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Post-Secondary Planning Night For Juniors

First Steps

- What is their goal(s) after graduating from CRLS?
 - ▣ Attend college, trade school/training program, gap year, military, employment
- What steps will you need to take to accomplish this goal?
- Where should you begin?
 - ▣ Students/parents should access their Naviance accounts
 - ▣ Students are encouraged to read their CRLS email, the DYK, and listen to the daily announcements
 - ▣ Visit the College and Career Resource Center (CCRC)

Post-Secondary Research

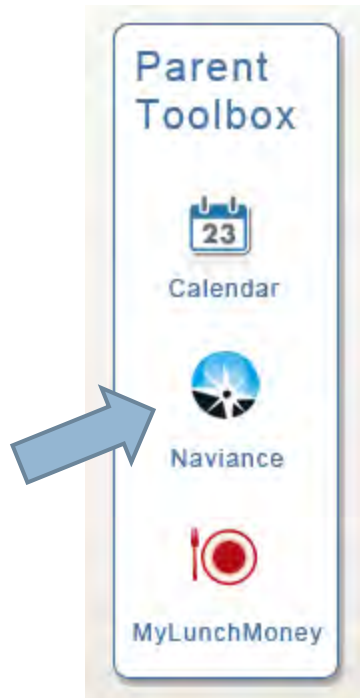
- **Decide what's important to you**
 - ▣ Two year, Four year, Commonwealth Commitment/Mass Transfer, Technical Programs
 - ▣ Size, location, setting, diversity, courses of study
 - ▣ Affiliations – HBCU, Religious, Single Gender
 - ▣ Private vs. Public
- **Create an initial list (Naviance)**
 - ▣ Reach, Match, Probable Schools
- **Research the Admissions Requirements**
- **Know the deadlines**

Naviance

- What is Naviance?
 - ▣ This program helps students and families connect what students do in the classroom to their life goals, including finding colleges and careers based on their personal skills and areas of interests.
- Students & Parents
 - ▣ Students will be required to maintain their college list through Naviance
 - ▣ Students will be required to indicate which teachers they have asked for recommendations
 - ▣ Students will sign up for college/program visits to the College and Career Resource Center (CCRC)
 - ▣ Access Naviance from the CPSD or CRLS homepages
- Guidance
 - ▣ Naviance will aid us in sending your recommendations and transcripts timely and efficiently

Accessing Naviance

- Log on to CRLS website (<http://crls.cpsd.us/>)
 - ▣ Click on *For Families* Tab, then go to Parent Toolbox
 - ▣ Click on Naviance icon



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what's new

-  New York Film Academy will be visiting your school on Thursday, March 16th at 1:08 pm [more info!](#) [register](#)

Spring Term Juniors

Spring College Fair - Coming soon: Arlington High School's spring college fair information will be sent to the class of 2018 first class folder and be posted on the CCRC bulletin board as soon as it becomes available.

College Admission Tests:

SAT Registration - collegeboard.org

Juniors should plan to take SAT in the May/June of this year

- May 6th test (registration deadline April 7th)
- June 3rd test (registration deadline May 9th)

if you live in public housing and/or receive free or reduced lunch – ask your guidance counselor for a fee waiver.

SAT Subject Tests


- Competitive schools like Ivy League, Boston College, Tufts, etc... require SAT Subject Tests. Most schools will require two SAT Subject Tests in an area of the students choice. If you are planning to major in engineering, science, or math – many schools will want at least one SAT Subject Test score in math or science.
- Juniors should think about taking SAT Subject Tests if they are taking AP courses or should ask their honors level teachers if they recommend taking the SAT Subject Tests.
- Subject Tests are offered on the same test dates as above. Students may take up to three subject tests in one test administration. Students are not able to take the SAT and the SAT Subject Test in the same day.


