

# TWHS Senior Information Night!



*Your guide to applying to college*



# Welcome!



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Counselor can meet one on one to guide your child through the application process.

You can schedule an appointment by emailing your child's Counselor, or have your son or daughter stop in the Counseling Center.

# College Rep Visits

Students are able to sign up for virtual college visits through Naviance.

Under the “Colleges” tab, you’ll see Upcoming college visits. Click on, “College Visits” for a full list and to sign up!

*We currently have over 100 schools! Some schools track interest!*

SEPTEMBER Mon <b>10</b> 08:40AM	<b>Ohio Northern University</b> 📍 Counseling Office- conference room 0/15 seats are taken.	<a href="#">Register Now</a> <a href="#">View Details</a>
SEPTEMBER Tue <b>11</b> 10:20AM	<b>Bowling Green State University</b> 📍 Counseling Office- conference room 0/15 seats are taken.	<a href="#">Register Now</a> <a href="#">View Details</a>
SEPTEMBER Wed <b>12</b> 09:30AM	<b>Barnard College</b> 📍 Counseling Office- conference room 1/15 seats are taken.	<a href="#">Register Now</a> <a href="#">View Details</a>
SEPTEMBER Thu <b>13</b> 08:40AM	<b>Ohio University</b> 📍 Counseling Office- conference room 0/15 seats are taken.	<a href="#">Register Now</a> <a href="#">View Details</a>

# To review your application, a college needs:

1. Your application! *This is your responsibility.*
  - a. Common App, or direct to the institution.
2. Your transcript. *Your School Counselor will complete for you.*
  - a. Transcript, Schedule, TWHHS School Profile, Common App Evaluation Form. Once you turn in your green transcript release form, your Counselor will send this for you.
3. ACT or SAT scores! *You will send your scores!*
  - a. Some schools accept off your TWHHS transcript, some require you to send your ACT/SAT score directly from ACT or College Board.
  - b. Send your scores three weeks prior to the application due date.
4. \*Letter of Recommendation. *You, and your recommender(s).*
  - a. Some colleges may not require a letter, though you always want one!
  - b. Some may require 1, maybe 2 teacher letter of recommendations.

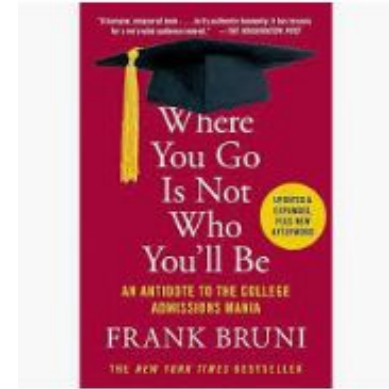
# College Interest

Word of advice-

Colleges track demonstrated interest! Many will track your personal visits, opening and responding to emails, asking faculty questions about specific programs, and even following schools on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram.

“Students who show more initiative in a way that captures the imagination and attention of faculty (or a school) is going to get more time and attention.”

- Frank Bruni, Author of *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be*.



# Deadlines for applying



Growing trend is to apply “early”. Applying early can mean one of two options:

- 1) Early Decision- Binding agreement. If you are accepted by the school, you will be attending that school regardless of financial award package.
- 2) Early Action- Non binding. You are still eligible for priority merit based scholarships, though you are not “locked” into attending the college. *73% of students who applied to OSU applied early!*

Many early application deadlines are as early as 10/15 or 11/1 (i.e., ONU, OSU & Miami). Plan ahead to ensure you meet the deadline to be eligible for scholarship opportunities! Check the college’s website, Common App, or speak to your son or daughter’s counselor about specific college due dates (ED, EA, Regular, Rolling).

# ACT or SAT

- Generally, most schools accept either the ACT or the SAT scores. *Please check the college's website for admission requirements.*
- Be mindful of deadlines and give enough time to send scores! If you send scores after you test, please request scores to be sent from ACT or the College Board *at least two weeks prior to deadline.*
- ACT and SAT scores are on the TWHS transcript. However, many colleges only accept scores sent directly from ACT or College Board, which costs approx. \$13.90/school to send after you test (i.e, UC, Miami, OSU, Case, CCAD).
- You can elect to have your standardized test score removed from your TWHS transcript. If you wish to do that, please email your child's Counselor.

# New Test-Optional Reporting

Due to the limited number of standardized test offered in the spring, many colleges have gone “test optional”. The # 1 question that needs to be answered is,

***“Should I submit my ACT or SAT to the college I am applying to?”***

Here is what we have learned:

“Applicants who have taken the ACT or SAT and feel their scores reflect their abilities should submit them.” The Ohio State University.

“If you have a strong academic record with an above average GPA, but do not feel that your test results reflect your full potential, you may consider test-optional”.

Indiana University.



