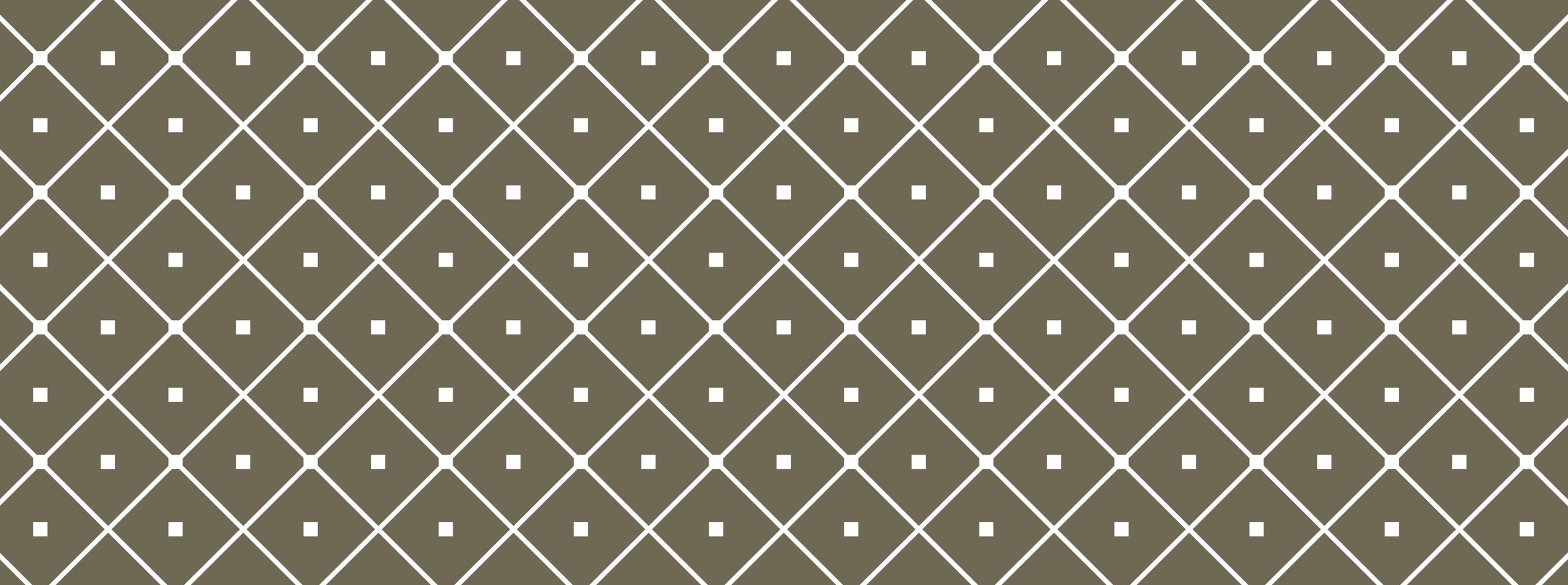


# **CLASS OF 2022**

**Junior Conference Packet**  
*-explanation of papers included in folder.*



# CUSTOMIZED PACKET GIVEN DURING JUNIOR CONFERENCES

The packet with the student name is specific for that student. The following slides explain what they are.

A background image showing a hand holding a graduation cap (mortarboard) against a bright, cloudy sky. The hand and cap are in silhouette, and the sky is filled with soft, white clouds. A thin vertical orange line is on the left side of the slide.

## JUNIOR CONFERENCES

*If you were not able to schedule a conference for any reason, I gave all students a red folder with the materials explained in this presentation.*

# JUNIOR YEAR TRANSCRIPT

*1/2 A CREDIT IS EARNED FOR SEMESTER OF WORK.*

**By the end of junior year, every student should have the following credits:**

- **3 English credits**
- **3 Math credits (*one should be Geometry, one should be Algebra*)**
- **2-3 Science credits (*one should be Biology*)**
- **2 Social Studies (**American History, World History**)**
- **3 Religion credits (*may differ for transfer students*)**

**Elective type courses that must be on transcript by graduation.**

- **1 PE credit (2 semesters)**
- **1 Fine Arts credit (2 semesters) (see fine arts list on course selection)**
- **2 Foreign Language credits (2 years of the same language)**

# SENIOR YEAR PLANNING SHEET (GREEN)

## Section 1

*Courses required on senior schedule*

- **Government**
- **Economics**
- **English IV**
- **Religion**

*\*I have written the level you may be recommended for, based on courses you have taken.*

## Section 2

*Courses needed on senior schedule*

- **I have written any courses that you need to make sure and sign up for. Please make sure to sign up for the courses listed so that you meet graduation requirements.**

