

# Welcome to Junior College Information Night!



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Valley Stream Central High School  
District Guidance  
February 6, 2012



# Junior Year Timeline

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## **February/March:**

- Utilize SAT elective, outside prep course or on-line review to prepare for SAT/ACT.
- Register for *SAT/ACT with Writing*/SAT Subject tests.
- Schedule individual parent/student college conference immediately.
- Conduct college searches utilizing Naviance to establish initial college interest list. **Bring list to college conference.**
- Create an **appropriate 'College Only' email address.**
- Begin visiting possible college choices.
- Continue to participate in school/community activities.
- **Attend SAT Night At Central.**
- **Attend NCAA Night at Central.**

## **April/May:**

- Take appropriate SAT/ACT tests either reasoning or subject tests.
- Begin to request letters of recommendations from teachers.
- Create a filing system for college material.
- Continue researching colleges on your list-refine as necessary.

# Junior Year Timeline (Continued)



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## **June:**

- Take *SAT/ACT with Writing/* or SAT Subject tests.
- Take final exams and Regents exams in school.
- Retake any previous Regents exams if necessary.
- Write your student resume, utilize format from Guide or Naviance.
- Inform counselor of any changes on your college list.

## **July/August:**

- Work/Volunteer/Intern or enroll in a summer program.
- Visit Colleges.
- Begin writing your college essay.
- Continue preparing for SAT/ACT tests.



# Senior Timeline

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## **August:**

- Register for SAT &/or *ACT with Writing* or SAT Subject Tests for September/October exam.
- Create Username/Password for Common &/or CUNY Applications.
  - *Hint: Use appropriate Username & Password for ALL applications and keep the same username and password for all applications for ease of remembering.*

## **September:**

- Finalize College list (if necessary meet with your counselor).
- Determine if you are going to apply Early Decision or Early Action being mindful of deadlines.
- Begin work on college applications including finalizing resumes.
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation utilizing Naviance.
- Write College Essays in Senior English class.
- **Attend Senior College Application Night at South HS.**

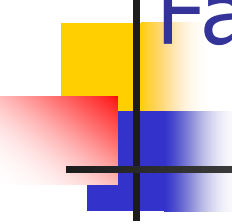


# College Search Resource

## *Naviance*

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- Everyone should be registered. If not contact your counselor.
- Access through these web addresses:
  - [www.connection.naviance.com/vsnhs](http://www.connection.naviance.com/vsnhs)
  - [www.connection.naviance.com/vsshhs](http://www.connection.naviance.com/vsshhs)
  - [www.connection.naviance.com/vschs](http://www.connection.naviance.com/vschs)
- We will briefly walk you through a college search.



# Factors to Consider when Creating your College Search Lists

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- Important Factors:
  - Location of College/University.
  - Majors. Especially important when you need a particular licensure.
  - Your GPA/SAT/ACT Scores to pick Safe/Target/Reach Schools.
  - Tuition/Room and Board costs.
  - Size of the school.
  - Campus Setting (Urban, Suburban, Rural).
- Inputting the factors you select – utilize the ***SuperMatch College Search*** feature on **Naviance** to build your initial College lists (starting with a broad list/then narrow down by manipulating these factors).



# Naviance

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- Review the results of the College searches utilizing multiple searches to create Target, Reach and Safety Schools.
- Review all information in “About Me” section.
- Review scholarship information that appears on the Home Page
- Review Eblasts
- Review Career Searches and relationship with College Majors



# SAT

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- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Registering on-line is preferable. Paper applications available in guidance.
- Must register as soon as possible, be mindful of deadlines!
- Critical reading section includes multiple choice, reading passages, and sentence completion questions.
- The math section includes topics from third-year college preparatory math.
- The writing section is both a student written essay and multiple choice questions.
- Three Sets of Scores-Each Section Range (200-800).
- SAT Subject Exams (if required by College).
- Students should prepare for SAT.



# SAT-Score Choice

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- Students are able to select which scores they send to colleges by test date for the SAT and by individual test for SAT Subject Test.
- VSCHSD schools no longer send SAT scores to colleges as you must select which scores to send!