ACT Test Dates- <http://www.actstudent.org>

- April 8 (registration deadline March 3rd)
- June 10th (registration deadline May 5th)

TOEFL - Test of English as a Foreign Language - Test for students who have resided in the United States for 5 or

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Upcoming college visits

- 03/16/17 New York Film Academy [details »](#)
- 03/28/17 United States Army Recruiter [details »](#)
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Building a college list

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	College	Common App	Added By	My Interest	Application Deadlines†				CONTACT	Actions		
					Early Decision	Early Action	Priority	Regular Decision		GRAPH	WWW	
my colleges	Boston Univ	Yes	student	N/A	11/1	-	-	1/1				
colleges I'm thinking about	Clark Univ	Yes	parent	N/A	11/15	-	-	1/15				
	Fordham Univ	Yes	student	N/A	-	11/1	-	1/15				
colleges I'm applying to	Framingham State Coll	-	student	N/A	-	11/15	3/1	2/15				
	George Wash Univ	Yes	parent	N/A	11/10	-	-	1/10				
college visits	Harvard Univ	Yes	student	N/A	-	-	12/1	1/1				
	Lesley U	Yes	student	N/A	-	12/1	3/1	3/15				
college research	U of MA Amherst	Yes	student	N/A	-	11/1	-	1/15				
	New York Univ	Yes	parent	N/A	11/1	-	-	1/1				
college match	Northeastern Univ	Yes	student	N/A	-	11/1	-	1/15				
	Salem State Coll	-	student	N/A	-	-	4/1	-				
college compare	Tufts Univ	Yes	student	N/A	11/2	-	-	1/4				

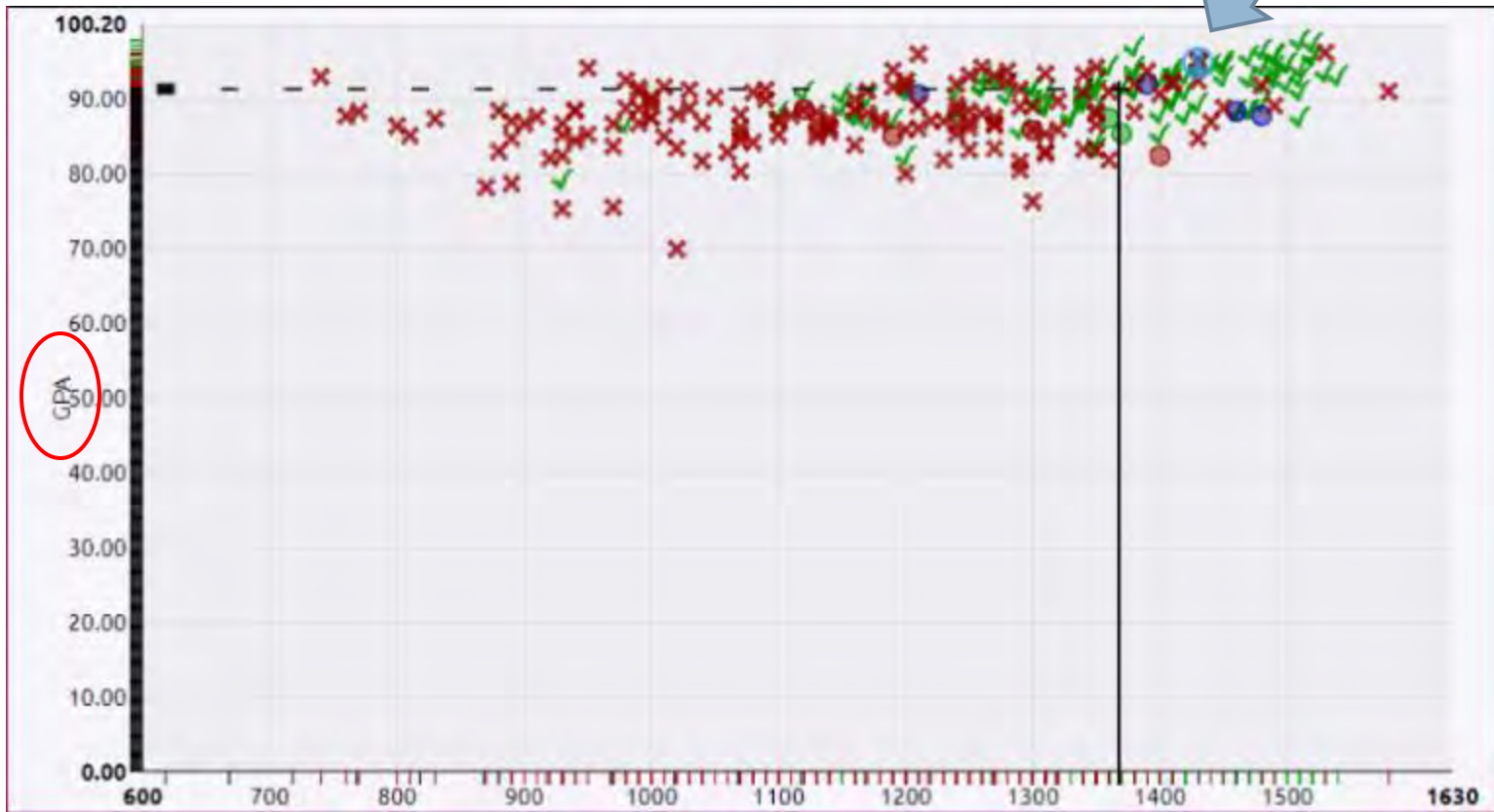
†College information is provided by the colleges themselves. Costs, dates, policies, and programs are subject to change, so please confirm important facts with college admission personnel.

