

Junior Parent Night



JANUARY 10, 2018
6:30pm

PRESENTED BY:

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Tonight's Agenda



- Post-secondary options
- Testing
- Financial aid
- Review timelines for junior and senior year
- Questions

Class of 2017 Profile



Post-Secondary Plans

- 51% to community college
 - 82% transfer program
 - 18% career program
- 26% to a 4-year university
- 4% to a tech/trade school
- 3% to the military
- 1% into the workforce
- 15% undecided

Top 5 Universities

1. University of Illinois at Chicago
2. St. Xavier University
3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
4. Illinois State University
5. Loyola University

Post-Secondary Planning



- Research colleges and careers on Naviance
- Visit college campuses
- Attend college fairs
- Meet with college representatives in College & Career Center
- Take advantage of special opportunities
 - Field trips, career speakers, job shadowing, etc.
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Get work or volunteer experience

College Exploration



College Fairs

- National Hispanic College Fair (March 2018)
- Chicago Performing and Visual Arts Fair (September 2018)
- Chicago National College Fair at Navy Pier (October 2018)
- Moraine Valley College/Career Night (October 2018)

College Visits

- Check Naviance to see which schools are visiting
- College & Career Center during Homerooms and RAM
- Meet with college representatives and ask questions

Campus Visits

- Reavis sponsors 3-4 visits per school year
- Campus tour, presentation on admission and financial aid, meet faculty, etc.
- Check college's website for open house events and information sessions

Factors to Consider

School Type

- Four-year university, community college, technical school, etc.
- Degree/certificate programs offered
- Accreditation

Location

- Urban, suburban, or rural setting
- Total enrollment
- Average class size
- Live on campus vs. commute

Academics

- Popular and competitive majors
- Support services
- Study abroad
- Special programs (honors, accelerated, direct-entry, etc.)

Admission

- Requirements (GPA, test scores, etc.)
- Additional materials (personal statement, letter of recommendation, etc.)
- Deadlines and fees

Financial Aid

- Total cost of attendance
- Average financial aid package
- Scholarships

Student Life

- Athletics
- Clubs and organizations

Campus Facilities

- Housing, dining, library, recreational facilities, etc.

Narrow Down Your Options



- **Research, research, research!**
 - Naviance
 - College's website
 - Visit schools
- **Decide what factors are the most important to you**
 - Location
 - Cost
 - Live at home or on campus
- **Add to your “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list**
 - Application materials
 - Deadlines
- **Decide which schools you will apply to**
 - Reach School
 - Target School
 - Safety School

Testing Information

SAT State Test

- Take at Reavis on April 10th
- Graduation requirement
- Used for college admission
- SAT HR Prep/Khan Academy

SAT National Test

- Another opportunity to improve scores
- Register online through your College Board account
- Held on Saturdays
- Remaining spring dates
 - March 10th
 - May 5th
 - June 2nd
- Fee waiver available for students on Free/Reduced lunch program

ACT

- Also used for college admission
- Recommended to take at least once
- English, Reading, Math and Science
- Writing (option)
 - Required for education majors
- Scores range from 1-36

ACT National Test

- Registration and online prep at www.actstudent.org
- Remaining spring dates:
 - February 10th
 - April 14th
 - June 9th
 - July 14th
- Fee waiver available for students on Free/Reduced lunch program

Financial Aid



- What is Financial Aid?
 - Financial aid refers to specific *borrowed, given, or earned* money that can be obtained from various sources to help pay for college/training.
- Sources of Financial Aid
 - Federal and State Government (FAFSA)
 - Institutional Aid (colleges)
 - Outside Private Resources (Scholarship Packet)
- Types of Financial Aid
 - Grants/Scholarships/Work Study/Loans
- How much DOES it cost?
 - Net Price Calculator

Financial Aid



- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - October 1st – 2017 Tax Information
 - Senior Parent Night - September 2018
 - FAFSA Completion Workshop – October/November 2018
- Local and Regional Scholarship
 - In Naviance and available in Guidance office
 - Scholarship due dates starting in September

Preparing for Registration



- Homeroom presentation on January 10th
 - College research and application process
 - Testing
 - Planning for junior and senior year
- Individual registration appointment in January
 - Unofficial transcript and credit check
 - Discuss post-secondary plan
 - Senior year course selection

AP and Honors Courses



Currently Enrolled?

- Be reflective on current successes
- What are you doing to plan for success during May testing?

Considering Senior AP Courses?

- Recommendation?
- Be aware of over-commitment
- Summer Camps
- Inform yourself of course content and expectations
<http://www.reavisd220.org/content/curriculum-snapshots>

Junior Year Timeline



Second Semester and Summer

- Visit colleges
- Maintain good grades
- Prepare for and take the SAT and possibly ACT
- Research colleges online
- Get a part-time job and/or volunteer
- Participate in extracurricular activities

Senior Year Timeline



Fall

- Apply to four-year colleges
- Consider taking the SAT/ACT again to improve your score
- Attend college visits and workshops in the College & Career Center
- Visit the campuses of colleges you're applying to
- Complete the FAFSA
- Apply for scholarships

Winter

- Continue applying to four-year colleges
- Continue applying for scholarships
- Submit admission form for Moraine Valley (if applicable)

Spring

- Review offers of admission and financial aid award letters
- Make final college decision by May 1st
- Graduate!

Stay in the Loop!



- Remind your student to check his/her Reavis email address regularly!
- Encourage students to check their Naviance account for important info!
- Feel free to contact your student's guidance counselor with any questions.

Student Naviance Account



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links

- [khan academy](#)
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what's new

- You received an e-mail: [Registration Appointment Schedule](#) from Lindsay O'Donnell.
- You received an e-mail: [U.S. Navy in the Cafeteria TODAY during lunches!](#) from Sarah Schultz.
- You received an e-mail: [If I go to Moraine Valley, what is my program of study???](#) from Sarah Schultz.

Welcome Reavis Rams!

Our school's Family Connection site is designed to help guide you through course planning, career planning, college planning, and the application process during your high school years.

In Family Connection you can:

Set goals: *What do you want to do in the future? How will you get there? Create the perfect path to your dreams.*

Build a resume: *A professional looking resume can help you apply for a job or assist your teachers in writing your letters of recommendation.*

Identify your strengths: *Personality surveys and questionnaires will help you learn more about yourself.*

Identify compatible careers: *Find careers that are a great match for your strengths and personality.*

Search for colleges: *2 year? 4 year? Trade School? Find and learn more about schools that are the right fit for you.*

Manage the college application process: *Request transcripts and letters of*

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REGISTRATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BULLY HOTLINE

DAILY SAT QUESTION

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HEALTH RECORD REQ

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Mission Statement

In partnership with educators, parents, and the community, the mission of the Guidance Office is to provide a comprehensive, developmental counseling program that addresses the academic, career, and personal development of all Reavis students. The Guidance Office strives to encourage each student to become a self-directed and engaged lifelong learner that is prepared to transition into an accountable and respectful citizen of society.

Success is a journey, not a destination.

[Naviance and Family Connection](#)

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[Class of 2019 Registration Schedule](#)

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Upcoming Events

No Calendar Events found

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Guidance Links

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Tips for Parents



● Do:

- Take them to see colleges
- Proofread applications and essays and provide feedback
- Research financial aid and scholarships
- Complete FAFSA with tax return information

● Don't:

- Apply to schools for your student
- Write essays for your student
- Apply for scholarships for your student
- Force your student to apply to a school they're not interested in

Questions?



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