

Junior Class of 2017

Lake Howell High School



MEET THE COUNSELORS

- Ms. Melissa Barney
 - Students with last names A-Fa

- Mrs. Anna Astwood
 - Students with last names Fe-Ma

- Dr. Vince Geigel
 - Students with last names Mc-Roc

- Mr. Joe Martino
 - Students with last names Rod-Z

- Mr. John Westcott
 - All ESE

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 26 Credits**
- Passing scores on FSA reading and Algebra 1 EOC
- GPA minimum 2.0**
 - **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR STUDENT WILL **NOT** BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES IF THEY HAVE NOT MET THESE REQUIREMENTS

HOW THE CREDITS BREAK DOWN

- 4 English
- 4 Math (While in high school)
- 4 Science
- 3 Social Studies
 - World History, American History, American Govt., Economics
- 1 Performing/Fine Art
- .5 Personal Fitness
- .5 PE Elective
- 9 Elective
 - One online course

JUNIOR CREDIT CHECKS

- If all is well, your student should have **at least** 15.5 credits today (they must have 19 by the start of senior year to receive senior privileges)
- If they are behind, there are some ways to catch up:
 - FLVS, Summer School, Plato
- See your counselor for details

FSA and SAT/ACT Concordant Scores

- FSA retakes – April and October 2016
- Students who have not yet passed the FSA, but have taken it at least three times, can use an ACT or SAT
 - Concordant Scores:
 - SAT – 430 Reading
 - ACT – 19 reading

Algebra 1 EOC Concordant Score

- Algebra 1 EOC retakes offered each quarter
- Students who have taken the Algebra 1 EOC but haven't passed can use the PERT
 - Concordant Score:
 - PERT Math – 97

Preparing For College Admissions



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COLLEGE PREPTIMELINE

SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR

- Take your SAT/ACT. Keep taking them if your scores don't meet with your satisfaction. Be sure to include our high school code: 100986 and the code numbers to the colleges to which you plan to apply.
- Athletes – Contact college's athletic office, register with NCAA Eligibility Center if you're planning to go Division I or II.
- Collect examples of work, including writing samples, audition tapes, portfolios, and other material you may need for the fall application season.
- Line up your summer activities. What would look good on your academic resume? Consider a career-related job, summer courses, or community service.
- Conduct career interest inventories.
- Conduct major and college search.



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- 2016-2017 CAPSTONE
- ATHLETICS
- ATTENDANCE
- CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES
- EPASSPORT
- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- SKYWARD/FAMILY ACCESS
- SIP/ADVANCED
- TESTING

LHHS SAT School Day in March 2!
Please visit the Guidance Department for more information!

SAT

Mission Statement

Lake Howell High School is committed to developing students to their fullest intellectual and social potential in an atmosphere of mutual trust, respect, and collaboration. We provide students with excellent academic and vocational programs using a flexible and relevant curriculum, challenging them to produce their best work and accommodating for individual differences and learning styles. We encourage cooperation among the family, the school, and the community as the best means to ensure that our students assume the personal responsibilities needed for them to reach their greatest potential and become responsible citizens.

Welcome To Lake Howell High School's Website

- 2012 A+ School
- 2013 A+ School
- 2014 A+ School
- 2015 A+ School

Congratulations to all of the Silver Hawk Community!

News

- 8th Grade Parent Night**
Click here to view the PowerPoint that was presented at 8th Grade Parent Night.
- Lake Howell High School Communication**
Click here to find out about the various means that Lake Howell High School uses to communicate information to parents, students, and our community members. Please sign and use these forms to help us communicate with you.

Upcoming

- 3rd Nine Week Exam schedule**
3/14 **Mon**.....Pd 1 & 5
3/15 **Tues**.....Pd 2
(Modified Schedule)
3/16 **Wed**.....Pd 3 & 7
3/17 **Thurs**.....Pd 4 & 6
- 20th Annual Athletic Golf Tournament**



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- VIRTUAL SCHOOL
- AP CORNER
- TESTING SCHEDULE
- SAT/ACT
- FINANCIAL AID
- TUTORING



Remind 101

Click the link below to sign-up for Guidance reminders and notifications of important dates!

<https://www.remind.com/join/6c1c>

College Visits

Stop by Guidance to obtain a pass to attend the following college visits:

(Unless otherwise noted, all college visits this year will take place in the senior cafeteria)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Parent Night: March 8th, 6:30 p.m. in the Lake Howell Media Center. Counselors will present information on graduation, the college application process, SAT/ACT registration, community service, Bright Futures Scholarships, and more. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to make sure your student has the information they will need going in to senior year.

Junior College Night: March 15th, 6:30 p.m. in the Lake Brantley Auditorium. Lake Brantley High is honored to host an evening for SCPS Juniors and their parents/guardians where all 12 Florida public universities are represented by their admissions directors. Each director will present an important topic: college admissions, success in college and timely information for senior year, to name a few.

