

Slide 23: Good evening my name is Laura Smithgall and I'm going to discuss the Junior Year Timeline

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- Size
- Geographical area
- Type of setting (city, suburban, rural)
- Cost
- Extracurricular activities
- Coed or single sex

Information is available :

Bookstores

NAVIANCE

College websites,

collegeboard.com (Big Future)

Our College and Career Counselor, Ms. Catino, is available to you as well.

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This slide shows an example of three universities that a student is interested in. the student has a 3.8GPA and a 1200 SAT score

The table shows the acceptance rate, Average GPA and Middle 50% SAT scores for the 3 schools they are interested in

The Scattergram gives data points for each student from W-L who has applied to those particular colleges over the past few years based on GPA and standardized test score. The points also indicate whether students were admitted, waitlisted or denied. This can be one tool to use to predict whether you are in range for admission at that school. It is helpful to determine where the student aligns for that college and to create a final college list that aims to have likely, target, and reach schools.

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College Visitation Verification forms are available online and in the Counseling Office
You will need to Use this form to verify your absence when visiting a college so that it can be excused

If you would like to visit with a college rep while they are at WL fill out a 'College Visit Pass' 2 days prior to the visit.. Complete list available on Naviance. All grade levels are welcome.

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At this time of year you may decide to register for the SAT and/or ACT.

- ACT: Covers English, math, reading, and science (multiple choice). Writing Test is optional (essay).
- SAT: Covers evidence-based reading and writing, as well as math. There is also an

optional Writing Test (essay). We still suggest students take it in case any of the colleges they are applying to require it, and often students do not have their complete list of where they are applying yet.

- Counselors have started meeting with students to do academic plans with our Juniors – this will be yet one more check counselors and students will do to make sure a suitable schedule has been selected for the senior year.
- **Before years end** ask a teacher or two in person to write you a letter of recommendation.
- -Find out how many letters are required for college
- Summer school options- you may decide to enroll in summer school, talk to your counselor about what options are available to you
- **NCAA Eligibility Center for Athletes - can talk to Ms. Catino**

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Certain middle school classes, including World Geography, any math at Alg 1 and higher, and any world language class, count towards high school credit and will appear on the student transcript. Students have the option to drop these classes from their transcript, especially if the grade is bringing down their GPA. Please keep in mind that if you are dropping the class, you will also be losing the associated verified credit (SOL credit) if there was one. Please consult your counselor prior to dropping any middle school classes, as dropping certain classes may change student's diploma type/affect graduation requirements.

Course drop form can be found in the counseling office or use this QR code. Priority deadline will be May 31st

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BRAG Sheets are also due to your counselor May 31st. These forms help your counselor write a holistic and well informed letter of recommendation about you. You can use the QR code to access but we will be sending this information out to all students and families in a couple months. These forms are really important for your counselor in helping us write an informational letter. There is a parent form and a student form, and we like to have both perspectives so please prioritize this and be mindful of this deadline.

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Dropping ACT/SAT

Some students may choose to remove their SAT or ACT scores from their transcript. You can scan the QR code or we also have a form in counseling to fill out. Likely, you will not fill this out until senior year as you need to have a score to hide it. This form will be due early Fall

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- If students have not yet created a common app account, they should do this over the summer. The Common Application is the single most used application for applying to college. Students have access to apply to over 1000 US schools and a few abroad via one common application. www.commonapp.org
 - Minimizes time spent filling out the same information for different school applications.
 - Common app will do an account rollover at the beginning of August. After that, applications will be available for the 2024-2025 application season.
- Many applications for schools not on the Common App may open in August as well.

Work on your college Essay! Students will write one main common app essay (the questions will be finalized and reported in the next few months). Some colleges will also require smaller supplemental essays. The college essay is the one component that takes longest to finalize. Start early!!

Continue or start to visit colleges. If you can't get to the exact campus, do a DC college tour. We have lots of different types of campuses and many are short drives for metro rides away.

Spend time pursuing your interests to build your resume. This should not be all you do all summer as you still need to relax and have fun, but it is a great time to do things that you may not have time to do during a busy school year.