# ACT-American College Test

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- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- Four Subparts-English, Math, Science Reasoning, and Reading.
- MUST register for writing portion.
- Taken in the Spring of Junior Year and/or Fall of Senior Year.
- ACT utilizes 'Score Choice' as well.

# ACT/SAT Score Comparison

<b>ACT If you scored...</b>	<b>SAT-1600 or a...</b>	<b>SAT-2400 It's about the same as a...</b>
36	1600	2400
35	1560-1590	2340
34	1510-1550	2260
33	1460-1500	2190
32	1410-1450	2130
31	1360-1400	2040
30	1320-1350	1980
29	1280-1310	1920
28	1240-1270	1860
27	1210-1230	1820
26	1170-1200	1760
25	1130-1160	1700
24	1090-1120	1650
23	1060-1080	1590
22	1020-1050	1530
21	980-1010	1500
20	940-970	1410
19	900-930	1350
18	860-890	1290
17	810-850	1210
16	760-800	1140
15	710-750	1060
14	660-700	1000
13	590-650	900
12	520-580	780
11	500-510	750



# Testing Dates & High School Codes

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- **SAT HIGH SCHOOL CODES:**

- **335710 – Central**
- **331986 – North**
- **335712 – South**

- **Test Center Codes:**

- **Valley Stream Central HS  
33-946**
- **Valley Stream North HS  
33-420**
- **Valley Stream South HS  
33-948**

- **Dates for the SAT:**

- **March 10, 2012**
- **May 5, 2012**
- **June 2, 2012**
- **October , 2012**
- **November , 2012**
- **December , 2012**

- **Dates for the ACT:**

- **April 14, 2012**
- **June 9, 2012**
- **September 8, 2012**
- **October 27, 2012**
- **December 8, 2012**



# Common Application

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[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

- Used by 456 Colleges and Universities across the country.
  - Must use this in order for us to submit our documents electronically
  - Many of these institutions use the form exclusively.
  - **All colleges** give **equal consideration** to the Common Application and their application (from Hofstra to Harvard).
  - You can register and set up your secure personal account @ [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) . This will also be done in school in the fall with your counselor. After completing, you will submit your Common Application electronically **ONLY after** your guidance counselor reviews a hard copy.
- Essay questions have remained the same for a number of years so we will review them with you now and your Junior can begin to plan their choice of essay. The final essay will be reviewed in their Senior English Class.

# Common Application continued

- The common application has three additional parts that have to be completed for each university you utilize the common application to apply to.
  - The first called 'Future Plans.' This is where your child indicates what major and career they have interest in pursuing.
  - The second is a supplement that is unique for each college. A college supplement must be completed for each college your apply to. Most ask additional information including why you are applying to that college.
  - Finally is a signature and payment part. This will be completed only after finishing the applications.
- Save and Print application for review by your counselor before submitting.
- All schools required forms that will be completed by your counselor. That is why it is so very important to complete a College Application Transcript Request Form for your counselor.



# New Electronic Transcript Submission Process (Edocs)

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- Valley Stream Central High School District is submitting all secondary school forms including transcripts, secondary school reports, mid year reports and final reports/transcripts electronically to colleges. In addition, all counselor letters of recommendation and most teacher letters of recommendation will also be submitted electronically. Therefore there is a system students must follow in order to register appropriately. While we will work with you in the fall to accomplish this, we would like to introduce it to you now.



# New Electronic Transcript Submission Process - Edocs

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1. You will create a user name and password for the Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) even if you have not using the Common Application as your application. This will be done in school early in the fall of senior year.
2. You must have the Naviance- Family Connection user name and password that you previously created– if you don't - see your counselor (see slides 24 -26 for your school's web access to Naviance)
3. You will sign into Family Connection and go to the College Tab
4. You will create a list of *Colleges I am Thinking About*
5. You will be asked to sign a 'FERPA (Privacy Notice)' form which is where you will list the Common Application user name and password
6. These steps will enable the college to match your application with our transcript and secondary school forms
7. As reviewed before, you will complete and hand into Guidance the College Application Transcript Request form listing **all** colleges you are applying to



# State University of New York (SUNY)

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- [www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu) (for information, to apply may be better to use the common application)
- **64 Colleges**
  - 4 University Centers
  - 13 Colleges
  - 8 Specialized Colleges
  - 5 Statutory Colleges on 2 Private University Campuses
  - 7,342 degree and certificate programs
  - All SUNY applications must be in by October 15<sup>th</sup>.