## Section 3

*Courses that need to be made up, if any*

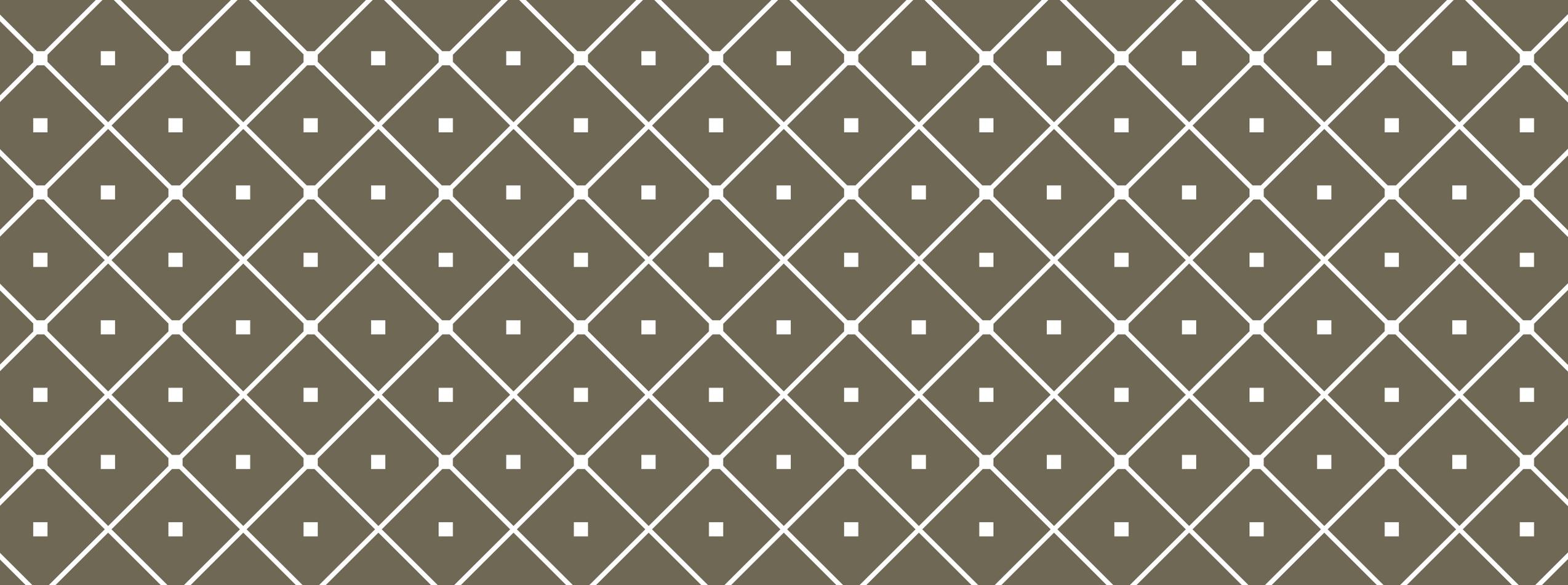
- **I have written NONE if you do not have any courses to make up.**
- **If you have courses to make up, they can be done on Florida Virtual or in school if there is room on your schedule and space in classes.**

# DUAL ENROLLMENT

- **If you are thinking about taking dual enrollment courses in your senior year, please keep the following in mind.**
- **You must take the PERT Exam at Polk State or have a specific ACT or SAT score. More details can be found on Polk's website: <https://www.polk.edu/admission-aid/admissionsteps/pert/>**
- **Try to take this over the summer in order to have everything in order for fall classes. You can schedule your test at the website listed above.**

# TEST SCORES

- **These are test score, if any, that have been reported to the school and I have uploaded to Naviance.**
- **The only scores that count for college are the ACT or the SAT. The practice tests only count towards scholarship opportunities given by the respective tests.**
- **The ACT or SAT are required by all 12 state universities/colleges in Florida, as well as Florida Bright Futures (*explained on slide 7*).**
- **Pay attention to what testing requirements are for the universities/colleges you are thinking about applying to.**



# INFORMATIONAL PACKET

This information is for everyone.  
The following slides explain what  
they are.

# SANTA FE, DIOCESE OF ORLANDO, STATE OF FLORIDA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- I included this sheet in order to provide the visual of how I check transcripts for any missing courses.
- Please feel free to check as well and ask any questions you may have.

Santa Fe Catholic  
Graduation Requirements  
*(Florida state minimum is 24 credits)*

Credits Needed	Type of Courses	Required within courses	Mandatory
4	Religion <i>(Dioceses of Orlando requirement)</i>	Must be taken each year	Must have 100 community service hours
4	English	Must be taken each year	
4	Math	Must be taken each year and must include: - Algebra - Geometry	
3	Social Studies	Must include - US History - World History - Economics (0.5 credit) - Government (0.5 credit)	Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
3	Science	Must include - Biology	
1	P.E.	At least 2 semesters	
2	Foreign Language	Must be two consecutive years of the same language	
1	Fine Art	These can include <i>art, music, debate, speech, certain computers courses, DE Humanities, etc.</i>	
5	Electives	These include additional <i>PE, Art, Music, additional science, social sciences, additional math, film studies, technology etc.</i>	

# FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES

*STUDENTS MUST MEET ALL FOUR REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO BE AWARDED THE SCHOLARSHIP.*

## Initial Eligibility Requirements: (As determined by the Department of Education)

1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation,
2. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university,
3. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per chart below,
4. Complete the required number of service hours per chart below, and
5. Achieve the required composite ACT® or combined SAT® score per chart below.

Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.50	<del>2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330</del> 2021-22 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	<del>2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210</del> 2021-22 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours

**Applications open in the fall of the senior year. I will send an email reminder to all seniors and their parents when it opens.**

# JUNIOR & SENIOR YEAR MONTHLY TO-DO LISTS

## Highlights

- **Every month has a reminder to register to take or take the ACT or SAT.**
  - **This serves as a reminder if a certain score is a goal of yours for Bright Futures or the college/university you plan to apply to.**
- **Research colleges/universities now and over the summer**
- **Play around in Naviance and get familiar with it.**
  - **Explained at the end.**

*In the effort to help you stay organized, I have put together a list of tasks for each month up until you make a final college decision. Please take a moment to look over and keep posted somewhere to help you on track.*

### Junior Year monthly to-do list

#### April/May of Junior year

- ❖ Ask at least 2 teachers for recommendation letters.
- ❖ Register to take or take the ACT or SAT.

