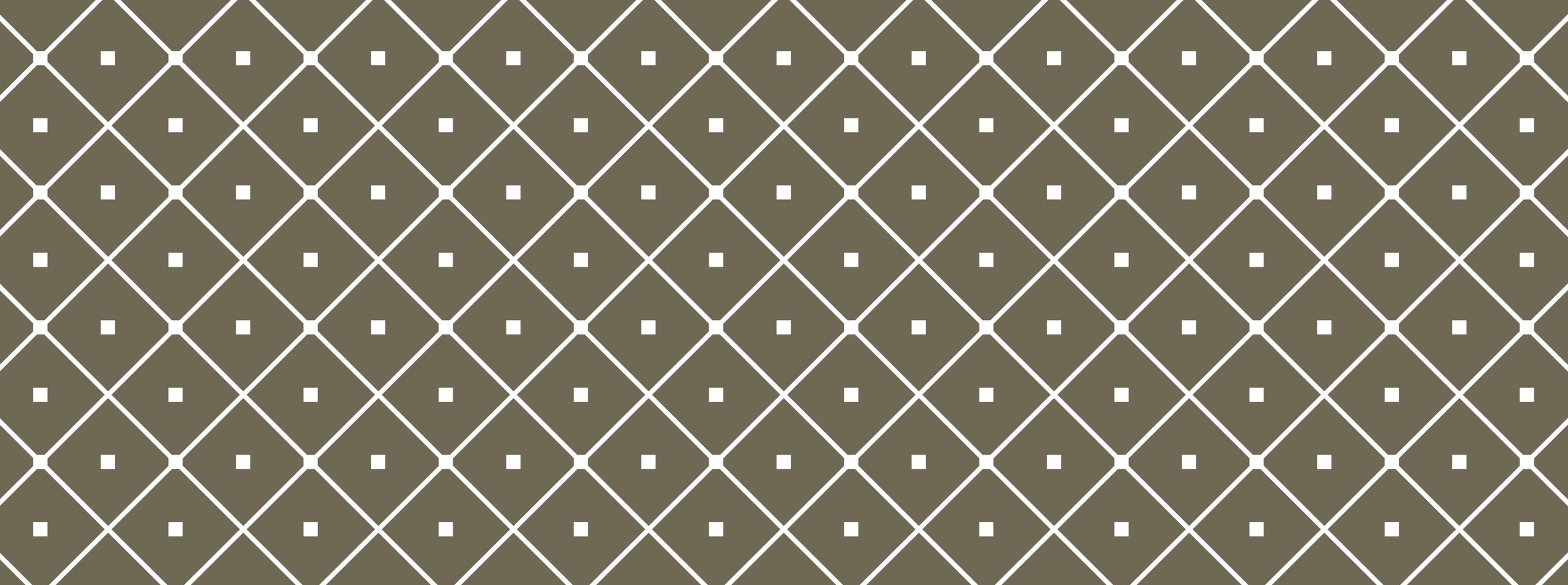# CLASS OF 2022

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.

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.
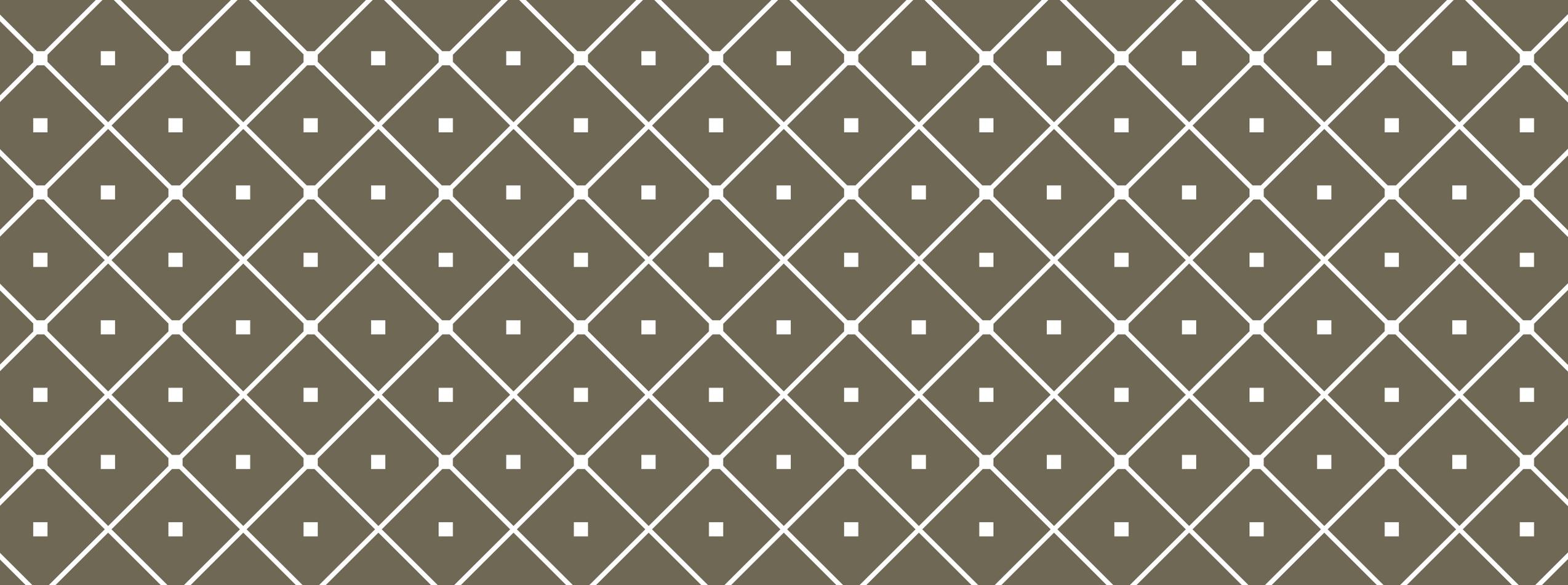
INFORMATIONAL PACKET

