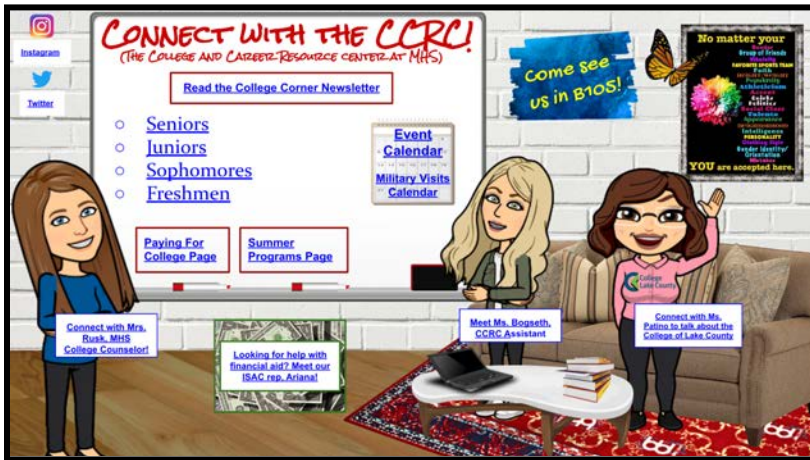


COLLEGE CORNER

FALL 2023

THE COLLEGE AND CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CCRC)



Hello MHS Families,

We are so excited to work with students during the 2023-24 school year!

The CCRC is open daily between 7:25 am and 3:25 pm Monday through Friday. We invite students of all grade levels to stop by room B105, make an appointment with Mrs. Rusk, or to visit the Virtual CCRC.

We offer assistance with all aspects of the college application process including:

- Narrowing down college/university choices
- College applications and essays
- Letters of recommendation
- Financial concerns and scholarships
- Standardized tests (SAT/ACT)
- NCAA/College athletics
- Military choices
- Career options/resume building
- And more!

Connect with us!

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[Visit the Virtual CCRC](https://bit.ly/MHSCCRC)
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[View the Post-High School Planning Guide!](#)
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College Planning At A Glance Checklist

Senior Year

- o Use the **MHS Virtual CCRC** to gain resources! (bit.ly/MHSCCRC)
- o Attend events hosted by the MHS CCRC (**workshops, presentations, etc**)
- o Be aware of **college application deadlines** (Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision) what they mean, and make sure you apply on time!
- o **Complete your applications** either through the college website (institutional) or using an application platform (CommonApp, Coalition Application, or System applications)
- o Ask for **letters of recommendation** if they are needed. Provide the Google Form to your letter writers (teachers and counselors, found in the Senior room of the Virtual CCRC) so that they have as much information as possible to write your letters.
- o Take a **repeat SAT or ACT** in summer or very early fall if you would like to try to raise your scores. Focus on one test only - all colleges who accept test scores will take either!
- o [Many colleges are test-optional](#), which means that you do not have to use test scores to apply! Check fairtest.org to see a full list of which colleges do not need scores.
- o If you are required to send test scores or if you choose to, send them 3-5 weeks before the application deadline. This must be done through your ACT or SAT student portal.
- o **Request transcripts and letters of recommendation** through Naviance **at least 2 weeks before** the college deadline.
- o After it opens, **complete the FAFSA**. Try to get this done as soon as possible. (**Dec 2023** for Class of 2024)
- o Complete the [CSS \(College Financial Aid\) Profile](#) if required.
- o Apply for national, local, and MHS grad-specific scholarships. Use the Virtual CCRC and Naviance!
- o After receiving your decision letters, compare all schools to finalize your choice.
- o Commit to your school of choice by **May 1!** Congratulations!

Junior Year

- o Request an [appointment with Mrs. Rusk](#) to plan your list and discuss any questions or concerns.
- o Register and take the PSAT-NMSQT for potential eligibility for merit scholarships.
- o Attend college representative visits in the CCRC (B105) and college fairs.
- o Schedule your campus visits in advance with colleges. You can receive 2 excused absences from MHS.
- o In the spring: Take and/or retake the SAT and/or ACT test, if necessary. We recommend trying both tests if you plan to use your scores to see which is the best fit. See fairtest.org if you are unsure if you will need to use test scores.
- o Take note of college application deadlines and begin preparing for college essays.
- o Request letters of recommendation before you leave for the summer.
- o Apply for scholarships if eligible. Look at the lists in the [Paying For College](#) page, [MHS College Planning Guide](#) and in [Naviance](#) to get you started! (**All pages found at bit.ly/MHSCCRC**)

Freshman and Sophomore Year

- o Get involved in activities and volunteer when you can.
- o Prioritize academics and keep up your GPA. Use the math lab and lit center as needed!
- o Consider which classes you are taking and what the colleges' requirements are. Some colleges require more years of world language, fine arts, or other subjects!
- o Take personality and career interest inventories in Naviance.
- o Stop in the CCRC (B105) and use our Virtual CCRC bit.ly/MHSCCRC anytime to start planning!