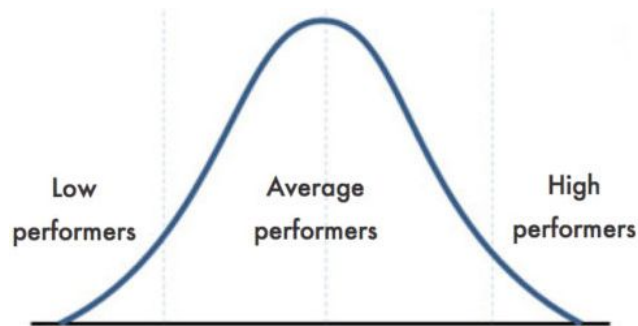
# New Test-Optional Reporting

After considering your scores, you need to compare yourself to the fall 2020 cohort at the school you are applying to. For example, students accepted to OSU for the fall term had the following average scores:

**ACT- 29.2**

**SAT- 1347**

**Top 25% in class- 94% (3.782 at TW)**



*If your ACT/SAT scores fall to the right of average, than I would send your scores. However, if they are to the left of the bell shaped curve and below average, I would not send them. At OSU, average was between a 27-32.*

# When considering colleges...

Consider three categories: Make sure you have a safety school!

“Reach Schools” - Schools that are highly competitive, and select a low number of applicants (less than 10-15%). Your personal scores (GPA & ACT/SAT) are within reach, though it may be a reach for you to get in. Or, schools with competitive program for direct admit (OSU Business, UC DAAP Program, Purdue Engineering).

“Comfort Schools”- Schools that you feel your ACT/SAT scores, and GPA are in the average. Schools that are competitive, though may admit a higher percentage of students. Close to, if not 50% admission rate.

“Safety Schools”- Schools that you feel confident that you will be accepted to. Your average scores and GPA are above average and you are confident at your chances of getting in, or know you will get in.

# Reach, Comfort, Backup

For example, Rachel has a 3.65 GPA, and scored a 26 on her ACT. She has completed 1 AP class and is on basketball team. She wants to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Reach- OSU, Miami, UC

Comfort- OU, Kent State, BGSU, Akron

Backup- Toledo, Wright State, YSU, Cleveland State

# Does TWHS rank students?

Like Dublin, Olentangy, UA, & Bexley, Worthington City Schools does not rank students. However, we will rank all students with a 4.000+ GPA as # 1. 70 students share this rank!

Here is why we don't rank: *You may be awarded more \$!* Many colleges award scholarships based on your class rank. For example, The Ohio State University:

Maximus Scholarship - \$3,000 per year (\$12,000 over 4 year) if you are top 3% of your graduating class. However, the 69th ranked student (with a 4.0) is ranked outside the top 15% of the class (out 421). This would drop them to the Trustees scholarship which is \$1,000 per year, or \$4,000 over the four years.

# Common Application

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION

Applying to college is done by applying via the Common App, or direct to the institutions website. Over 700 colleges are now members of the “Common Application”. This allows the student to fill out one single application for multiple schools! Remember, when creating your Common App account, please use a personal email, not your school email address!

The screenshot shows the Common Application dashboard for a user named David. The top navigation bar includes links for Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. A welcome message in the top right corner identifies the user as David, a First Year student with CAID 14663751 and email dquart@wsccloud.org. The main content area is titled "My Colleges Requirements" and displays a table of colleges with their respective application statuses.

My Colleges (3)	Writing Requirements	Deadline	Application	Writing Supplement	Remove
▶ Case Western Reserve University	🔴 +	—	🟡	—	🗑️
▶ Centre College	🔴 🟡	—	🟡	—	🗑️
▶ Hanover College	🟡	—	🟡	—	🗑️

# Common Application Schools in Ohio

Baldwin Wallace

Capital University

Case Western Reserve

College of Wooster

Denison University

Hiram College

John Carroll University

Kenyon College

Kent State University

Bowling Green State University

Wright State University

Tiffin University

Miami University

Oberlin College

Ohio Northern University

Ohio Wesleyan University

Otterbein University

The Ohio State University

The University of Findlay

University of Cincinnati

University of Dayton

University of Toledo

Wittenberg University

Xavier University

Ohio University

Kent State University

University of Akron

# Common Application

*Helpful hints:*

- 1) Be careful! Each college has questions that you have to answer before you submit.
- 2) Some colleges (like UC) may have an additional writing supplement. You will see these questions under, “My colleges”.
- 3) You must sign the FERPA agreement so your counselor can send your docs! We encourage you to “waive your right” to view the documents sent on your behalf.
- 4) Please do not use nicknames! Enter your name exactly as it is written in Infinite Campus.
- 5) Use the same e-mail address on all documents!



# Naviance

*Our tool to communicate with you and the institutions you are applying to! On Naviance, you can:*

- 1) Request and track transcripts & required documents.
- 2) Complete college searches.
- 3) Request teacher letter of recommendations.
- 4) Review Scholarship opportunities.
- 5) Conduct career interest inventories.





