

# Senior Kick-Off

Thursday, September 5, 2019

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6:00 pm

Room 160

# Overview of Presentation

- Expectations for seniors
- CVU counselor role in college application process
- Parent role
- Questions

\*Handout: Applying to College Checklist



"Yale's my first choice but any ivy school will do."

# Senior Responsibilities, Part 1

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- Research colleges
  - Safety, Target, Reach, and Financial Safety Schools
  - Requirements
  - Programs
  - Deadlines-including financial aid deadlines
- Request letters of recommendation
- Register and take SAT/ACT, if needed
  - Request that official score reports be sent to colleges

# Senior Responsibilities, Part 2

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- Keep Naviance account up to date
  - List of colleges, transcript and letter of recommendation requests
- Complete application(s)
- Students need to own their application and essay and respond to inquiries from colleges
- Essay info:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEvAEaL7hBs&list=PLz3kCyMrnLekOC82\\_yHdQxcZ0sdDK-eJK&index=5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEvAEaL7hBs&list=PLz3kCyMrnLekOC82_yHdQxcZ0sdDK-eJK&index=5)
- Complete senior coursework successfully

# Counselors' Role

- Meet with students individually to formulate a plan and offer support
- Letters of recommendation
- Submit transcripts and grades to colleges
- Review applications and essay, if requested



**"I read your college application essay. First of all the word 'COLLEGE' has two 'L's."**

# Parents' Role

- Support
- Review opt-out transcript policy
- Make sure your child owns the process
- Discuss affordability
- Ask for help as needed



"Good news Mom. I got into the college of your choice."

# Things to consider...

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- Don't let senior year be defined by the college application process.
- Ask questions & don't be afraid to ask for help.
- Be realistic.
- Enjoy senior year!