Senior Seminar
Class of 2020
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The first time a college will see you is through your application, so make sure your first impression is a good one.

- **Senior Seminar:** Informational packet given to students September 9th-12th in English classes! **IMPORTANT** to create a Senior File for organization!
- Senior Planning Guide available online
- Seniors should have narrowed college choices down to at least four:
  - Dream School
  - Back-up to Dream School (Reality School)
  - Two “for-sure” School choices considering primary needs & wants
Transcripts!

• Review transcript for accuracy:
  Test scores
    o ACT
    o SAT
    o MME

  Grade Replacement
• Grade Point Average is listed on Transcript
• Walled Lake Schools Does NOT rank students

• There are 302 students in the class of 2020
Students should have created an account in the Spring. If not, they must create their account.

All transcripts must be requested through parchment.

Do not request transcripts until you have applied to the university!

Check for updates regarding delivery/release/receipt of transcripts on parchment

Fee for colleges not included in the Parchment database.

Submit Routing Form for each college.
Applications

- Complete applications online.
- Pay fees online.
- Request transcripts be delivered through Parchment.
- Complete and turn in a College Application Routing form for each application.
- **Allow 7 days** for Counselors to process the applications.
- Deadlines are STUDENT’s responsibility!!!
- Plan to have all applications completed before Halloween.
On-site Admission and Presentations

- Colleges will be visiting throughout the month of October.
- Sign up through www.signupgenius.com
- FOR On-Site Admissions: Students **must** turn in application by date noted on the list! Most Do NOT want you to apply online but want a printed application!
- Many colleges waive the application fee for on-site admissions.
- Meeting directly with the admissions representative for the school.
- If a school of interest only makes presentation, it is also important for student to sign up and attend!
Recommendations

• Most schools do NOT require nor want recommendations. Check with each college’s website.
• For those that require letters, make sure to give your teachers and counselor at least 2 weeks notice to write the letter.
• The Common Application will process letters electronically if you invite your teachers to submit online by entering their email. **Make sure you have the correct e-mail addresses!**
• Paper letters of rec must be turned in with your Routing Form so that they can all be mailed together.
Brag Sheet and Resume

• Highlight what makes you a unique individual and stand out from the rest.
  o Academics
  o Extracurricular
  o Leadership
  o Volunteerism
  o Personal

• Resumes can be created on your own or you can print a resume from [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

• Brag Sheets can be found in counseling or on Western Counselor Tab on website.

• Must be submitted with your college application Routing form.
Review of Process

- Create an Account online with Parchment
- Apply online to schools of choice
  - Watch school deadlines
  - Make sure to complete required essays and recommendations as needed
- Request letters of recommendation IF needed
- Submit College Application Routing Form
- Submit Brag Sheet/Resume ONE Time (IF needed)!
- Use Parchment to track the status of your transcript
- Check college websites to track the status of your application
- Decisions can take **Weeks** and sometimes **Months**!
How to pay for College?

• Attend this meeting:
  • Tuesday, Sept. 24th 6:30pm at WL WESTERN

• We will cover scholarships, financial aid, grants, and much more!
Financial Aid and Scholarships

• Financial Aid will now be processed OCTOBER 1, 2019
• Tuesday, Sept. 24th 6:30pm at WL WESTERN

• Begin looking for scholarships now!
  o Register with www.fastweb.com
  o Watch for local scholarships in November. **Legacy Scholarships** are for Walled Lake students! Contact **Mr. Walczyk** for more information
  o Check College websites
  o Check Counseling Websites or contact **Mrs. Nour Asbahi**

➢ To get started with FAFSA:
  Create an account on www.FAFSA.gov
  Request PIN for both student and parent
  Gather financial information at the end of the year
ACT/SAT Testing Dates: Register online

- ACT website: www.act.org
  - Date for 2019-20 in Senior Planning Guide & Handbook
  - Students must keep track of registration ID provided with score reports

- SAT website: www.sat.collegeboard.org
  - SAT
  - SAT subject tests

MOST COLLEGES require scores be sent from ACT or CollegeBoard directly. Students must find out and take necessary steps to send scores.