WELCOME SENIOR PARENTS!



"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."

~ Denis Waitley

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SCHOOL COUNSELORS ARE HERE TO HELP!

<u>Junior Year</u>

December:

classroom lesson

March:

- course selection
- junior graduation conference
- SAT Testing at BHS

<u>June</u>:

- Senior Kickoff Sessions
- College Admissions
 Presentations

Senior Year

September-December:

- individual senior/counselor conferences
- group college application help sessions during Bruin Block
- College Visits at BHS

<u>January/February</u>:

• scholarship sessions

<u>May:</u>

- Senior Awards
- Graduation Survey

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

- AACC or other Community College
 - 2 year degree or transfer
- Career
- Technical School
- Military
 - ASVAB
- 4 Year College/University



Upcoming College Fairs

BHS College Fair October 17th Biggest college fair in the area!

National College Fair October 16th Baltimore, MD



The College Process: Where should I apply?

 Consider approximately 4-6 schools on your list
 Use the "Supermatch" tool in Naviance to explore colleges based on your interests and values

SuperMatch College

👭 Choose Fit Criteria 🦲

Your Fit Criteria

Comprehensive List of Criteria

Search schools by location, cost, size, and more to find your best fit, but not all

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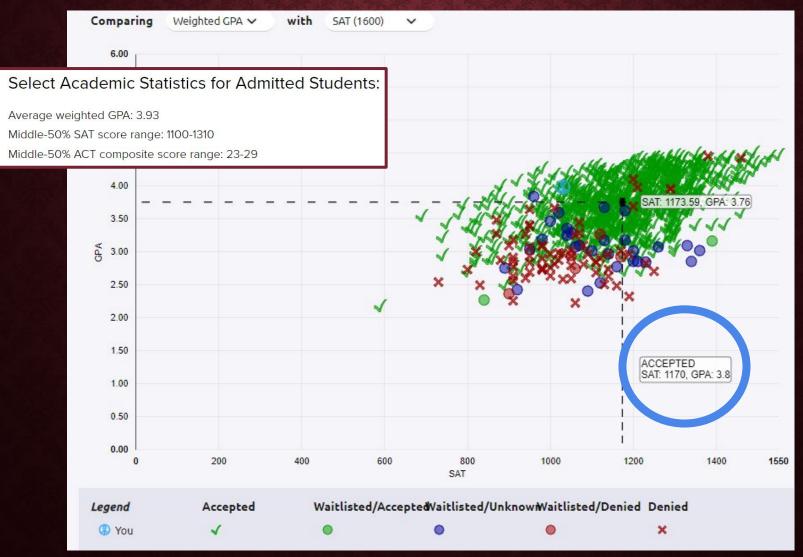
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NEXT

1/6

- Reach vs. Good Fit
 - GPA/Test Score
 - Broadneck scattergrams

What is a Scattergram? Here's...Towson University



Use College Websites for the most up to date info!



Undergraduate Admissions

Academics 🗸 Student Life 🗸

How To Apply ∨ Tuition & Aid ∨

FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Apply to the University of Maryland (UMD) as a freshman using the Common App or ApplyWeb platform.



THE COMPLETE APPLICATION

<u>Use this helpful guide when assisting your senior</u>

- 1. Student's Online Application (some use Common Application or Coalition)
- 2. <u>Broadneck</u> sends via Naviance:
 - Transcript
 - Teacher Recommendation
 - Counselor Recommendation/Form
 - School Profile
- 3. <u>Students</u> take and send test scores
 - Many college are now "test optional"
 - Must be requested from College Board or ACT
 - ACT and SAT test dates available Sept-Dec.



Transcript Request

Transcript Request Form for College Applications

Student Name:	Student ID:	Counselor:	Date Submitted:

Student Signature:_____ I have read this form and understand the directions to support my college applications.

Please allow 10 school days prior to your deadline for your request to be submitted to your college.

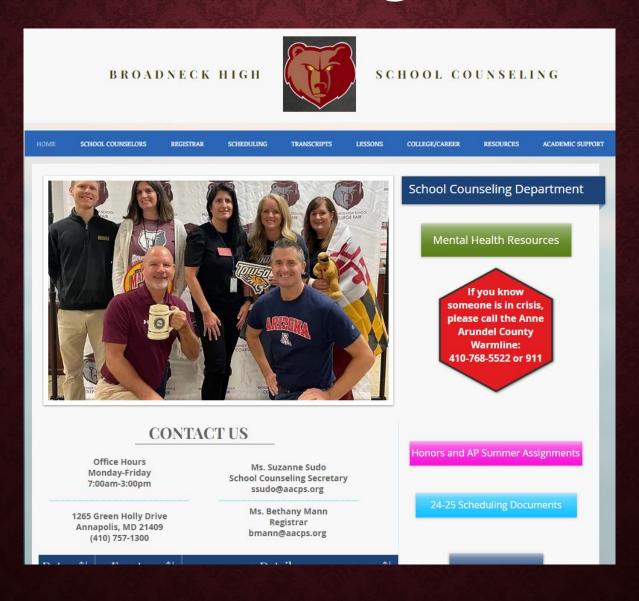
Review the reverse side "College Application Checklist" for detailed instructions to support your college applications.

College Name \$2.00 per transcript request	Application Deadline Date	Application Type Early Decision, Early Action, Priority, Regular or Rolling?	Common Application Are you using the common app? Y/N	If Using Common App. have you MATCHED your Common App in Naviance? Y/N	Counselor Recommendation V/N Senior Survey completion is REQUIRED

Total Transcript Requests:

Total Requests x \$2.00 =

BHS Counseling Website



ADMISSION TYPES

Early Action	Regular Decision	Rolling Admission					
Apply early and receive a decision well in advance of regular response date. AKA "Priority Deadline"	Submit application by specified date and receive decision in clearly stated period of time	Review applications as they are submitted.					

Non-Binding

Early Decision

Students make a commitment to a firstchoice school where if admitted they definitely will enroll. Early Deadlines.

BINDING

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Check with each institution (Merit based)
 - Apply Early! Early bird gets the \$\$
 - FAFSA opens between Oct. 1 and Dec. 1 (check studentaid.gov for updates)
 - Must be completed each year of college
- Naviance Scholarship Search
 - Most local scholarships come through the BHS counseling office, so check Naviance "Scholarship Search"
- Counselors will have optional scholarship information sessions this spring for interested seniors

Check out the **BHS Counseling Website** with links and resources

Attend AACC presentation "Ways to Pay" on October 17th

NEXT STEPS FOR SENIORS

- 1. Check your emails! (update Naviance email)
- 2. Create a Common Application account
- 3. Sign up for College Visits in Naviance
- 4. Make plan for SAT/ACT (check if colleges are test-optional)
- 5. Finalize your college application list
- 6. Complete your "senior survey" in Naviance (for Counselor Letters of Rec)
- 7. Use the checklist to organize your college application tasks

STAY ORGANIZED and MEET DEADLINES

Required Senior Forms

- High School Graduation Agreement
 - Confirms remaining graduation requirements
- Senior Transcript Release Form
 - Gives BHS permission to send transcript to colleges/scholarship
- Coming soon: Email coming in September with instructions on how to complete the forms electronically

THANKYOU!



We look forward to a great year with your seniors!

~BHS Counselors