#### June/July before senior year

- ❖ Explore Naviance and/or college websites where you have an interest in attending.
- ❖ Create list of colleges you plan on applying to in Naviance.
- ❖ Write the rough draft of your essay. If you notice that some colleges require one, begin that process while undisturbed.
- ❖ Register to take or take the ACT or SAT.

### Senior Year monthly to-do list

#### August

- ❖ Have an adult look at essay rough draft. Ask an English teacher.
- ❖ Ask teachers for recommendation letters, in person.
  - Submit recommendation requests through Naviance.
- ❖ Set up your Common App, if needed.
- ❖ Link Common App to Naviance.
- ❖ Fill out college applications either on their websites of Common App.
- ❖ Mrs. Herrington will have your re-calculated rank, GPA's, and updated transcripts.
- ❖ Register to take or take the ACT or SAT.
  - When registering, consider sending scores to your universities of choice. Choose at least one Florida school. This can be done for free for up to four schools when registering. It will cost money to forward scores later.

#### September

- ❖ Look for and apply for scholarships
- ❖ Register to take or take the ACT or SAT.
- ❖ Finalize college essay.
- ❖ Begin sending college applications that are completed.
- ❖ Request transcripts through Naviance to send off with your completed applications.

# MONTHLY TO-DO LISTS, *continued...*

- **OCTOBER:** I would like to have every college/university application out by the end of the month! My reasons:
  - **1 – Get rid of application stress early in the year. Now you can relax and look for scholarships, focus on keeping your grades up, enjoy your senior year.**
  - **2 – many schools have priority deadlines, and getting applications out early guarantees you meet those deadlines.**
    - **Priority Deadlines:** If your application is received before this deadline, you may be considered for need based or merit scholarships from the school.
      - **If application comes after priority deadline, no consideration for scholarships from the school.**

# MONTHLY TO-DO LISTS, *continued...*

## **May 1<sup>st</sup> - National Decision Day**

- **You need to make a decision by this date and inform that college/university you intend to go there.**
- **If you before this date where you are going, let the college/university know.**
- **Make a deposit.**
- **Talk to Admissions counselor**
- **Talk to Financial counselor**
- **Contact the other colleges/universities that you do not intend to go there as this opens up spots for other students who do wish to go and were waitlisted.**

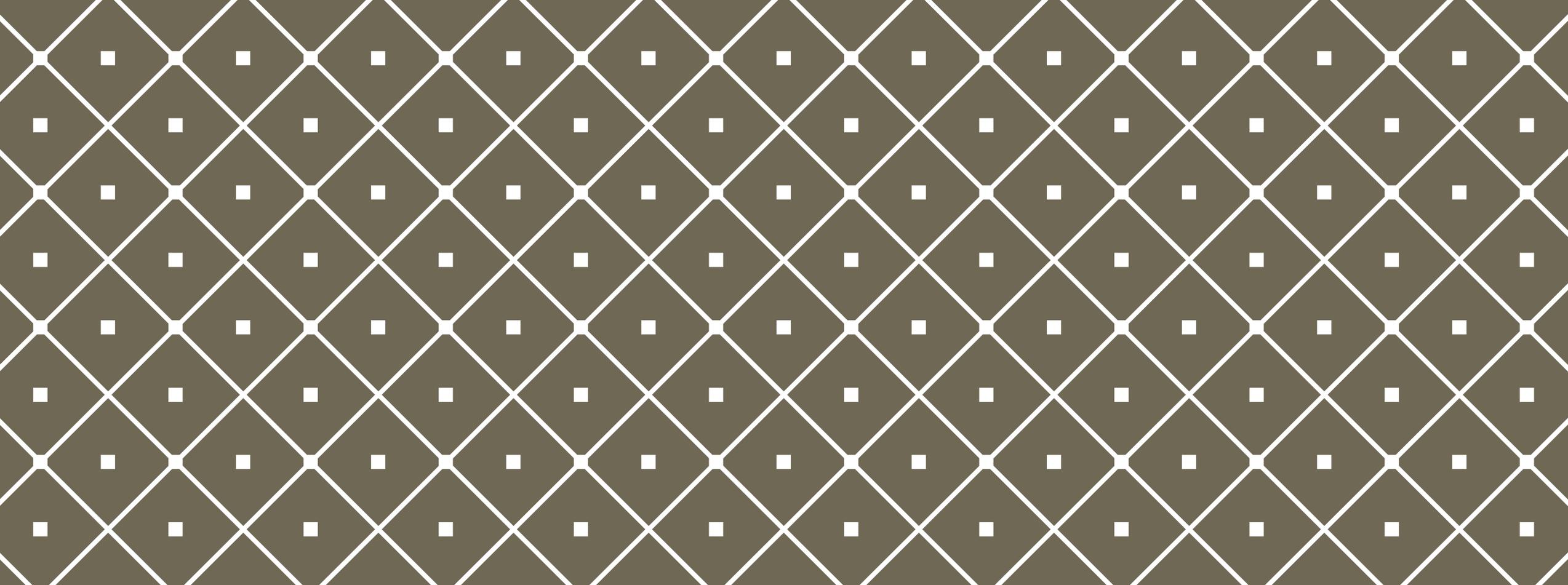
# THE COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- This is a good guide for parents and students to have to keep track of what should be done throughout the year.

**The College Application Checklist**

Did you know? You are twice as likely to get into a college if you apply for Early Action rather than Regular Decision.

