Take the SAT and/or ACT.
- Attend college fairs, financial aid events, in-school college visits, and schedule college tours
- Develop a list of colleges that interest you
 - Use Naviance, CollegeBoard.org, and other online resources to research requirements
- Explore financial aid options
 - These include grants and scholarships, loans, and work-study programs that can help pay for college costs.
- Continue to stay involved and engaged
 - Maintain involvement in your school and local community, continue to take rigorous courses

AHS COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS SENIORS

- Counselors meet with 12th grade students at the start of the school year to review the necessary steps for applying to college
 - Narrow down the list of school
 - Finalize college essay
 - Add schools into Naviance
 - Request Transcript (Transcript Checklist)
 - Request Recommendation Letters
 - Request SAT/ACT Scores
 - Visit the Career Center

IMPORTANT DATES AT ARUNDEL HIGH

- Scholarship for Scholars Application
 - Due February 2nd
- FAFSA Night
 - February 9th- 6:30pm (Career Center)
- HBCU College and Career Fair Field Trip
 - February 17th- Vermont Baptist Church, DC
- AACC
 - March 2nd- General Information Night (Admissions and ECAP Program)
 - March 17th- Accuplacer Review
 - April 5th- Accuplacer Test
 - May 5th- Personal Registration Day

QUESTIONS?

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