# Naviance

TWHS is a Naviance school. In other words, the School Counselors will submit all required documents to the colleges you are applying to via Naviance eDocs. The easiest way to access Naviance is Google, “Naviance”, or find the link on the TWHS website.

Please review the steps of matching your Common App account to Naviance in tonight’s handouts. This document will guide you through the process of linking your Common App Account to Naviance!



# Letters of Recommendation

- Do not send more than what the college is asking for! ***Check Naviance for the number of recs required and allowed!***
- Recommendations can come from TWHS staff, a coach, or community member.
  - Ask yourself, “*Who knows me best?*” Also, consider the program that you are interested in studying in college. For example, Engineering? Ask a former STEM teacher.
- When asking a teacher, use the “Teacher Request for Letter of Recommendation” form provided tonight.

# Letters of Recommendation

- Invite teachers online through Naviance. [Letters of Recommendation](#)
  - *Steps 9, 10, & 11 on your directions in the packet given to you at Senior Information Night.*
- Invite “Other recommenders” (non-Worthington City Schools teachers) through Common App.
- Counselors will conduct a senior interview with you. Parents should complete the “Brag Sheet” (in packet) prior to the senior interview and return it with the student. A Counselor letter of rec does not fulfill a required teacher letter of rec.
- Plan ahead! Allow up to 10 school days for your letter of recommendation to be written. For example, if it is due on 11/1, then ask by October 19th.

# Letters of Recommendation

Please be aware! Once a teacher submits a letter of recommendation through Naviance, they can not go back and “unsubmit”! Further, you need to prioritize which teacher letter of recommendation you want sent if the college only allows one! We recommend you chose specific colleges for each recommendation.

Recommendation For ^	Deadline ^	Recommender(s)	Status ⓘ	Cancel Request
Case Western Reserve University 2 required/ 4 allowed/ 2 requested	Jan 15 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested .....	✘ ✘
Cornell University 2 required/ 3 allowed/ 2 requested	Jan 02 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested .....	✘ ✘
Duke University 2 required/ 3 allowed/ 2 requested	Jan 02 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested .....	✘ ✘
Miami University-Oxford -- required/ 2 allowed/ 2 requested .....	Feb 01 2019	Mary Wahba Paul Pflieger	Requested Requested .....	✘ ✘
Ohio State University-Main Campus -- required/ 1 allowed/ 1 requested .....	Feb 01 2019	Mary Wahba	Requested .....	✘

# Required Documents

Your counselors will submit:

- 1) Transcript, which include ACT/SAT scores (\*most colleges will not accept ACT or SAT from our transcript. Therefore, you must send your scores directly from [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org), or [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com))
- 2) Common App School Report
- 3) Common App Written Evaluation (\*If requested from student)
- 4) TWHS School Profile
- 5) Current Course Schedule

*Please know, there is an extended window of time from when your counselor submits your documents, to when the college “pulls” the data from Naviance or Common App into their system. Your docs are timed stamped from when they were submitted.*

# Transcripts from Higher Ed

If you participated in College Credit Plus while a student at TWHS, you received dual credit. Please know that secondary schools will NOT accept college credit from your TWHS transcript.

In order for your CCP credit to transfer from COTC, CSCC, OSU, etc., you must order an official transcript from that institute and have it sent directly to the college that you will be attending. Do this prior to your orientation so your college advisor has record of your completed coursework.



# Scholarships & Grants

*Spring time is go time!*

*There are three “levels” of scholarships:*

- 1) Local- Due out in the spring. Monetary gift awarded one time. Applications required.
- 2) Institutional- Merit based, or college specific.
- 3) National- Generally from private businesses, organizations, etc. Create an account on fastweb.com for a list of hundreds of national scholarships. Also, check the scholarships listed on Naviance!

*Grants- Gift money often based off of previous year’s tax information reported on the FAFSA. Grants are often need based from EFC. We recommend every family to complete the FAFSA.*

# Please remember...

Where you go to college, does not define you. It will help shape your life, though you will not be seen as the person who “only went to...”.

*“Great educations are not passive experiences; they are active ones.”* -  
Condoleezza Rice, University of Denver graduate.

*“It’s not where you went to school, it’s how hard you work.”* - Bob Morse. US News & World Report. University of Cincinnati alumnus.

*“Dollars don’t equal learning”* - William Shain, Dean of Admissions Vanderbilt

*“Academic excellence is not a strong predictor of career excellence”*- Adam Grant,  
Professor, Columbia University



# Suburban College Fair

This year, the Suburban College Fair will be remote. Click [HERE](#) for a direct link to register for sessions with College Admissions! Students can participate “live” so they can ask questions and interact with college admissions!



# Conclusion



## *Questions and Answers!*

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