scholarships & money

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Applicant Comparison

Boston University – Joe Sample



SAT scores

College Admissions Testing

- SAT Reasoning Test – www.collegeboard.org
 - ▣ *Per the College Board, you are required to upload a photo with your registration.*
 - ▣ *If your child receives testing accommodations, you must include his/her SSD number when registering.*
 - ▣ *Fee waivers available for students who qualify*
- ACT (w/writing) – www.actstudent.org
 - ▣ *Fee waivers available for students who qualify*
- SAT Subject Tests – Most Selective Schools Only
 - ▣ *Literature, US History, World History, Math Level 1 & 2, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese, French, Spanish, German, Hebrew, Latin, Italian, Japanese, & Korean*
- TOEFL – www.ets.org
 - ▣ *Fee reductions only given during senior year*



SAT or ACT? Which one should I take?

□ SAT:

- ▣ A college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge.
- ▣ Two required components: Critical Reading and Mathematics. An “optional” Writing Test
- ▣ No penalty for guessing

□ ACT:

- ▣ An achievement test measuring what a student has learned in school
- ▣ 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test (Some colleges require this writing test)
- ▣ Scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing
- ▣ Includes an Interest Inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests in various career options

Upcoming Testing Dates

- March 10: SAT only (late registration available)
- April 14: ACT (w/writing)
- May 5: SAT or Subject tests
- June 2: SAT or Subject tests
- June 9: ACT (w/writing)
- July 14: ACT (w/writing)
- August TBD: SAT or Subject tests

- Registration deadlines are approximately one month before the test date. Check College Board/ACT for the exact dates. **Register early!**

- Fee waivers available for students who qualify. Students should see their guidance counselor.

- When should students take the SAT and/or ACT?
 - Look ahead to your spring commitments. This may help you decide.