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 *(Dioceses of Orlando requirement)*	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)	
3	Science	Must include - Biology	
1	P.E.	At least 2 semesters	
2	Foreign Language	Must be two consecutive years of the same language	Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
1	Fine Art	These can include *art, music, debate, speech, certain computers courses, DE Humanities, etc.*	
5	Electives	These include additional *PE, Art, Music, additional science, social sciences, additional math, film studies, technology etc.*	

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

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 1st – 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.

Fall - Winter	Student Checklist	Parent or Guardian Checklist
Apply to College	☐ Refer to college admissions websites for more information on how to apply. Most colleges begin accepting applications on **August 1st**.	☐ Talk to your student about how to pay for college application fees. Fees can range from $25 to $90 per application. **fee waivers are available**
Request Recommendations and Transcripts	☐ Speak to teachers directly to find out what they require in order to provide you with a written recommendation ☐ Use Naviance to request ALL letters of recommendation and transcripts for colleges you are applying to.	
Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	☐ Go to https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid to learn more about the FAFSA. ☐ Submit your FAFSA application as early as **October 1st**.	☐ Parents and guardians should go to https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out to identify what financial information is needed to complete the FAFSA successfully.
Apply for Scholarships	☐ Use resources like the Naviance Scholarship Search to find out which scholarships you're eligible for. ☐ Apply well in advance of scholarship deadlines.	☐ 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?
Commit to a College	☐ College Decision Day is **May 1st** but many colleges would like you to commit earlier!	☐ 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.
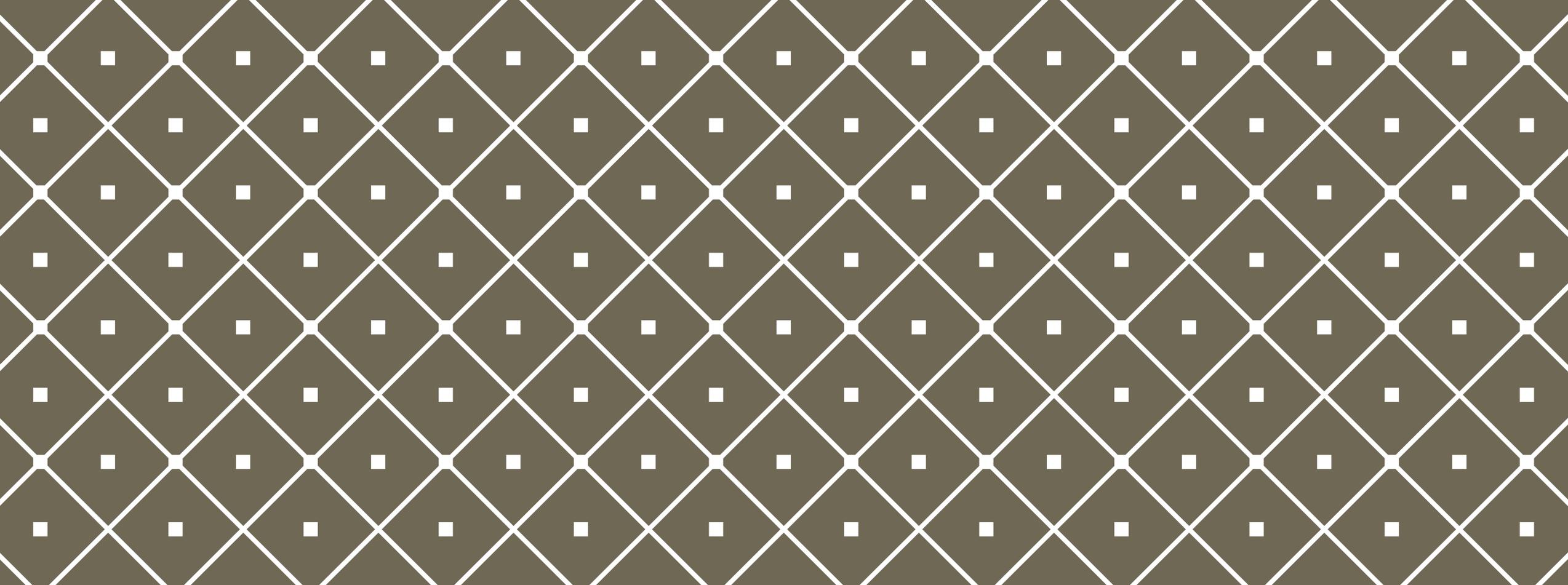
THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