	Student Checklist	Parent or Guardian Checklist
Fall - Winter	<b>Apply to College</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to college admissions websites for more information on how to apply. Most colleges begin accepting applications on <b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your student about how to pay for college application fees. Fees can range from \$25 to \$90 per application. <b>**fee waivers are available**</b>
	<b>Request Recommendations and Transcripts</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to teachers directly to find out what they require in order to provide you with a written recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Use Naviance to request ALL letters of recommendation and transcripts for colleges you are applying to.	
	<b>Complete the FAFSA</b> <small>(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Go to <a href="https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid">https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid</a> to learn more about the FAFSA. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your FAFSA application as early as <b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Parents and guardians should go to <a href="https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/afa-filling-out">https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/afa-filling-out</a> to identify what financial information is needed to complete the FAFSA successfully.
	<b>Apply for Scholarships</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Use resources like the Naviance Scholarship Search to find out which scholarships you're eligible for. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply well in advance of scholarship deadlines.	<input type="checkbox"/> Discuss finances with your student. Let them know if there is a "financial gap" between the costs of college that would not be met by household contributions + federal financial aid. How much will the student need from other sources in order to attend college?
	<b>Commit to a College</b> <input type="checkbox"/> College Decision Day is <b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b> but many colleges would like you to commit earlier!	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your student about each college they are accepted to. Is it a good fit for them? Academically? Culturally? Financially? Help them make their final decision.



# **THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS**



# HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

## On their website

- This is called an Institutional application.
- You click on the Apply link on the website and fill the application right then.
- Many applications have a fee.

## Common App

- This is an app that many institutions use
- It is a general application.
- Has a built in college essay component with 8-10 essay topics to choose from.
- Costs the same as the institutional application.

## Coalition App

- This is an app that institutions use.
- It is a general application.
- Costs the same as the institutional application.

*Institutions do NOT have a preference as to which application you use, they just as long as you do it on time.*

# COMMON APP: <https://www.commonapp.org/>

- **If you notice when you are researching colleges that several of the schools you are interested in have a Common App link, I would create a Common App account. This can be done over the summer.**
- **It can be one application that you send to multiple schools instead of filling out multiple applications.**
- **Has a built in essay component**
- **Requires you to add your high school grades from your transcript.**
- **It links up with Naviance once you match them up in Naviance. I can help you with that.**
- **Explanation of what the common app is: <https://youtu.be/bEn-olGnKDg>**

# RESOURCES INCLUDED FOR THE COMMON APP

- **Gather Your Materials worksheet (2 pages)**
- **High School Details Information Sheet (2 pages)**
- **How the First Year Common App Works (1 page)**
- **Applying for Scholarships with Scholar Snapp (1 page)**
- **My College Requirements Worksheet (2 pages)**



## Gather Your Materials

Use this checklist to help you gather the information you'll need as you fill out your Common App.



- High school information**  
You'll need to know things like your high school's CEEB code, GPA scale, and class rank reporting. Check in with your counselor for more details about this information. Ask them for the High School Details Information Sheet (download it at [commonapp.org/ready](https://commonapp.org/ready))
- An unofficial copy of your high school transcript**  
You'll be asked to list the courses you're taking this academic year.  
  
Some colleges ask applicants to self-report their full academic record in the Courses & Grades section. If you have a college on your list that requires Courses & Grades, you'll need your transcript to complete this section.
- A copy of your test scores and dates**  
You have the option to enter scores for standardized exams like the ACT and SAT that you have taken and/or plan to take. Don't forget, you'll still need to send official score reports to colleges that require them.
- Citizenship information**  
Social Security Number. If you intend to apply for financial aid via FAFSA (For U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, U.S. dual citizens, U.S. permanent residents, U.S. refugees, and U.S. lawful permanent residents).  
  
For Permanent Residents: A copy of your green card.  
  
For non-U.S. citizens: U.S. visa type, number, and date issued. If you do not yet have a U.S. visa but intend to apply for one, you can indicate that in the application.
- State of residence information**  
If you think you qualify for in-state tuition for a school you might be asked to share more information about your residence in that state.



## High School Details Information Sheet



### How to use this resource

In the Common App all students need to answer several questions about their high school and counselor. However, not all students know this information or where to find it. This sheet will help you collect and easily share these details with your students.

All you need to do is fill out the information in the fields that follow and distribute the sheet to your students.

### FAQs

**How do students report GPA scale in the application?**  
The GPA scale appears as a drop-down menu in the application, with options of A through 20 and 100. If your school doesn't calculate a cumulative numerical GPA, or if it uses a GPA scale that is different than the options available, select "N/A". This information is not required in the application.

**My school calculates both weighted and unweighted GPA. Which should students select?**  
In this case, students should report the weighted value.

**Who can I contact if I have questions?**  
For more information, visit our Solutions Center at [recsupport.commonapp.org](https://recsupport.commonapp.org) or email us at [fsupport@commonapp.net](mailto:fsupport@commonapp.net).



## How the First Year Common App Works

A quickstart guide for students using the first year Common App.



- 1 Add colleges**  
Get started by adding colleges to your list. You can find colleges to apply to in the College Search tab of your Common App account. The College Search tab also has information and links to help you research each college. Almost 900 colleges use Common App! Go to [commonapp.org/explore](https://commonapp.org/explore) to start exploring.
- 2 Stay organized**  
Each college has its own set of specific requirements and supplements. When it comes to tracking this information and staying organized, we're here to help! Use the "Requirements Grid" and of each college's "College Information" page to find this information. You can also use Common App On Track, our mobile companion app, to track deadlines, set reminders, and more.  
  