Note: *If your family needs financial assistance with college application related costs (including SAT and ACT), please see your counselor to discuss how we can help!*

COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR

Fall 2023

August

Date	Event	Grade	Place & time
Fri, August 18	Senior Welcome Back Event	12	CCRC B105 8:30-3:20
A.M Senior Kickoff			
Mon, August 21	Your College Application Timeline	12	CCRC B105 7:45am
Tues, August 22	SAT, ACT, Test Optional, or Test Free?	12	CCRC B105 7:45am
Weds, August 23	Making Your College List	12	CCRC B105 7:45am
LUNCH AND LEARN: COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS			
Fri, August 25	Financial Aid: When, Why, and How?	12	CCRC 3rd & 4th
Mon, August 28	Financial Aid: When, Why, and How?	12	CCRC 5th & 6th
Tues, August 29	Common App Workshop	12	CCRC 3rd & 4th
Weds, August 30	Common App Workshop	12	CCRC 5th & 6th
Thurs, August 31	College Essay Workshop	12	CCRC 3rd & 4th

September

LUNCH AND LEARN: COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS			
Fri, September 1	College Essay Workshop	12	CCRC 5th & 6th
EVENING / WEEKEND PROGRAMS			
Tues, September 5	Applying To College <i>College Planning Night for Seniors</i> Register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aZz2ScXfSZe1nErmOoNJbA	12	Virtual 7pm

Weds, September 6	El Proceso a la Universidad (junto con Universidad de Padres)	12	MHS
Date TBD	Future College Athletes: NCAA Night	12	Waukegan HS 7pm
Sun, September 10	College Fair: National College Fair (NACAC): VIRTUAL https://www.nacacattend.org/23VirtualSept10	All	Virtual 12-5pm
Tues, September 12	Financial Aid Night (6pm Span/ 7:30pm Eng)	12	Virtual 6pm/ 7:30pm
Sat, September 30	College Fair: National College Fair (NACAC): Chicago https://www.nacacattend.org/23Chicago	All	McCormick Place North Hall Chicago, IL 11-3pm

October

Sun, October 1	College Fair: National College Fair (NACAC): Milwaukee https://www.nacacattend.org/23Milwaukee	All	Baird Center Milwaukee, WI 3-6pm
COLLEGE WEEK			
Tues, October 10	Essay Workshops	12	CCRC All lunch periods
Weds, October 11	Financial Aid Presentations	12	CCRC All lunch periods
Thurs, October 12	Free College Application Day	12	MHS Main Gym All lunch periods
Thurs, October 12	College Fair at CLC	All	College of Lake County 6-8pm
Fri, October 13	Application Completion Workshop	12	CCRC All lunch periods
Tues, October 10	CHOICES College Fair for students with learning differences https://postsecondarychoices.org/	All	Vernon Hills HS

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Sun, October 15	College Fair: National College Fair (NACAC): VIRTUAL https://www.nacacattend.org/23VirtualOct15	All	Virtual 12-5pm
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November

MILITARY WEEK			
Mon, November 6	Military Branch Panel	All	CCRC 2nd & 3rd
Tues, November 7	ASVAB Testing	All	CCRC 7:30am sharp
Weds, November 8	Service Academy Presentation	All	CCRC 4th
Thurs, November 9	ROTC Program Presentation	All	CCRC 5th
Fri, November 10	Veterans Programs	All	TBD
Sun, November 12	College Fair: National College Fair (NACAC): VIRTUAL https://www.nacacattend.org/23VirtualNov12	All	Virtual 12-5pm
Date TBD (depending on opening date of FAFSA for class of 2024)	FSA ID Workshop	12	TBD

December

A.M SENIOR FAFSA ASSISTANCE			
Date TBD (depending on opening date of FAFSA for class of 2024)	FAFSA Walkthrough	12	CCRC B105 7:45am
Date TBD (depending on opening date of FAFSA for class of 2024)	FAFSA Drop in assistance	12	CCRC B105 7:45am

Please note that though all events have specific focus groups in mind, we readily invite parents who would like to get a jump start on planning to attend any and all presentations that you believe would benefit your family!

Descriptions of Events

Common Application, College Essay, FAFSA, and College Application Completion Workshops	Workshops designed to help MHS students navigate the Common Application process, prepare them to create their college entrance essays, complete their college application, and navigate the FAFSA application process.
NACAC Virtual/ In Person College Fair	Sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). Each fair draws representatives from 175 to 400 colleges. The schools are located throughout the US, and virtually.
Applying To College Aplicando Para la Universidad College Planning Night for Seniors	This virtual event happens every fall to provide our 12th grade students and their families with information about the college application process. We discuss what resources are available to students and families at MHS and have a college representative provide tips and tricks about how you can put your best application forward!
Future College Athletes: NCAA Night	This annual fall event is hosted by a group of Lake County schools, which Mundelein is a part of. Each year a different school hosts the event. It is for students of all grade levels and their families. Any student who is interested in playing a sport at a collegiate level should try to attend this event!
College Week	College Week is an annual event at MHS full of events, workshops, and resources to help our students gain information and complete their college applications!
Free College Application Day	This amazing opportunity occurs during College Week at MHS and offers our seniors the chance to apply to up to 30 different colleges FOR FREE during all lunch periods on the day of the event. College representatives are present at the event to talk the student through the application, and every year we have students who are admitted ON THE SPOT!
FAFSA Workshop*	This evening event provides our students and their families with direct assistance completing their FAFSA so that they can have the best possible chances to receive financial aid at the institution they choose to attend. *may occur in January, 2024
CHOICES College Fair for students with learning differences	Choices is a post secondary planning night for students with learning differences who are college bound. View their website for more information and wonderful resources: https://postsecondarychoices.org/
College Fair at CLC	The College of Lake County hosts almost 200 college representatives from colleges and universities across the US. This is a great opportunity to gather information and speak to representatives about all of the opportunities that are available to you! Students and families of all grade levels are invited to attend, but make sure to register so that you can get the information! https://app.strivescan.com/registration
Military Week	During Military Week week we will provide presentations with resources and information for our students who intend to pursue a path in one of the military branches or are interested in this as an option