

## Updated Resources for Juniors: College Admissions Countdown 2017-18

We look forward to navigating the post-secondary process with you and your family over the next two years! Below is a list of college and career websites that students and parents might find beneficial:

- [www.d125.org/college](http://www.d125.org/college) - Stevenson's College/Career Center website
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) - College Board-related testing information, plus college search resources
- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) - ACT registration, practice tests, etc.
- [www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com) - virtual college tours
- [www.collegequest.com](http://www.collegequest.com) - from the same people who publish the *Peterson's Guides*
- [www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com) - college search/information tool
- [nces.ed.gov/ipeds/](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/) - multi-faceted site sponsored by the federal government
- [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org) - IL Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) financial planning website
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) - comprehensive and objective resource for financial aid information
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) - a national database scholarship search site
- [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) - U.S. Department of Education financial aid website
- [stats.bls.gov/ooh/](http://stats.bls.gov/ooh/) - Occupational Outlook Handbook website

### **Standardized Testing:**

The class of 2019 will receive a free SAT with Essay on April 10th, through Stevenson High School. Students can register for additional tests online (either ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and/or the SAT at [www.collegeboard.org/testing](http://www.collegeboard.org/testing)). Students should check with colleges to see if they require the writing/essay section respectively. Both websites offer free practice tests. Students can connect their College Board account, with a Khan Academy account for free, to receive customized test prep.

### **Career Resources:**

Investigate CEO (Career Exploration Opportunity) shadowing programs at: [www.d125.org/academic/career-exploration](http://www.d125.org/academic/career-exploration)

## **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

### **March**

**Mar. 10 - SAT**, (off campus)

**Mar. 15 - Illinois Regional College Fair**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, College of Lake County Grayslake.

**April - College Focus Seminars.** Meeting in the CCC during math classes with post secondary counselors and college rep.

**Apr. 10 - SAT + Essay.** All juniors will take this test during the school day.

**Apr. 14 - ACT @ SHS.**

### **May**

**May 5 - SAT @ SHS.**

**May 7 to 18 - Advanced Placement Exams** at SHS.

### **June**

**June 2 - SAT**, (off campus)

**June 9 - ACT**, (off campus)

### **Instructions for Naviance (Post Secondary Exploration Resource) Naviance and Family Connection**

1. [www.d125.org/college](http://www.d125.org/college), click on "Naviance" located on the right rail.
2. Student log-on: 1<sup>st</sup> initial of first name + 1<sup>st</sup> six letters of last name + last digit of grad year + @students.d125.org (For example, Steven Patriot (Class of 2019) = [spatrio9@students.d125.org](mailto:spatrio9@students.d125.org)). Password is your SHS network password.
3. Parent log-on: Click on "I'm a guest". Next screen... "Enter as guest".

### **Post Secondary Family Planning Meetings**

Over winter break families received a mailing about how to schedule a thirty-minute individual family appointment with a post-secondary counselor. Meetings are beginning this week through the middle of June. In order to schedule a meeting, families need to complete the College/Post Secondary Planning Worksheet that was included in the mailing and return it to the CCC (room 1123). Families can read more about these meetings, and print a new worksheet if needed, here: <http://www.d125.org/academic/college/post-high-school-family-planning-meeting>

**Resources mentioned from tonight's presentation:**

**Website:**     [www.d125.org/college](http://www.d125.org/college)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships               | <input type="checkbox"/> Essays         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Procedures     | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highly Selective Admission | <input type="checkbox"/> College Visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated Interest      | <input type="checkbox"/> Various FAQs   |

**Suggested reading list:**

Washington Post:

**“The problem with the 2018 U.S. News rankings: Junk in, junk out:”**

[www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2017/09/12/the-problem-with-the-2018-u-s-news-rankings-junk-in-junk-out/?utm\\_term=.65a276ba3cd6](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2017/09/12/the-problem-with-the-2018-u-s-news-rankings-junk-in-junk-out/?utm_term=.65a276ba3cd6)

**“Thirty thousand applicants, one flagship: Inside admissions at U-Md.”**

[www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/thirty-thousand-applicants-one-flagship-inside-admissions-at-u-md/2017/12/26/635026ba-dc41-11e7-a841-2066faf731ef\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.028d9a31a5a9](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/thirty-thousand-applicants-one-flagship-inside-admissions-at-u-md/2017/12/26/635026ba-dc41-11e7-a841-2066faf731ef_story.html?utm_term=.028d9a31a5a9)

Boston Magazine:

**“How Northeastern Gamed the College Rankings”**

[www.bostonmagazine.com/news/2014/08/26/how-northeastern-gamed-the-college-rankings/](http://www.bostonmagazine.com/news/2014/08/26/how-northeastern-gamed-the-college-rankings/)

Frank Bruni's book (New York Times Columnist) **‘Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be’**

**Survey**

We value your feedback and would like to learn more on how to help our community. Please take a moment to complete a brief survey about tonight's presentation and future needs - the link or QR Code will take you to the survey. Thanks so much for coming!



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