

SIMSBURY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians of Juniors:

Welcome to junior year! Every year of high school is filled with amazing prospects but junior year is especially unique. This is the year that many start to focus on post high school opportunities. Counselors will diligently help you along the way with questions and decisions. As a starting point, we are sending you information that will assist you as you begin this journey.

Included in this notification are the following:

- Calendar of Activities
- PSAT Information

The junior program begins in December with our Junior Seminars for students. Following the holidays, *all families* are scheduled for an initial planning meeting beginning in January to start work on each student's personal post high school plan. This initial meeting will review student transcripts, plan senior year courses, schedule spring SAT/ACT testing, discuss specific college/career/gap year/military options, and provide online resources for independent planning and financial aid research.

We look forward to assisting you and your child during this exciting year.



Jane Ellen Peregrin
Director of School Counseling

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

December 13 & 14	Junior Program: includes PSAT results, Naviance portfolio development and initial post high school planning
December – February	Junior Post High School Planning Meetings
February	Sign up for May AP Exams
February - June	Individual student meetings with counselor to discuss post high school planning.
March 27	School Day SAT Exam
April TBD	College Fair
April 13	ACT Exam
May 6 - 17	Advanced Placement Exams
May 4	SAT Exam
June 1	SAT Exam (SHS hosting)
June 8	ACT Exam
August 24	SAT Exam (SHS hosting)

For your convenience, all counselor assignments for juniors are listed below.

First letter(s) of junior's last name		Counselor
A	Cai	Amanda Tornaquindici/Kelly Myers
Caj	D	Meredith Girardi
E	Hol + Academies	Paula Garza
Hom	Man	Sandy Vollaro
Mao	Pi	Donna Cannon
Pj	Si + ABC	Greg Stillman
Sj	Ya	Pam Sickinger
Ye	Z + Pathways	Jane Ellen Peregrin

Please keep in contact with your child's counselor as we work together on post high school options. Take advantage of their expertise and use the software and resources available in the School Counseling Office and on the website. Our databases on colleges, careers, and scholarships are the most extensive available.

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SIMSBURY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Naviance Student Online Program

Dear Members of the Class of 2019 and Parents/Guardians:

We want to encourage you to use an exciting online program that will help you with your post high school decisions. The Simsbury High School Counseling Department has a state of the art interactive online program called Naviance Student. With Naviance, students and parents/guardians are able to look online at college decisions in previous years and predict their chances of admission. Scattergrams are provided for each college that Simsbury students have applied to over the last five years. On the scattergram you can visually see the academic credentials of the students admitted, wait listed, and denied. It also shows you the average GPA and SAT of admitted students. This excellent tool will help you determine the likelihood of your admission to the schools of your choice. We are offering an account in Naviance to all students.

Most juniors registered in freshmen year: Go to <https://student.naviance.com/main> to sign in. If you haven't established an account, please see one of the School Counseling secretaries for your registration password.

Once you are in Naviance you can research colleges, find scholarships, develop a resume, access appointments of fall college visitors to SHS, and find out how our graduates did at colleges you are considering. This computer program presents a realistic picture of college admission decisions. We are so thrilled to have this program for our families. Take some time to navigate around the program and we know you will benefit from the valuable information it provides.

All juniors are encouraged to complete the following sections in Naviance, if they haven't done so already, as a foundation for mapping your goals.

- Build your resume (template available under 'About Me/My Stuff' on the home page)
- My personality type ('Do What You Are') – completed in grade 10
- Junior questionnaire
- Explore interest ('Career Interest Profiler') – completed in grade 9
- Explore colleges

We look forward to working with you in junior year on your future goals.

The School Counseling Department