

Norwood High School
**EARLY COLLEGE
READINESS NIGHT**



Boston College?

UMass Dartmouth?

Mass Bay? Providence College?

Middlebury?

Anna Maria? Harvard?

Stonehill?

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Tonight's Agenda

- ✓ Overview of College Exploration & Admission Process - NHS Guidance
- ✓ Hear from the Experts:
 - **Evan Grenier**, Associate Dean of Admission @ Stonehill College
 - **Michael Lynch**, Director of Admission @ Umass Dartmouth
- ✓ Question & Answer

COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

HIGH SCHOOL CAREER	FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE YEAR	JUNIOR YEAR	SENIOR YEAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit & research colleges • Maintain academic progress in college prep classes • Become involved in extra-curricular activities • Save for college expenses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an academic plan by identifying courses to take during high school • Take the PSAT (fall of sophomore year) • Complete the FAFSA4caster - estimates your eligibility for federal student aid • Gain access to Naviance, NHS's college & career planning tool • Naviance – update resume, take Career Interest Profiler, & generate a list of prospective colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the PSAT again (fall of junior year) • Pursue roles in extra-curricular activities that suit your strengths & interests • Attend the NHS Career Fair • Sign up to tour college campuses • Take the SAT and/or ACT in the spring (may also need to take SAT Subject Tests depending on college admission requirements) • Start drafting your college essay • Ask teacher(s) to write letter of recommendation 	<p>SEPT - DEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register to take the SAT and/or ACT again in October or November • Review requirements and deadlines of prospective colleges • Manage admissions and financial aid application deadlines <p>DEC - FEB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete FAFSA • Apply for private scholarships <p>MARCH - MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive admission decisions • Financial aid letters are sent <p>MAY 1st</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Tuition Deposit Deadline

Make an Academic Plan

	Suggested High School Courses
English	4 years
Math	4 years (Algebra 1 & 2 and Geometry or Trigonometry)
Science	3 years (including 2 with a lab component)
Social Science	3 years (including U.S. and World History)
Foreign Language	2 years in the same language
Electives	1 year in the arts and 5 additional “core” courses such as business education, health and technology

*Source: Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.
This information is current as of November 27, 2007.*

***Course plan
recommended by MA
Department of Higher
Education to prepare
for college and career.***

Academic Preparation

- Exceed minimum requirements
- Take classes relevant to college plans
- Good grades vs. challenging classes
- Try to improve your grades over time
- Explore your favorite subjects