Navigating A Successful High School Experience

High school is an exciting and sometimes

Going To College

The Heart of Florida United Way's Going to College Project is a personalized and

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Standardized Testing

- PSAT – NMSQT ✓
 - SAT I Reasoning Test
 - New SAT debuted in March 2016
 - ACT
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- Fee Waivers – See your counselor if you qualify
 - Test taking deadline – June 2017

Difference Between SAT & ACT?

- Both tests are widely accepted.
- The new SAT is more similar to the ACT than the old SAT was.
- Here are some of the factors that make the SAT and ACT very different breeds:
 - Reading – SAT questions focus on analyzing specific points, ACT is more about reading comprehension.
 - Science – ACT includes a science section, SAT does not.
 - Math – ACT includes more questions on advanced topics (Trig and above), and more geometry questions.
 - English/Writing – Both test grammar, SAT looks at writing style and argument, ACT focuses more on mechanics (structure, punctuation, etc.)
 - The SAT is not entirely multiple choice.
 - ACT is more straight-forward, SAT tests reasoning skills.
- Remember, both the SAT and ACT are important parts of your application, but they're only one of several factors--from your courses and grades to recommendations and your personal statement--that colleges consider.

SAT/ACT: HOW DO I REGISTER?

- SAT
 - www.collegeboard.org
- ACT
 - www.actstudent.org
- When registering, ensure that all information entered is correct or you could be denied entry to the testing center

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- Test Prep Opportunities
 - Advanced Placement classes
 - Ms. St. Clair's test prep class
 - UCF Continuing Education
 - Florida Virtual School
 - LHHS Critical Thinking Skills Course
 - Collegeboard.org, Actstudent.org
 - Princeton Review
 - Online Resources
 - Khanacademy.org, brightstorm.com

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- Which College is the Best?
 - The one that is right for your student.

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- Career Research
 - MyCareersShines (www.floridashines.org)
 - Collegeboard's BigFuture Major and Career Browser
 - MyPlan.com

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- College search websites
 - Collegeboard.org
 - Actstudent.org
 - Floridashines.org
 - Nacacnet.org
 - Many others available
- College Visits
- By summer, narrow list to 4-5 schools of interest

Preparing for College Admissions

- Athletes
 - Talk with coaches about schools
 - NCAA Eligibility Center
 - Be sure to complete online application and have test scores sent to NCAA
 - Only for Division I and II - Athletic scholarships available
 - Eligibility Center not needed if you're interested in Division III. Also, no financial aid related to athletics
 - Recruiting camps
 - Applying as a regular student

Preparing for College Admissions: Auditions/Portfolios

- Performing arts programs
 - Dance
 - Music
 - Chorus
 - Theater
- Film schools
- Industrial Design programs

Preparing for College Admissions: Senioritis

- Taking it easy senior year may seem like a nice break, but is likely to do more harm than good.
- Senioritis affects your grades -- and college admission officers pay close attention to your performance senior year.
- Colleges may call to inquire about midterm grades
- Probation before school year begins due to senior grades.
- Rescind admission

Managing College Admissions



Managing College Admissions: Admission Strategy

- Reach

- If you're evaluating your chances of admission at a particular school, and your assessment falls anywhere between "I might just make the cut" and "It can't hurt to try, right?" you've found a reach school. Typically, your academic statistics fall in the lower half or just short of the statistics for admitted freshman. Any ivy league school (or almost ivy) is a reach school.

- Match

- The first indicator of a good match is usually academic compatibility between the student's grades and the academic quality of the school's freshman profile. But not far behind are qualitative factors like location, size, religious affiliation, and yes, even social life.

- Safety

- We call them "safeties" because in all likelihood they won't reject you. To use a worn out adage, but an appropriate one: in the realm of college admissions, you can't count any of your eggs before they hatch.

Managing College Admissions: Decision Models

- Regular Decision
 - Apply to a given school preferably in the fall, submitting all application materials
 - Notified of the college or university's decision by a specified date - generally in March or April of the senior year
 - Hardest part of this process is waiting to get the admissions decision.
- Rolling Admission
 - All application materials be submitted and an admission decision can be returned to the applicant in a matter of days or weeks
 - Caution: some schools using this policy actually can fill their quota of students and will stop accepting applications or wait list students. It is important to apply by the school's stated priority deadline.

Managing College Admissions: Decision Models

● Early Decision

- Apply early (usually by October or November)
- Get an admission decision from the college well in advance of the usual notification date (sometimes December).
- Early decision plans are "binding," meaning if you apply as an early decision candidate, you agree to attend the college if they accept you.
- Although you can apply to only one college for early decision, you may apply to other colleges under regular decision.
- If you're accepted by your first-choice college early, you must withdraw all other applications.
- Usually, colleges insist on a nonrefundable tuition deposit well before May 1.

