



COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

BOLTON HIGH SCHOOL

March 16th 2023

Tonight's Agenda:

● **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
PANEL** 6:30pm-7:15pm

● **BOLTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
Emily Bradley
7:15pm-7:30pm

● **SCHOOL COUNSELOR
REVIEW**
7:30pm-8:00pm

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Folder Contents:


- Junior Newsletter
- College Application Process
- Senior Brag Sheet
- College Application Checklist "The Green Sheet"





Decision Making

a good decision requires information

- Gather information about yourself
 - strengths, weaknesses, abilities, & interests
 - Gather information about colleges
 - Admission statistics
 - Location
 - Size
 - Majors/Programs of Study
 - Financial Aid
 - Retention & Graduation Rates
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Teacher Recommendations

- Two teacher recommendations
- Ask your teachers, in person, prior to the end of your junior year
- Follow-up with a request via Naviance





Writing Your College Essay

- Brainstorm essay ideas with parents, teachers, and friends
- Read the six essay prompt ideas on the Common Application
 - www.commonapp.org
- Think of an interesting story to tell that answers one of the prompts and reveals something about you not already shared in your application
- Work on your story over the summer - good essays evolve and take *many* edits
- Check supplemental writing questions for each individual college - do *not* short change these!

NAVIANCE RESUME

Things to Include:

- Student Government
- Performing Arts Activities
- Yearbook
- Sports (BHS or otherwise)
- Community Service
- Outside of BHS learning experiences
- Other activities (i.e. mission trips, hobbies, etc.)
- Summer or special travel experience
- Employment
- Honors, academic achievements, and awards





Timeline Overview

Junior Year & Summer before Senior Year

- Schedule your post-secondary planning meeting with Mr. Giansanti
- Use Naviance to research schools
 - College Super Match Tool
- Prepare for SAT, Subject Tests, & ACT (if applicable)
 - SAT School Day- March 22nd
 - Register to take it again in May or June
- Visit Schools
- Attend college fairs
- Plan your college essay
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation (2)

Timeline Overview

Senior Year

- Narrow down college list
- Start filling out the common app
 - Compile a list of your extracurricular activities, community service & employment
- Check in with teachers who are writing your letters of recommendation
- Stay on top of application deadlines!
- FAFSA Application opens October 1st
- Sign the transcript release ("green sheet")
- College Decision Day- May 1st