

# New Counselor Breakdown

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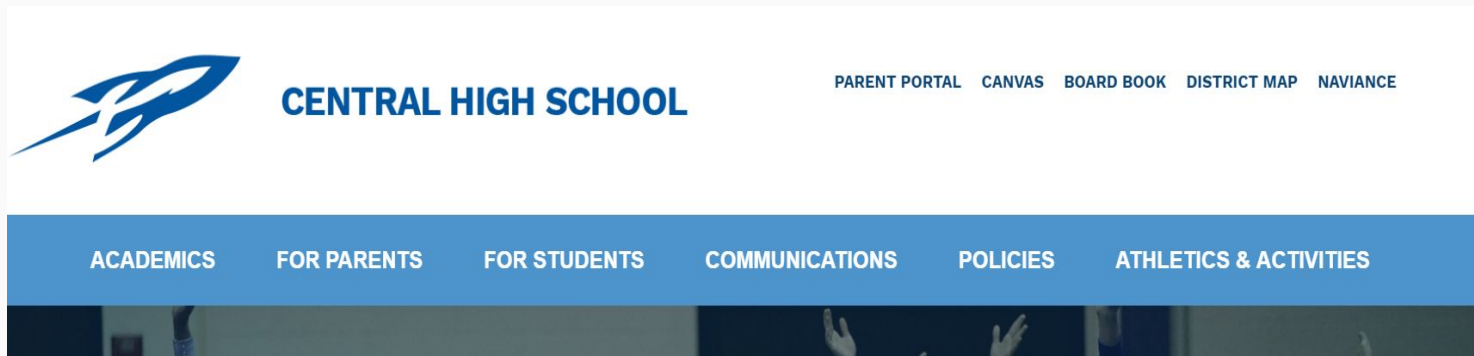
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# Application Process-Naviance

- Apply ONLINE. Paper applications are virtually impossible to find these days. Visit the college's website through Naviance and look either for "Admissions" or "Prospective Students" to find the school's online application. Remember that most colleges have application fees (usually anywhere from \$40 and up) so you will likely need to have a credit card available when you apply. If you believe you may qualify for an application fee waiver (free or reduced lunch/some other extenuating circumstances), please speak with your counselor privately.

# Transcripts

- You must fill out and turn in Transcript Release waiver before you leave!
- Most schools (except schools that do self-reporting) will require that you send an official transcript to them following your application
- **YOU MUST REQUEST ALL TRANSCRIPTS THROUGH NAVIANCE!**
- If you do not have your Naviance login, please see your counselor.
- You need to enter Naviance through the School Website.



# Self Reporting

- Many schools, such as the University of Illinois, Illinois State University, and all three public colleges in Iowa, now do what is known as a “self-reported academic record.”
- That means that YOU must enter every class and the grade you earned in that class on your application. They do NOT want a transcript from us
- They will accept (or deny) you based on what you enter and then, if you decide to attend that school, they will ask us for an official transcript to confirm what you entered.
- What you enter MUST BE ACCURATE. Please make sure you have an unofficial copy of your transcript with you when you are applying! You are getting a copy of your unofficial transcript today.

# ● Score Reporting

- **Very important: We do not list your SAT score on your transcript.**
- This means that you MUST arrange for your official SAT score to be sent from SAT to the college you are applying to
- You can do this through your student account on [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) If you are taking the SAT a second (or third or fourth) time, you can always let a college know that you have taken the SAT again and that your score will be sent to them as soon as it is available;

# Common Application

- No other system matches the diversity of colleges and universities accessible through the Common App. Explore and apply to schools across the world.
- There is no need to repeat your applicant details for every college on your list. Enter your information one time and use it to apply to multiple schools.
- Our system alerts you when important dates are approaching. Manage your deadlines and view application progress in one convenient dashboard.
- There will be additional essays with the Common App
- Fill out a common Application if you are applying to more than one school within the 800 schools associated with common app.

# Letters of Recommendation

- Not every college wants recommendation letters.
- Read very carefully to see if your college accepts them. If they don't, DON'T SEND THEM!
- If the college wants, or will accept, recommendation letters, think about who you would prefer to ask for one (counselor, teacher, coach, etc.). Be sure to ask the staff member IN PERSON if they would be willing to write you a letter and allow them at least two weeks notice to write it.
- Once you have asked in person, you need to send them a request for a letter of recommendation through Naviance. That way, we can upload the letter and send it electronically through Naviance.

College that I'm attending:

N/A



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Letters of recommendation

Some colleges require letters of recommendation to be submitted with your application. Please visit the [letters of recommendation section](#), accessible from the main colleges page, for more information

# Personal Statement

- Many colleges will want a personal statement from you. This is your opportunity to explain to them why you want to attend their school and to talk about things they don't see on your transcript.
- Don't spend time talking about your GPA or class rank. They can see that on your transcript. This is a time to talk about why you want to be there, what you will bring to that campus, what significant things you have done here in athletics or clubs or in your community.
- It is also an opportunity to explain any poor grades that may have occurred (TIP: NEVER say "I'm a bad test taker."). You may use the same personal statement for multiple colleges but EDIT CAREFULLY!! Do not send a letter to the University of Illinois telling them how much you want to go to the University of Wisconsin!



# College Visits

- There are many colleges and universities scheduled to visit CHS this fall. Larger and most Illinois schools will set. They will take place throughout the day. Please attend any presentation you're interested in. All visits will be listed in Naviance, posted in announcements, and flyers will be around the building advertising upcoming visits. See your counselor for a pass.



**What's New**

-  Army will be visiting your school on Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 at 10:00 am [more info](#) / [register](#)
-  Northern Illinois University will be visiting your school on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 at 2:15 pm [more info](#) / [register](#)
-  Army will be visiting your school on Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 at 10:00 am [more info](#) / [register](#)

# DEADLINES!

- Pay close attention to deadlines. Some colleges have application deadlines as early as November 1<sup>st</sup>. Others will have later deadlines so prioritize what order you're going to apply to schools and make sure you're giving us enough notice to send transcripts and recommendation letters. Please don't wait until the last minute! Once you are accepted to a college, your offer of admission is good until April 30th so you have that much time to make a final decision if you need it.

# Scholarships

- Applying to schools should be your priority right now but you also want to begin looking for money. Student Services will keep an up-to-date list of local and national scholarships in Naviance and you can do larger scholarship searches in Naviance or on sites like [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com).

# Save the Date - Senior/Financial Aid Night

When: Wednesday, September 25th

Where: CHS Auditorium

Time: 6:00 PM

Hope to see you there!