To start your college application checklist, check out our "My College Requirements" worksheet at [commonapp.org/ready](https://commonapp.org/ready).
- 3 Complete and submit**  
Answering all the questions in the Common App tab is a great way to start your application. For each college you will:
  - Answer college specific questions
  - Invite and manage recommenders
  - Complete other supplements (if applicable)After all these sections are complete, you are ready to submit your application! Submission is simple: review, pay (if applicable), and submit.

**How does my application get there?**  
When you submit we enable your responses from the Common App and upload specific questions, as well as any supplements, like our fees. Your counselor, teachers, and other recommenders complete their reports and we submit separately.

**Are recommenders notified that I'm applying?**  
Yes, we will be notifying the colleges to be added to your application.



## Applying for Scholarships with Scholar Snapp



Common App has made it easy for applicants to access scholarship opportunities directly through your admissions application. We've partnered with the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation to give you the option to connect your information with Scholar Snapp – saving all your hard work to reuse on the next application!

Scholar Snapp makes it easier for students to apply for scholarships by allowing you to apply to multiple scholarships without having to re-enter your information each time. Instead, you can reuse your information from one application to another. Fill out one application and simply export it, or "snapp" it, to a Scholar Snapp profile to use again next time.

**Scholar Snapp is a free service that any student applying to college can use.**

**\$35M** available in scholarships  
**5.6K** scholarship awards  
**511K** students using Scholar Snapp

Scholar Snapp works with many scholarship providers, including the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Dell Scholars and Phi Theta Kappa. Check out their website for the full list of providers along with Frequently Asked Questions at [scholar.snapp.org](https://scholar.snapp.org).

**Use your Common App information to easily apply for scholarships**  
Once you submit an application in Common App, you'll be able to create a Scholar Snapp profile. You'll be guided to connect your accounts so we can transfer your Common App application information to your new Scholar Snapp profile.

1. Connect to Scholar Snapp in the Financial Aid Resources tab of your Common App.
2. Log in to your Scholar Snapp account, or register for a new account.
3. Give permission for Common App to access and transfer your data to Scholar Snapp.

That's all! You'll be notified when the transfer is complete and will be taken back to your Common App account.

Learn more about connecting your Common App with Scholar Snapp at [appsupport.commonapp.org](https://appsupport.commonapp.org)



## My College Requirements Worksheet



Staying organized and understanding what you need to fill out in the application is crucial. But, because each college has its own specific requirements, it can seem like a lot to keep track of.

Use this worksheet to collect the requirements of the colleges on your list. This way you have all the information in one place when you need it. We've included space for 4 colleges, but if you have more you want to add, just copy and paste the last page!

Here is where you can find colleges' requirements in the application:

**College Search tab**  
Select a college from the list to open their requirements. You can also use the "more info" icons for links to other helpful resources.

**My Colleges tab**  
Each college's "College Information" page contains all their specific requirements.

**Requirements Grid**  
This PDF lists all colleges that use Common App and their requirements. You can access this document on your Dashboard, in College Search, or in the Solutions Center.

**Writing Requirements by college**  
This FAQ lists out all the Common App colleges and their writing questions. You can find it in our Solutions Center at [appsupport.commonapp.org](https://appsupport.commonapp.org)

# TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

## Regular Decision

- **Definition:** Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.
- Decision deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Commitment:** Non-Binding

## Rolling Admission

- **Definition:** Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admissions decisions throughout the admission cycle.
- Decision deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Commitment:** Non-Binding

## Early Action (EA)

- **Definition:** Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.
- Decision deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Commitment:** Non-Binding

## Early Decision (ED)

- **Definition:** Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline is early.
- Decision deadline is early.
- **Commitment:** Binding

## Restrictive Early Action (REA)

- **Definition:** Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions.
- Decision deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Commitment:** Non-Binding

# APPLICATION STEPS

- 1. Submit an application (on institution site, common app, coalition app)**
- 2. Check school's website for any additional steps you may have to take in the application process.**
  - **ACT or SAT scores to report**
  - **Essay requirements (*more on slide 18*)**
  - **FAFSA reporting (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*)**
  - **Some schools may require this application to be filed in order to award merit or need based aid.**
- 3. Some schools will require you to submit your own grades using a separate platform. Make sure to get this done quickly as this also has a deadline attached to it many times.**
- 4. Always use Mrs. Leydanit Rivera-Herrington, email: [lherrington@santafecatholic.org](mailto:lherrington@santafecatholic.org), as your counselor when filling out applications.**

# APPLICATION STEPS, *continued...*

- 1. Add college to Naviance in the Colleges I'm Applying to section and request a transcript. Adding the college prompts you to request a transcript. If you applied using Common App, link your common app to Naviance and it will add the schools automatically. Then you can request transcripts. I can help.**
- 2. Next, check for scholarships**
  - Check the college's website for scholarship opportunities.
  - Check the following places for additional scholarship opportunities:
  - Naviance Scholarship Lists or National Scholarship Search
  - Visit the [Santa Fe Catholic College & Career](#) page for a list of local scholarships and a list of scholarship search engines.
  - [College Board Opportunity Scholarships](#)

# ADDITIONAL COLLEGE APPLICATION RESOURCES

- There are extra sheets that I have included in the packet after the to-do list.
- The College Application Checklist (2 different guides from different resources)
- College prep guide – how to choose a school

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## COLLEGE PREP GUIDE

### CHOOSING THE RIGHT SCHOOL

Consider what is most important to you when you narrow down your options. Eliminate schools from your list that are unrealistic, not in your desired location, do not offer your field of study, and lack the campus lifestyle you want. Remember to apply to schools for what they offer, not what they lack. Once you have been accepted to schools, compare their financial aid packages and factor cost into your decision. Decide how many student loans you are willing to take out for school. If you think your dream school is worth the financial stretch, apply for scholarships and grants to reduce the cost as much as possible.