Test Prep Opportunities

- PSAT & Khan Academy
 - ▣ Link PSAT scores to create individualized practice tests
- SAT Prep Spring Semester for Juniors
 - ▣ Tuesdays in the Pearl Wise Library's Fiction room from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Harvard CHANCE
 - ▣ Mondays from 3:00–5:00 p.m. in the Science Center, room 309A
- Consult Naviance for links to additional SAT/ACT/SAT Subject test preparation

Recommendations

- Most colleges require:
 - ▣ One Guidance Counselor Recommendation
 - ▣ Two Teacher Recommendations
 - Who to ask?
 - When to ask?
 - Brag Sheets (Naviance)
 - Student (Required)
 - Parent (Recommended)



Personal Statement/College Essay

Common Application - www.commonapp.org

□ 2018-2019 Common Application Essay Prompts

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Essay help - Cambridge School Volunteers

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30 in 1501 (CCRC)

What Matters Most?

- Transcript
 - Grades
 - Strength of curriculum
- Standardized test scores
- Recommendations
- College Essay/Personal Statement
- Involvement

What Makes You Unique?

- Athletics
 - ▣ Talk to current coach
 - ▣ Register for the NCAA Eligibility Center by the end of Junior year
 - ▣ Create an Athletic resume/highlight reel
 - ▣ Attend Student Athletic Night on March 27. Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Will feature an Alumnus panel and Q&A session
- Studio Arts
 - ▣ Create a Portfolio
- Performing Arts
 - ▣ Produce a Recording
 - ▣ Auditions
- Community Service
 - ▣ Build a Resume
- RSTA/Trade
 - ▣ Create a Portfolio
 - ▣ Build a Resume



"I want to show my colleges I'm well-rounded, so I wrote a poem in Spanish about how chess club has made me a better quarterback."

Professional Profile

- Social Media
 - ▣ What does it say about you?
- Email Address
 - ▣ Use a professional account
 - ▣ Check e-mail regularly
- Voice Mail



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You Tube

What should students be doing now?

- Spring 2018
 - ▣ Academics are the first priority
 - ▣ Make an appointment with their Guidance Counselor
 - ▣ Register to take the SAT/ACT
 - ▣ Ask teachers for recommendations
 - ▣ Complete their brag sheets

- Ongoing Spring/Summer 2018
 - ▣ Schedule visits to Colleges/Programs –
 - Always clear with your Dean of Students beforehand.
 - ▣ Build a resume
 - ▣ Create a portfolio that includes a few graded writing samples that they are proud of.
 - ▣ Research colleges/programs, admission rates and requirements.
 - Create an initial list: Explore Reach, Match, & Probable - Naviance
 - ▣ Personal Statement/Essay

What should parents be doing now

- Stay aware of grades and plan for senior year course selection
 - 2018-2019 Course catalog available now on the CRLS homepage
- Plan college visits
- Become familiar with Naviance – Parent Brag Sheet available
- Organize Important Documents
 - Locate Social Security Card; Passport/Birth Certificate; Tax Records
 - Students are encouraged to obtain a State ID
 - Ensure name matches all official documents
- Encourage Test Prep
- Financial Planning
 - uAspire: Simone Lawrence - Available appointments Tuesdays-Fridays 9:00-3 p.m. in the CCRC
- Over the summer – encourage college essay and brag sheet completion

Some Helpful Resources

- Visit Naviance for additional resources, such as:
 - MASS Career Information System: www.masscis.intocareers.org
 - MASS Dept. of Labor Apprenticeships, Unions, and Training Programs: www.mass.gov
 - FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Scholarships: www.fastweb.com
 - NCAA Eligibility Center: www.ncaa.org
- uAspire Financial Aid Help: Tuesdays-Fridays 9:00-3 p.m. in the CCRC
- CEOC Free Financial Aid help: www.ceoccambridge.org, 11 Inman St, Cambridge
- ASA College Planning (Boston Public Library: Mondays-Saturdays)
- Cambridge School Volunteers – Wed. 2:30-4:30pm
- CRLS website: www.cpsd.us/crls & College & Career Center (1501)
- Did You Know: www.cpsd.us/crls/dyk
- College Fair – October 2018
- Senior Post-Secondary Planning Night – September 2018



QUESTIONS?

CRLS Guidance
Thank you!