# City University of New York (CUNY)

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- [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu)
- (On-Line applications only).
- **24 Institutions**
  - 11 senior colleges
  - William Macaulay Honors College
  - 7 Community Colleges
  - The Graduate School and University Center
  - The CUNY Graduate School of Journalism
  - The CUNY Law School
  - The CUNY School of Professional Studies
  - The CUNY School of Public Health
  - All CUNY applications must be submitted by October 15<sup>th</sup>



# On-Site Admissions

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- The following Colleges conduct on-site admissions at all three high schools:
  - Adelphi, CW Post, Hofstra, Molloy, & St. John's.
- *Do Not Submit applications to these schools prior to the On-Site.*
- Qualifications vary from school to school.
- High Level of Acceptance and Scholarship money.



# Nassau Community College

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- Increasing popularity due to cost and proximity.
- NCC is a College - Not “Grade 13”.
- MUST prepare for placement exams. Some preparation will take place in Senior English and Math courses. Should study online – Google Accuplacer prep.



# Central HS Information

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- **Central High School: 135 Fletcher Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580 – guidance fax # - 516-561-4479  
CEEB Code: 335710**
- **Counselors:**
  - **Kathleen Hardy – 516-561-4427, [Hardyk@vschsd.org](mailto:Hardyk@vschsd.org)**
  - **Tina Kosel – 516-561-4428, [Koselt@vschsd.org](mailto:Koselt@vschsd.org)**
  - **Ronald Rini – 516-561-4429, [Rinir@vschsd.org](mailto:Rinir@vschsd.org)**
  - **Amy La Personerie – 516-561-4426, [Lapersoa@vschsd.org](mailto:Lapersoa@vschsd.org)**
- **In general, VS email addresses are the first seven letters of the teachers' last name and their first initial followed by @vschsd.org**



# North HS Information

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- **North High School: 750 Herman Avenue, Franklin Square, NY 11010 – guidance fax # - 516-705-0033 CEEB Code: 331986**
- **Counselors:**
  - **Joshua Brodsky – 516-564-5525, [Brodskyj@vschsd.org](mailto:Brodskyj@vschsd.org)**
  - **Jamie Carbone– 516-564-5529, [Carbonej@vschsd.org](mailto:Carbonej@vschsd.org)**
  - **Nicole Maier– 516-564-5526, [Maiern@vschsd.org](mailto:Maiern@vschsd.org)**
- **In general, VS email addresses are the first seven letters of the teachers' last name and their first initial followed by @vschsd.org**



# South HS Information

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- ❑ **South High School: 150 Jedwood Place, Valley Stream, NY 11581 – guidance fax # - 516-791-0356 CEEB Code: 335712**
- ❑ **Counselors:**
  - ❑ **Patricia Antonelli – 516-791-0342, [Antonelp@vschsd.org](mailto:Antonelp@vschsd.org)**
  - ❑ **Philip Corsentino – 516-791-0325, [Corsentp@vschsd.org](mailto:Corsentp@vschsd.org)**
  - ❑ **Michelle Lyons– 516-791-0327, [Lyonsm01@vschsd.org](mailto:Lyonsm01@vschsd.org)**
- ❑ **In general, VS email addresses are the first seven letters of the teachers' last name and their first initial followed by @vschsd.org**



# Assignments

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- Hold a family discussion.
- In Naviance Conduct College Search and start a list of *Colleges I am Thinking About*
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  - [www.connection.naviance.com/vschs](http://www.connection.naviance.com/vschs)
  - [www.connection.naviance.com/vsshhs](http://www.connection.naviance.com/vsshhs)
- Schedule an Individual Junior Conference with counselor.
- Bring your initial college list to your individual conference.
- Create a new “College Only” appropriate e-mail address.
- Visit Colleges.
- Volunteer/Work/Intern or find a Summer College Program of Interest.
- Continue working on your Resume.
- Begin to plan your College Essay.
- Register to take the SAT in the Spring.
- Prepare (study) for retake of the SAT (Fall).
- Ask for Letters of Recommendation. Finalize by requesting these electronically in the Fall