### COST CONSIDERATIONS

If you're concerned about student debt, consider community college. Starting at two-year school and transferring credits will save money and lower student loan debt. If you plan to attend community college to complete your general education requirements, confirm with your college that the credits are acceptable. If community college is not for you, look at state schools to lower your cost of education. You will still get the full college experience at half the cost of a private institution. Staying in state will also make you eligible for state scholarships.

COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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There's a lot that goes into applying for college. Make the college application process easier and smoother by keeping track and completing all these important tasks for each college application.

TASKS	MY TOP 3 COLLEGE CHOICES ✓		
<b>College Application Form</b>			
Early Application Deadline	//	//	//
Regular Application Deadline	//	//	//
Application Fee	\$	\$	\$
<b>Orders</b>			
Request official sealed copy of academic records/transcripts			
<b>Test Scores</b>			
Standardized Test Scores (SAT and ACT)			
Advanced Placement (AP) Test Scores (if applicable)			
<b>Letters of Recommendation</b>			
Requested from:			
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<b>Essays</b>			
Write admission application essay(s)			
Proof essay(s) for spelling and grammar			
Have someone else review and proofread essay(s)			
<b>Additional Information</b>			
List extracurricular, volunteer and work activities			
Make copies of all college application materials and file for my own records			
<b>DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED</b>	//	//	//
<b>AFTER YOU SEND YOUR APPLICATION</b>			
Receive decision letter			
Receive financial aid award letter			
<b>Make final college choice</b>			
Send deposit			
Send final transcript			

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# COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING

- I have included a sheet on what a college application essay should be about.
- Here are some internet resources that I felt were good at helping:
  - How to write a personal statement:  
<https://youtu.be/uk7pLY4jbDU>
  - Tips to help you college essay stand out:  
<https://youtu.be/nhtfrSO8GWo>

Writing a College Application Essay

Do	Don't
<b>WRITE IN YOUR OWN VOICE.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Write about a real experience that you had and how it affected you.</li><li>Note that admission officers will be able to tell if your essay was edited by an adult.</li></ul>	<b>RELY ON PHRASES OR IDEAS THAT PEOPLE HAVE USED MANY TIMES BEFORE.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>These could include statements like, "There is so much suffering in the world that I feel I have to help people."</li><li>Avoid overly formal or business-like language, and don't use unnecessary words.</li></ul>
<b>CHOOSE A TOPIC THAT WILL HIGHLIGHT YOU.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Share your personal story and thoughts.</li><li>Take a creative approach and highlight areas that aren't covered in other parts of the application.</li></ul>	<b>SHIFT THE FOCUS AWAY FROM YOUR PERSONAL STRENGTHS AND STORY.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Don't focus on the great aspects of a particular college, the amount of dedication it takes to be a doctor, or the number of extracurricular activities you took part in during high school.</li></ul>
<b>KEEP YOUR FOCUS NARROW AND PERSONAL.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Focus on one aspect of yourself so the readers can learn more about who you are. Remember that the readers must be able to find your main idea and follow it from beginning to end.</li><li>Ask a parent or teacher to read just your introduction and tell you what they think your essay is about.</li></ul>	<b>EXPLORE TOO MANY SEPARATE TOPICS ABOUT YOURSELF.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This will make the essay sound like a resumé that doesn't provide any details about you.</li></ul>
<b>SHOW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Include specific details, examples, and reasons to develop your ideas. EX: "I often find myself in leadership positions." Describe a scenario where you acted as a leader. How did you demonstrate leadership and what did you take away from that experience?</li></ul>	<b>TELL.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do not simply state facts or qualities about yourself to get an idea across.</li></ul>
<b>ASK A TEACHER OR PARENT TO PROOFREAD.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ask a teacher or parent to proofread your essay to catch mistakes.</li><li>You should also ask the person who proofreads your essay if the writing sounds like you.</li></ul>	<b>SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY WITHOUT PROOFREADING.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Don't rely on your computer's spell-check to catch mistakes.</li><li>A spell-check program will miss typos like these: "After I graduate from high school, I plan to get a summer job." "From that day on, Daniel was my best friend."</li></ul>

