Welcome to College Information Night

College Application Process October 3, 2017

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Agenda

- Finalizing the College List
- Application Deadlines
- The Components of the Common Application
- Naviance
- Financial Aid
- NCAA Requirements
- Dual Enrollment
- SAT/ACT
- Internet College Resources
- Final decision deadlines
- Upcoming dates
- Questions

Finalizing the College List

- 6-8 Colleges in a range of selectivity levels
- Identify target, reach and less competitive schools
- Consider GPA, rigor of program, test scores, profile of most recent admitted class
- Consider "culture" and "personality" of the school
- Consider range of majors offered, distance to home, size, professor to student ratio, class size and cost
- Use web-based resources to help narrow your list
 - College Board
 - CollegeConfidential
 - Collegeprowler
 - Cappex

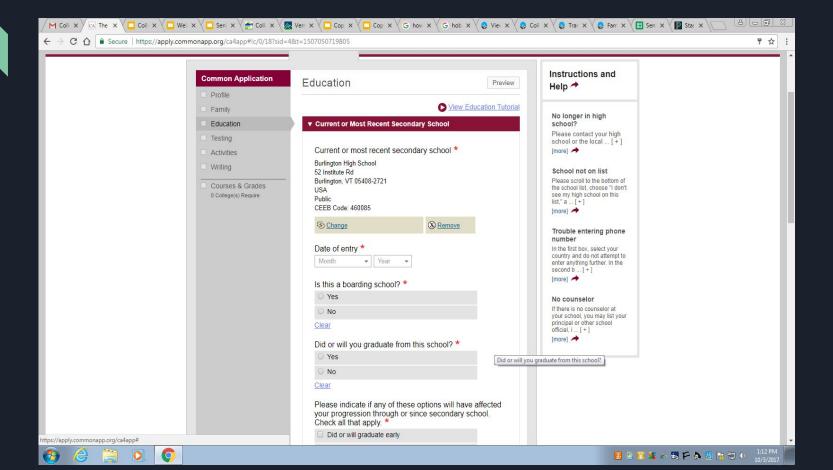
Application Deadlines

- Early Decision (Binding)
- Early Action (Non-Binding)
 - UVM Early Action for Vermont students: November 1, 2017
 - Application Fee Waived
- Regular Decision (Non-Binding)
- Rolling Admission (Non-Binding)
- Decision Days

Components of the Common Application

- https://www.commonapp.org/Login
- Personal information
- Activities, work, service, awards/honors
- Essay
- Teacher and other recommendations
- Test Scores (direct from testing company)
- Official transcript and mid year report
- Application fee (paid by credit card) or fee waiver

Common Application Tab



Naviance

- Link to Naviance is found on BHS website home page under "Important Links."
- Log on to Naviance Family Connection at <u>http://connection.naviance.com/burlingtonshs</u>
- Match Common App and Naviance
- Request transcripts for each college
- Official transcript, most recent report card, letters of recommendation, Secondary School Report and BHS Profile are sent electronically to colleges
- Signed release form required (white form)

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Paying For College Night with VSAC Tuesday, October 3
- Vermont Grant Application can be found on VSAC website
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)-October 2017
- CSS Profile for private colleges may be due by December-check websites
- BHS Scholarship (posted in November) and other scholarship opportunities (Finaid.com)

NCAA Requirements for College Sports

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to be able to play Division 1 or Division 2 college sports
- Request your official transcript to be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center

Dual Enrollment

- Take TWO free college classes while still in high school. See what college is like, learn what professors expect of students and get a head start on your college degree!
 - Participating colleges; UVM, CCV, VTC, NECI,
 Champlain College, & Saint Michael's College
- Early College- allows high school seniors to take a full year of college-level classes while completing their high school diploma
- Contact Dhyana Bradley- <u>dbradley@bsdvt.org</u>, (802)
 238-9453. Available every Monday and Friday

SAT and ACT Information

- Students can take ACT and/or SAT
- Tests are given on Saturday mornings
 - (8:00 12:30) about 6 times per year- see dates on handout Sign up for the test on-line at the ACT or SAT websites
 - Sign up early to insure a spot
- Tests cost approximately \$50.00- Fee waivers are available for students receiving free lunch
- BHS offers SAT on March 10 and May 5 and ACT on Oct 28 and June 9
- Free test prep through Kahn Academy, linked to PSAT

Internet College Search Resources

- Bigfuture.org (College Board search program)
- Vermont Student Assistance Corporation VSAC
- Cappex.com
- Collegenet.com
- Collegeprowler.com
- Collegeconfidential.com

Final Decision Deadlines

Most colleges will require a decision about your attendance by May 1, 2018.

You will need to pay a deposit to reserve your spot at that college or university

Upcoming Events

October 7th and 14th-College Fairs: Lyndon State College and Castleton State College

November 8th - VSAC Forms Night, 6:30 pm to 8:00pm

January 16, 2018-Gap Year Fair, TBD Keynote Speaker 6:00-7:00pm Fair 7:00-9:00pm

March VSAC Paying for College Night, TBD, 6:30-8:30pm

April CVU College Fair at CVU High School, TBD, 11:00 to 1:00pm,

April 3, 2018 Canada College Fair
Panel Presentation 6:30 -7:00pm
Individual College Reps 7:00-8:30
At South Burlington High School

April 11, 2018 Junior Night at BHS 6:00--8:00

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR PRESENTATION!