

Senior Parent College Review

Mercy High School
September 5, 2019

Goals for Tonight

- Review information from senior class meeting
- Give a “task list” of things to do in the next few days
- Provide a road-map for this semester/year
- Answer questions

Daughter's current steps

- Counseling forms to turn in
 - Consent to release records
 - Counselor Letter of Rec request
 - \$20.00 processing fee
- Teacher letter of recommendation form
- Naviance Student
 - Move schools to “I’m Applying to”
 - Add teacher recommender
 - Request transcripts (after forms turned in)
 - Match Common App (if using CA)

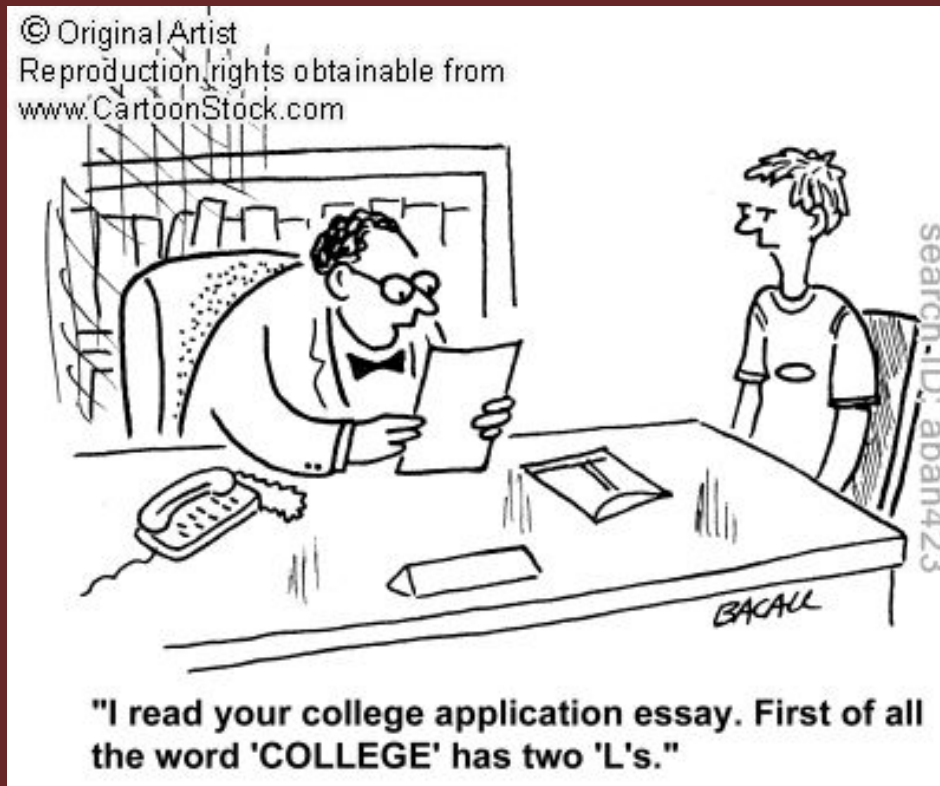
First Meeting with Counselor

Occur during Cycle 3

- Have colleges listed in “Colleges I’m Applying to”
- Talk about her essay plans
- Teacher Request for letter of recommendation - not everyone will need a letter
- College Application Timeline
- FERPA
- SAT/ACT

College Essays and Applications

- College Essays and Application proofreading



FERPA

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- ❖ In this setting can I see my letters of recommendation?
 - Recommend WAIVING rights for the college application

Sending Test Scores

Mercy High School does not send test scores

- Students should always send their highest composite for schools that require tests
- Additional scores can be sent in consultation with the counselor or an admissions representative
- Counselors are available to consult about test optional schools

Financial Aid

- Not much to do with regards to need based aid
- Merit aid – may come at time of acceptance
- Some schools have no merit aid – but match 100% of demonstrated need
- Never too early to apply for scholarships – don't wait until March when your need based packages come out



Financial Aid Continued

- Financial Aid Night - September 18th 7 pm
- FAFSA opens October 1st
- CSS opens on October 1st
 - Not all schools take the CSS profile so only complete if your student is applying to a CSS school
- Mercy regularly updates scholarship list
- Student sign up for Going Merry (invite in Schoology) for more scholarships

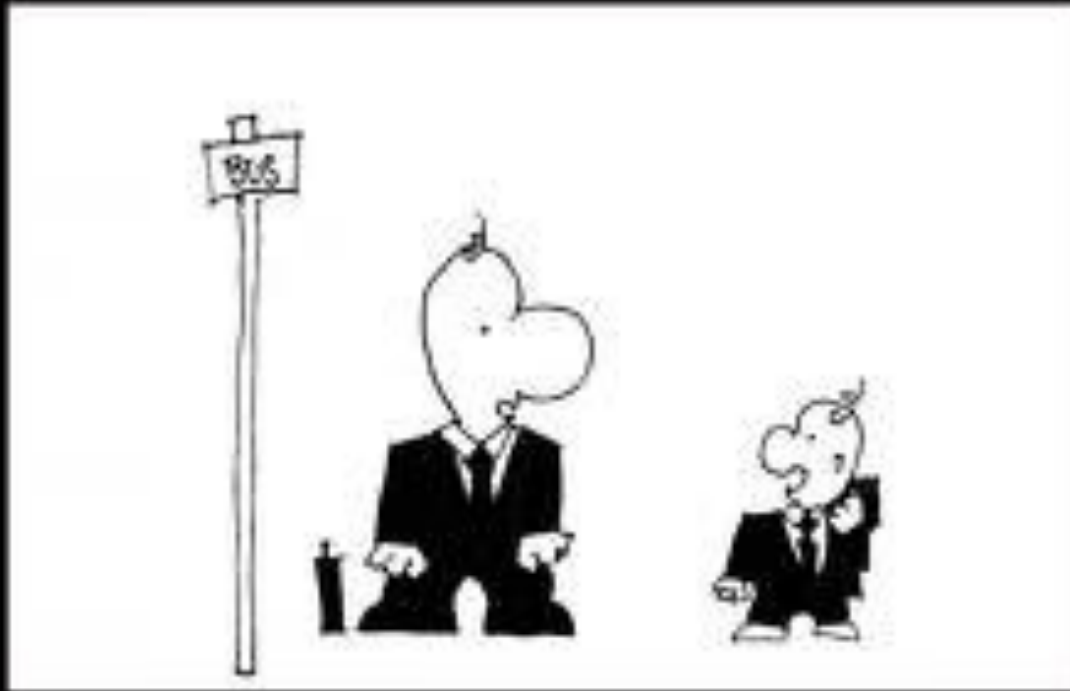
Final Reminders

- 3 week rule
- MSU - Submit by September 30th
- U of M - Submit by October 15th
- Sign up for College Visits
- ACT/SAT Scores - Daughter sends these to the schools
- May 1st national day is the required day to make a deposit to a college

How you can help in the process...

- Set a time once a week to talk about college
- When you are feeling overwhelmed talk to someone other than your student - they are navigating this too
- Take a look at the helpful talking points guide

Questions?



"Will I ever run out of questions?"