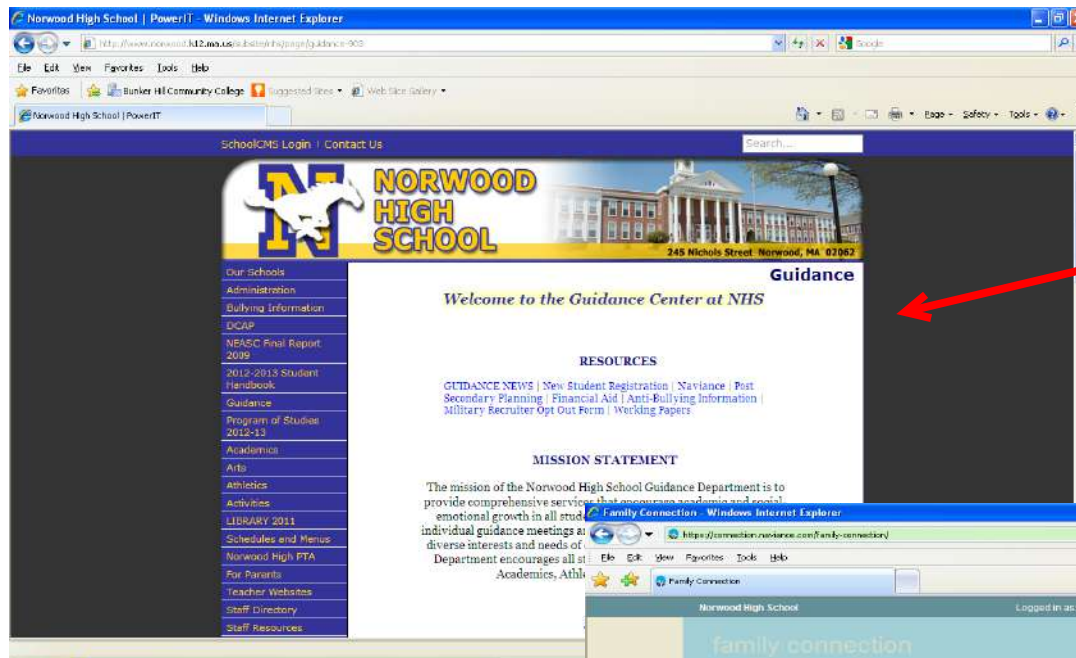


College Entrance Exams

- PSAT: Grade 10 and 11
- SAT and ACT: Grade 11 and 12
- SAT Subject Tests: Check college's requirements
- Advanced Placement Exams
- Test Optional Schools (www.fairtest.org)
- SAT Prep Course @ NHS



Online Resources

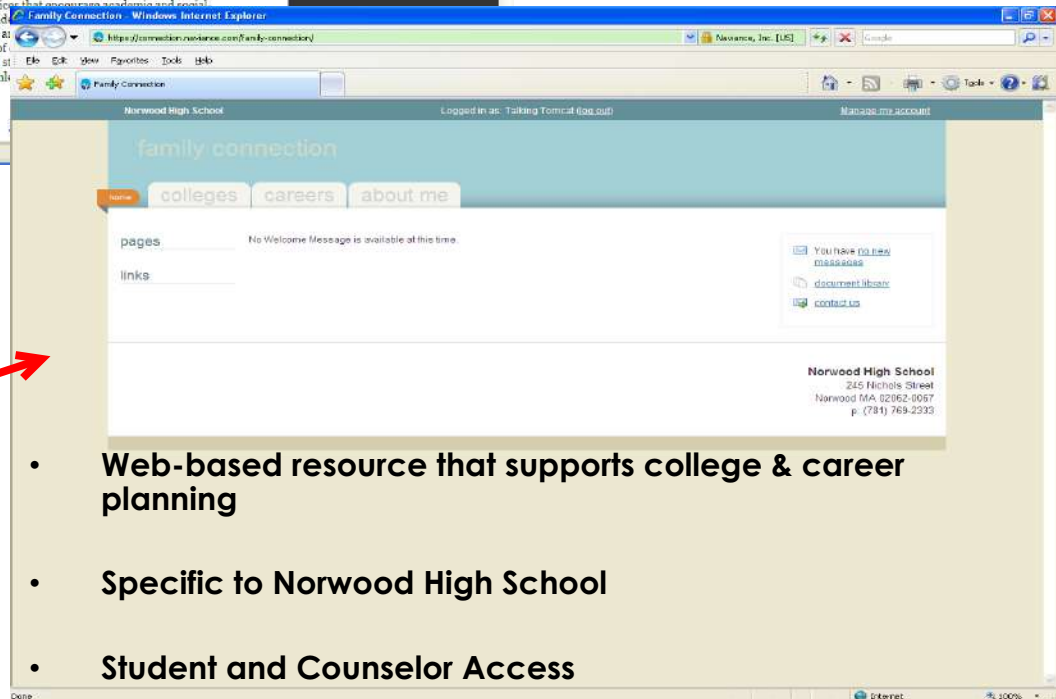


NHS Guidance Website

www.norwood.k12.ma.us/subsite/nhs

NAVIANCE

<http://connection.naviance.com/norwood>



- Web-based resource that supports college & career planning
- Specific to Norwood High School
- Student and Counselor Access

College & Post-Secondary Fair @ NHS!

**Wednesday, May 28th
2:30pm in the Dining Hall**

All NHS students are invited to attend!

**Over 60 local colleges/universities,
vocational programs, and military
branches will be in attendance.**

Great opportunity to ask questions!

LET'S HEAR FROM THE EXPERTS!



Mr. Evan Grenier

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Mr. Michael Lynch

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**THANKS FOR
COMING!**

