

Mount Sinai High School Guidance Bulletin



Remember to always check Naviance for important updates and bulletins.

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A GUIDE TO VISITING A COLLEGE CAMPUS

A campus visit is your opportunity to get a firsthand view of a college. To really get a feel for the college, you need to walk around the campus, sit in on a class, see the athletic facilities, visit the library and/or visit the dorm rooms. A visit will also give you a chance to talk to students, faculty, and financial aid and admission officers who can answer important questions you may have. Listed below is a brief description of what to expect on your visit.

Gather Information and Explore the Campus

- Take part in a group information session at the admission office.
- Interview with an admission officer.
- Pick up financial aid forms.
- Sit in on a class that interests you. If classes aren't in session, see what the classrooms are like.
- Meet a professor who teaches a subject that interests you.
- Talk to students and ask them for their opinions of their classes and professors.

Explore the Campus

- Take a campus tour.
- Talk to current students about life on campus and the college.
- Check out the freshmen dorms and stay overnight with a student, if possible.
- Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore and other campus facilities.
- Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.
- Read the student newspaper.
- Scan bulletin boards to see what students' daily life is like.
- Go to the career center and learn what services are offered.
- Browse the school's website and any campus blogs.

Questions to Ask During Your Visit

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- What is it like to go from high school to college?
- What do you do in your free time? On the weekends?
- What do you love about this college?
- What do you wish you could change about this college?
- Why did you choose this college?
- What is it like to live here?

All colleges have admission offices that can help plan your visit. You can contact the office of admissions by email or phone through the college website to make a reservation.

SAT I & SAT II DATES

Date	Registration Deadline
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017

***New summer test date:**

August 26, 2017 July 28, 2017

To register for the exam or send test scores, log on to:

www.collegeboard.com.

ACT DATES

Date	Registration Deadline
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

To register for the exam or send test scores, log on to:

www.actstudent.org.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING

At the March 1st, College and Career Planning workshop, Counselors advised parents about Naviance, the college search process, standardized tests, scholarships and college visits.

Likewise, the high school counselors will begin meeting individually with eleventh grade students to discuss their college and career plans. These meetings will begin in March. It is strongly recommended that parents be involved in this process. **If you are interested in setting up an individual meeting, please contact your child's counselor.**

Eleventh grade students can begin the college process now by:

- Using Naviance to search for colleges by major, location, size and competitiveness.
- Update your resume on Naviance.
- Explore Financial Aid opportunities using Naviance links: Big Future, My College Dollars and College Goal NY.
- Researching and visiting colleges by attending open houses. Open house schedules are listed on Naviance.
- Register to take the SAT/ACT exam. Prep using Method Test Prep (Castle Learning) and Khan Academy (College Board).
- Research and register for *Summer Enrichment Programs*, if interested.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Every year the Mount Sinai Senior Class is provided with the opportunity to apply for the various scholarships offered through our local community and the Mount Sinai School District. Those students who are awarded scholarships will be invited to participate in Senior Awards Night on June 5, 2017. At this time, students will be presented with their award and/or recognition.

The local scholarships available to students of the *Class of 2017* will be accessible for your/their review on the Naviance website on **Thursday, March 2, 2017**. Please be reminded that your PowerSchool user name and password are applicable for accessing Naviance.

Likewise, Mr. Cassella, our scholarship chairperson, and Mrs. Halbig, our Guidance Secretary, met with senior students on **March 2** to provide them with an overview of the local scholarships and the application process.

In years past, many students participated in the local scholarship process and the *Class of 2017* is encouraged to do so as well. Should you have any questions related to the local scholarship application process, please feel free to contact Ms. Margaret Halbig

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS 2017

Students who are enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course will be taking the corresponding AP exam during the period of May 1 through May 12, 2017. Please check with your teacher regarding specific test dates and times. Students and parents will be receiving a bulletin outlining the AP policies and procedures for testing day and thereafter. Please refer to this packet if you have any questions or log on to www.collegeboard.com.

SCHEDULING

- You will be receiving Student course requests for the 2017–2018 school year in the mail shortly.
- Parents and students should review these selections and sign the request form and return it to the Guidance Office by March 23.
- Counselors will meet with students regarding schedule conflicts between May and June of this year.

As your child and you begin the course selection process for the 2017-18 school year, we encourage students to strongly consider requesting enrollment in courses that offer a rigorous curriculum in order to challenge and enhance their academic interests and abilities. Doing so will provide students with opportunities to apply prior knowledge and learning experiences as a means for achieving higher levels of academic success. Likewise, the high school's instructional staff will continue to provide students with the instructional support and resources necessary to foster their success at all levels. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor, Mr. Dyroff or Mr. Grable.