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)*

TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

Regular Decision	Rolling Admission	Early Action (EA)	Early Decision (ED)	Restrictive Early Action (REA)
• **Definition**: Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time. • Decision deadline is May 1st. • **Commitment**: Non-Binding	• **Definition**: Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admissions decisions throughout the admission cycle. • Decision deadline is May 1st. • **Commitment**: Non-Binding	• **Definition**: Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date. • Decision deadline is May 1st. • **Commitment**: Non-Binding	• **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	• **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 1st. • **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, 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

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

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.**

NAVIANCE

What is it?
What do I use it for?

NAVIANCE

- **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

▪ **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.**

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
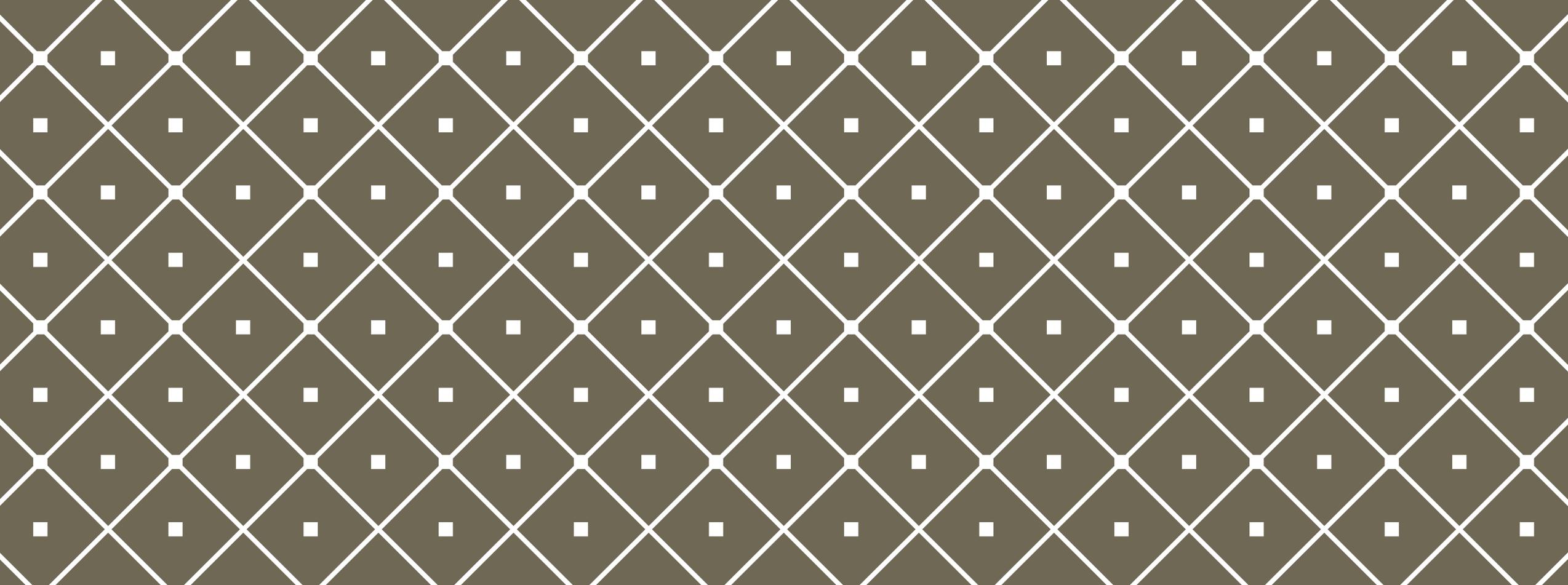
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.

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