Most importantly: **Start early!**

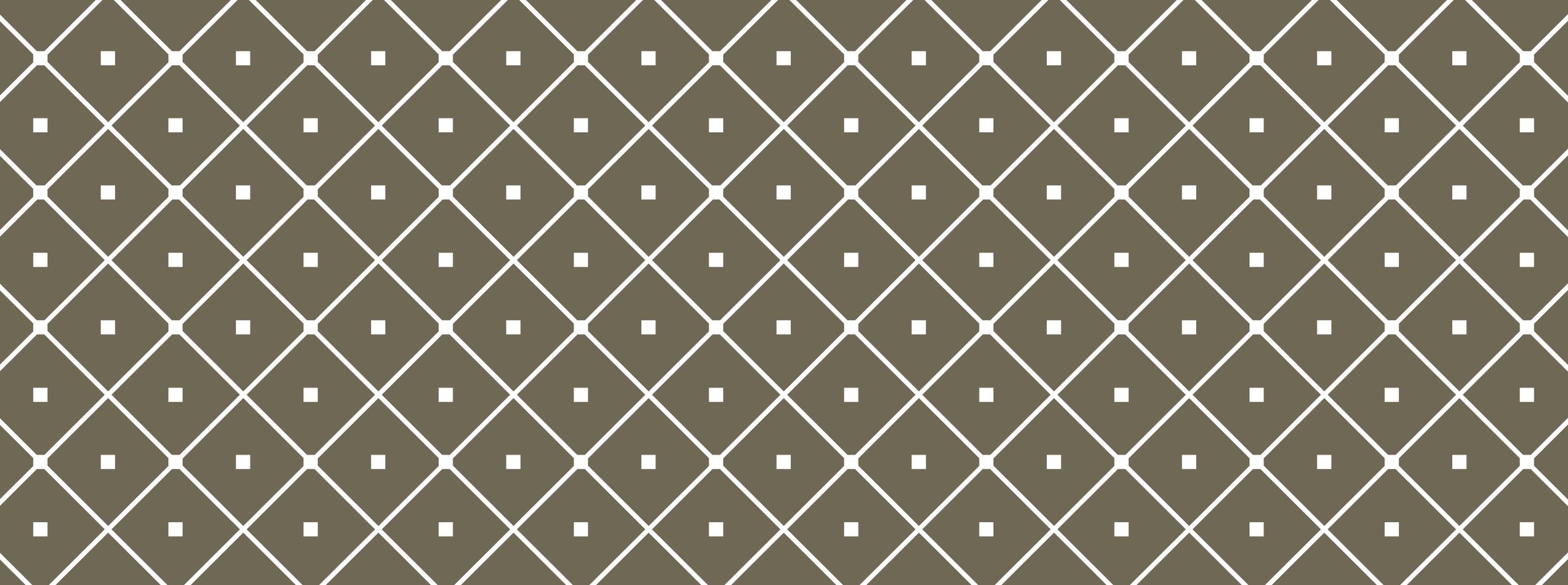
- Writing this essay is a process, not to be rushed at the last minute. Plan. Do NOT ask teachers for help with days left in your deadline. It's not fair to them.

**Lack of planning on your part does not an emergency make for everyone else.**

# COLLEGE BOARD OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

- A series of drawings throughout the school year for scholarships that go through the college application steps.
- While they are drawings for money, it takes just some time on your part.

Deadline to Complete Monthly Actions	Winners Notified	Scholarships Being Awarded
January 31	February 2-8	<b>Class of 2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25 \$2,000 scholarships for SAT score improvement</li><li>• 100 \$1,500 scholarships for completing the FAFSA</li></ul> <b>Class of 2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 500 \$500 scholarships for building a college list</li><li>• 500 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li></ul>
February 28	March 2-8	<b>Class of 2021 (Last Chance for Scholarships)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$1,000 scholarships for completing the FAFSA</li><li>• 500 \$1,500 scholarships for applying to colleges</li><li>• 25 \$40,000 scholarships for completing necessary Opportunity Scholarship steps</li></ul> <b>Class of 2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 500 \$500 scholarships for building a college list</li><li>• 500 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li></ul>
March 31	April 2-8	<b>Class of 2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 500 \$500 scholarships for building a college list</li><li>• 500 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li></ul>
April 30	May 3-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for building a college list</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li></ul>
May 31	June 2-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for building a college list</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li></ul>
June 30	July 2-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for building a college list</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li></ul>
July 31	August 2-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for exploring scholarships</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for strengthening your college list</li></ul>
August 31	September 2-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for exploring scholarships</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for strengthening your college list</li></ul>
September 30	October 4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for exploring scholarships</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for strengthening your college list</li></ul>
October 31	November 2-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for practicing for the SAT</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for exploring scholarships</li><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for strengthening your college list</li><li>• 500 \$500 scholarships for completing the FAFSA</li></ul>
November 30	December 2-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for exploring scholarships</li><li>• 500 \$500 scholarships for completing the FAFSA</li></ul>
December 31	January 3-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 \$500 scholarships for exploring scholarships</li><li>• 500 \$500 scholarships for completing the FAFSA</li></ul>



# NAVIANCE

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## ■ What is it?

- Naviance is a platform for college research and through which I will submit transcripts and letters of recommendation on your behalf

## ■ What do I use it for?

- Research Careers

- Research Colleges

- Podcast on how to do this best: <https://youtu.be/wt1R-sxb9Pk>

- Search for scholarships

- Let Mrs. Herrington know what colleges you have applied to and need transcripts sent to by using the Colleges I'm Applying to button.

- Register to attend and be a part of college visits.

Naviance: <https://student.naviance.com/santafchs>  
Login: Santa Fe email address  
Password: Student created – Mrs. Herrington does not have access to passwords. She can reset it and it will send you and email at your Santa Fe email to reset it yourself.

Initial Login Page

Welcome, Demo Herrington!

The main tabs are circled in red. That is what you will find in each tab and a brief explanation of what it entails.

- Click on **Colleges** – This tab is what gives me all the information I need to help you. I have highlighted the pages that we will work with most over the course of your senior year.
  - Colleges Home
  - Colleges I'm thinking about – You can start adding colleges you are considering
  - **Colleges I'm applying to** – You will be able to begin adding to this list in August. The system does not transition you to senior status until the end of July.
  - Find your Fit
    - SuperMatch – Select criteria and it will generate a list of schools that match them.
    - College Match – makes comparisons of applications.
    - College Events – lists events that are given by colleges and the option to sign up for them.
    - Scattergrams – shows history of applications and acceptances at colleges SFC students have applied to.
    - Advanced College Search – works similarly to SuperMatch
    - College Lookup – Allows you to quickly look up specific colleges.
- Research Colleges
  - I'm Thinking About – You can add schools you are thinking about.
  - College Compare – Compares you to past SFC students who have been accepted to particular college
  - College Resources – has direct links to the following resources
    - Application sites
    - Financial Aid options
    - Test Preparation
    - College Athletic sites
    - Military
  - Acceptance History – Gives the acceptance history of colleges you have selected.

