



***JUNIOR TO
SENIOR YEAR
TRANSITION!***

HELLO!



Who are you speaking with?

Last Names A-K

Presenter: Mrs. Lusk

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Last Names L-Z

Presenter: Mrs. Empie

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WHAT WILL WE COVER:

College Visits

Timeline for Fall

College Application Process

Requesting Transcripts

SAT/ACT Testing & Scores

College Admissions Essays

Letters of Recommendation

Scholarships

Playing Sports in College

Working With Your Counselor

Questions

HOW CAN I SEE THE SCHOOLS I'M INTERESTED IN?

- × All schools have some way to visit
 - × (2 yr, 4 yr & Trade/Technical)
- × Online presentations
- × Virtual and in-person tours
- × Spring break vs. summer
- × Spring college fairs
- × Excused absences during the fall
- × College rep visits & college fairs in the fall

SENIOR CALENDAR

Summer

1. Visit college campuses
2. Decide where you will apply
3. Start your sections of your applications

September

1. Submit applications
2. Request transcripts & test scores
3. Follow up with recommenders

October

1. Finish your applications
2. Complete FAFSA
3. Start scholarship searches & applications

HOW TO APPLY AND WHICH APPLICATION IS "BEST"

Option 1:

1. College's own application
2. Transcript request (parchment.com)
3. Send test scores
4. Fee waivers are available

Option 2:

1. The Common Application
2. Counselor section
3. Teachers & Recommenders
4. Send test scores
5. Fee waivers are available

Option 3:

1. Coalition Application
2. Rarely needed

REQUESTING YOUR TRANSCRIPT

Transcripts are required:

- × Without one your application is **INCOMPLETE** & will not be reviewed.

The Common App:

- × Your counselor will add your transcript as part of their section.

Other applications:

- × The student must order a transcript by going to:
www.parchment.com

What will be the impact of sophomore year grades being Pass/Fail?

SAT/ACT TESTING

1. Which test is best?

- × All colleges accept both tests. (This applies to both in-state and out-of-state schools.)

2. When will I be able to take the SAT?

- × SAT has monthly testing Aug–Dec.
- × All current 11th graders will be testing in April.

3. Should I plan to test more than once?

- × Why would I do this?
- × How many times?
- × Test optional practices
- × What is a “good” score?

SAT/ACT SCORE REPORTING

- × Your test scores are always on your high school transcript
- × **BUT** not all colleges will accept them on your transcript!
 - × Order SAT scores: www.collegeboard.org
 - × Order ACT scores: www.actstudent.org
- × Send them to four schools for free when you register
- × Fee to send score reports is \$12–13 per college
- × Fee Waivers
- × Superscoring: What is this?

COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING

Your English teacher is planning to address college essay writing toward the end of May. You will be given a variety of online resources, directions for writing college essays and essay samples to review. You will be able to submit your college essays to your English teacher for feedback if you would like.



HOW TO ASK FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Not all applications need them
2. 1-2 recommenders
3. Ask in advance with a minimum of two weeks notice!
4. Nov 1st deadline? Deadline to ask is **10/18/21**
5. Follow up with your recommenders. Especially for the common app!
6. Your counselor & teachers need a list of activities for letters of recommendation and the Common App.

~ Request for Recommendation/Evaluation ~

If you would like me to complete a recommendation/evaluation, please provide the following information...

- **Name**
- **Deadline to have the recommendation/evaluation completed by** (please give a minimum of 2 weeks notice)
- **Future Plans & Goals**
 - What colleges are you applying to, major/course of study, career goals, etc.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities (Sports, Clubs, etc.)**
 - Include which grades/year, which level – Freshman/JV/Varsity, leadership positions held – Captain/Co-Captain, President/Vice-President, Secretary, etc., special activities/events participated in
 - What did you gain from these experiences?
- **Honors/Awards (Academic, Athletic, Attendance, Club, Recognition, etc.)**
 - Include the grade/year(s) you earned the award, # of times earned, etc.
- **Community Involvement (community service, volunteer work, church involvement, etc.)**
 - Include the activity/events & dates (month/year)
 - What did you gain from these experiences?
- **Work Experience**
 - List your employer & position(s) held
 - Include your dates of employment (month/year) & average # hours per week
 - Include your responsibilities
- **Interests/Hobbies (outside of school)**
- **Personal Qualities**
 - List and explain 3-4 qualities that you feel you possess
- **References**
 - List the Hartland teachers/coaches to whom I might go to for further reference.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION...

- **Personal Achievements/Experiences**
 - Do you have any special achievements in or out of school that you are especially proud of?
 - Do you feel that your grades are a fair representation of your academic ability? If not, please explain.
 - Are there any factors that have come up during your high school career which you feel have put you at a disadvantage or have impacted you in some way? If so, please explain.
 - Have you participated in any special programs, summer workshops, camps, etc.? If so, please list and explained what you gained from these experiences.
 - Explain your personal contribution to the high school community.
- **Special Circumstances/Additional Information**
 - Are there any special family circumstances? ...Single parent household? Death of a parent or sibling? Siblings who will be in college at the same time? Extended family that live in your home?
 - Are there any financial hardships that I should be aware of?
 - Are there any other special circumstances that you would like me to communicate on your behalf?
 - Is there any additional information that you think would be important for me to know when completing your recommendation/evaluation?

SEE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL

Junior-Senior Transition Handout



\$6,739,950

That's how much scholarship money was offered to the
Class of 2020!!

Want to find scholarships? www.hartlandhighschool.us

Click on: "Counseling", then "Financial Aid and Scholarships", then
"Scholarship Gazette"



PLAYING SPORTS IN COLLEGE

Division I or II:

Register with the
NCAA Clearinghouse.

Make sure your
counselor knows
you want to be a
college-athlete!

NCAA Clearinghouse
needs your SAT
scores. Make sure
you send them your
scores when you
register for the SAT.

NCAA has a great
student resource
called the Guide for
the College-Bound
Student Athlete.

It is free online and
extremely helpful!

***YOUR COUNSELOR IS HERE TO HELP.
EMAIL US WITH QUESTIONS OR TO
SCHEDULE A TIME TO TALK ABOUT YOUR
SPECIFIC PLANS.***

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THANKS!



You can continue to ask questions in the chat box!