Managing College Admissions: Decision Models

- Should I apply Early Decision?
 - Yes, if...
 - You are very sure you want to attend a specific school
 - You match (or almost match) their accepted student profile
 - Financial aid is not a concern
 - No, if...
 - You are considering several schools
 - You want to weigh financial aid offers from multiple colleges
 - You're hoping your senior year grades and test scores will help you be accepted or get more financial aid

Managing College Admissions: Decision Models

- Early Action

- With early action you can learn early in the admission cycle (usually in January or February) whether a college has accepted you. Early action plans are not binding. Under these plans, you may apply to other colleges, and may apply early action to other schools as well.

Managing College Admissions: Parts of the College Application

- Student Data
- Student Essay
- Supplemental Forms
 - Official Transcript
 - SAT/ACT Score Report
 - School Report/Counselor Rec*
 - Teacher Recommendation*
 - Mid Year School Report*
 - Final Transcript
- Application Fee

*Typically required by highly selective schools.

Managing College Admissions: Parts of the College Application

- Letters of Recommendation
 - Minimum 2 weeks notice
 - Senior Resume
 - Student Questionnaire
 - Parent Brag Sheet
 - Detailed examples of student performance & behavior from teacher
 - Holistic overview from counselor
- Interview
 - Location
 - Conducted by
 - Suggested apparel

Managing College Admissions

- Getting Organized
 - Make a list of relevant information to compare schools side by side
 - Find the freshman application checklist
 - For each school, list requirements & deadlines
 - Enter deadlines in planner
 - Most colleges – pieces & parts can be mailed separately
 - Some colleges/programs – everything must be mailed together

Managing College Admissions

- Fill out one application and send to multiple schools
 - Common App
 - www.commonapp.com
 - Universal College Application
 - <http://www.universalcollegeapp.com/>

Managing College Admissions: Tough Love

- Meet your deadlines!

“A lack of organization on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine.”

- Anonymous

- Missed application deadlines
 - Not getting into your school of choice
- Missed scholarship deadlines
 - Not getting the money you need to attend your school of choice.

Managing College Admissions

- Apply early
- Verify receipt before the deadline.
- Start the wait...

Understanding Financial Aid



Paying for College

Apply for Financial Aid

- FAFSA – available October 1
 - Change from previous years
 - Based on current year (2015)
 - Federal Grants and Loans
 - Work Study
- A separate financial aid application may be required by the college
 - Scholarships or grants specific to that college
- Priority Financial Aid Deadline versus Final Financial Aid Deadline

Paying for College

Financial Aid Package

- Grants (not paid back)
 - Pell Grant (need based)
 - FRAG (private colleges)
 - FSAG (need based)
- Loans (paid back)
 - Stafford Subsidized (need based)
 - Stafford Unsubsidized
 - Perkins Loan
 - Additional parent loans available (PLUS loans)
- Scholarships
 - LHHS Website
 - Free online scholarship searches
 - Florida's Office of Student Financial Assistance
 - Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- Work Study
 - Working on campus for reduced tuition and/or a paycheck.

Accept all, part, or none of the aid package

Paying For College

- Grants
- Loans
- Scholarships
 - Based on academic, artistic, or athletic merit or need
 - Free online scholarship search engines
 - LHHS Financial Aid webpage
 - Professional Guide Books

Bright Futures Scholarship

- Academic Scholars
 - Pays about \$103 per semester hour at a 4-year school and \$63 per semester hour at a 2-year school
 - Minimum academic GPA required is 3.5
 - GPA is calculated using only academic classes
 - Community service requirement – 100 hours
 - 1290 SAT (R + M) or 29 ACT

Bright Futures Scholarship

- Medallion Scholars
 - Pays about \$77 per semester hour at a 4-year school and \$48 per semester hour at a 2-year school
 - Minimum academic GPA required is 3.0
 - GPA is calculated using only academic classes
 - Community service requirement – 75 hours
 - 1170 SAT (R + M) or 26 ACT

Bright Futures Scholarship

- Gold Seal
 - Award amount depends on type of program
 - Career Certificate - \$39 per hour
 - Applied Technology Diploma - \$39 per hour
 - Technical Degree - \$48 per hour
 - Minimum GPA is a 3.0 in graduation requirements
 - Must take three credits in a vocational program and maintain a 3.5 in those classes

BRIGHT FUTURES...SO HOW AM I DOING?

- You can check your Bright Futures eligibility at www.floridashines.org
 - www.floridashines.org will list your academic GPA, highest test scores, and community service once you submit your hours
- Create a Student Portfolio and keep an eye on your eligibility
- Schools update the [floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org) site each semester

Communication

- Remind App
 - Receive text updates from Guidance
 - Text @6c0ce7 to 407-915-3635 to sign up
- Guidance Website
 - Check frequently for scholarship updates, college visits, and evening programs
- Phone/Email

Questions?