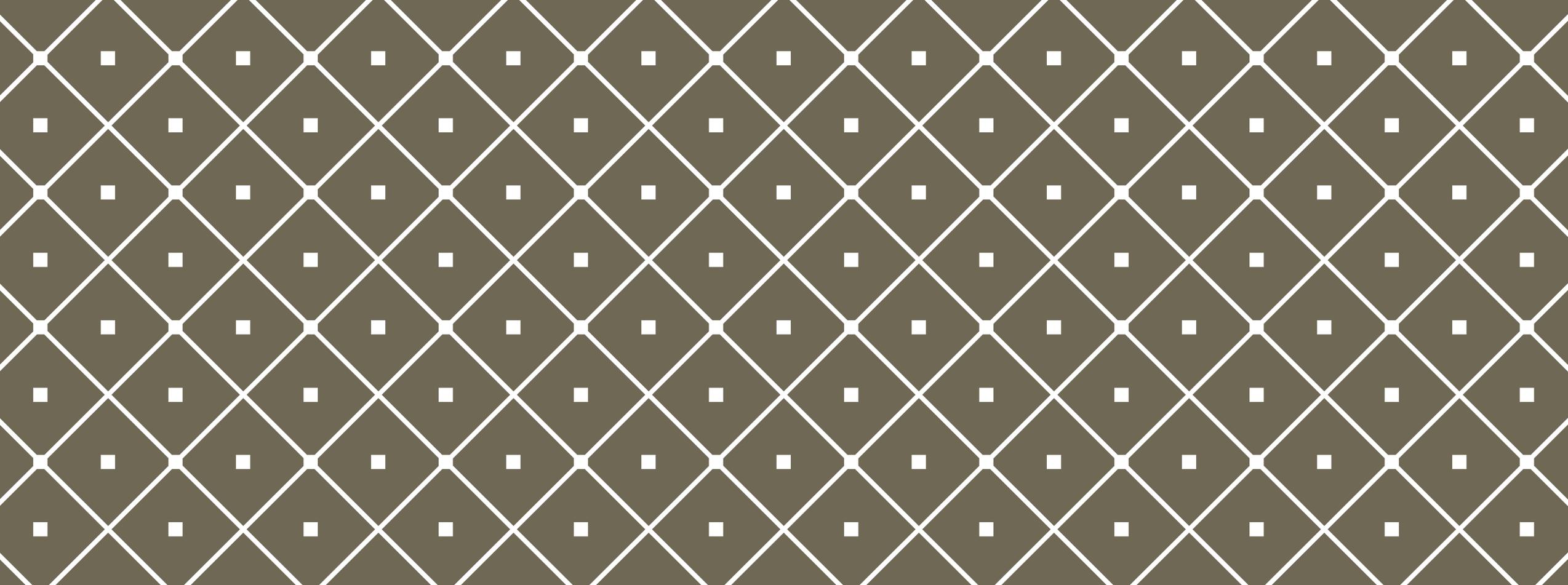
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- **I have included a document that gives brief descriptions of each section within it. There are video tutorials at the bottom of the page that may come in handy.**
- **Don't worry if you add a college by mistake, I can easily fix it.**
- **Use your summer to explore and research the following:**
  - **Careers**
  - **Colleges**
  - **Scholarships – located in the Colleges tab**
  - **Resumé – located in the About Me tab, under the My Stuff section.**
- **Your Naviance login and temporary password were emailed to you from Naviance.**
- **Parents, if you want access to Naviance as well, email me and I'll set it up. This way you can also see what students have access to.**

A background image showing a hand holding a graduation cap (mortarboard) against a bright, cloudy sky. The hand and cap are in silhouette, and the sky is filled with soft, white clouds. A vertical orange line is on the left side of the slide.

## WHEN WE RETURN IN AUGUST...

- **We'll be reviewing how to perform certain tasks in Naviance.**
- **Double checking those schedules to make sure you're on a track for success.**
- **Having one-on-one meeting to talk about post-graduation plans**



# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



# A COUPLE NOTES

- **Please check your email and have your students check their school emails frequently once the school year begins as I use it to send out important information throughout the school year.**
- **In August, when students return, I'll be reviewing with them what they need to be doing in preparing for after high school.**
- **In September, there will be a senior parent meeting. It will be posted in the HAWK Weekly as well as an email reminder. Hopefully, we'll be able to meet in person. If not, a Zoom link will accompany the email reminder for the meeting.**
- **In October the FAFSA & Florida Bright Futures applications open up for the class of 2022.**
- **And finally, here is a video on how you can help your student: <https://youtu.be/9DHVsmqpYlg>**
- **I'll be here as support for whatever I can help you with, all you have to do is ask.**

# CONTACT & RESOURCES

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Follow me on **Instagram** for college reminders & announcements throughout the school year.



Check out the **College & Career** Tab on the Santa Fe website for helpful information such as scholarships, essay tips, college visits, and more.



Make sure you know your login and password to **Naviance**. It is the only way to request transcripts, as well as being a valuable resource.

