Red Bank Regional High School

JUNIOR YEAR

LET'S GET STARTED ON PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE
The Emotional Rollercoaster of Life After RBRHS
Options After RBRHS

- 4-Year College
- 2-Year College
  - Associate’s Degree
  - Transfer to a 4-Year
- 2-Year Technical School
- Certification/Licensure Program
- Apprenticeship
- Military
- Work
Helping Your Child Choose a Career Path

• Have discussions on their academic interests, extracurricular interests, and work environments.
• Have conversations on different career skills to see what piques their interest.
• Introduce different careers through family members and friends.
• Begin to research careers and compile a list of potential careers.
• Counselors will be working with all juniors to complete career surveys to help match strengths and personality types with careers. (YouScience in Scoir)
The College Search

- Consider/prioritize the most important factors for the student
  - Location & campus setting
  - Undergraduate enrollment size
  - Major of interest
  - Cost
  - Student success measurements/ Return on Investment (graduation/retention/job placement)
  - Special program consideration or needs
START RESEARCHING COLLEGES

• Colleges Searches
  – Scoir*, Collegeboard’s Big Future, Niche and Princeton Review
• College Representatives at RBR
• College Fairs - Monmouth University, October 16th from 1pm - 4 pm
  – Register as student and/or parent at www.strivefair.com
• Look on College Websites for when their representatives will be at local events.
• Campus Tours (youvisit.com, youtube + name of college, etc.)
• College Essay Guy Podcasts
FACTORS COLLEGES WILL BE LOOKING AT

- The rigor of courses/course requirements for some majors.
- Performance in these classes; 6 semester transcript.
- GPA (recalculated).
- Standardized test scores (many test optional schools, Fall 2024 still pending)
- Activities (job, club, sports, leadership role, tutoring, volunteering, internships, etc.).
- Personal Essay and some colleges have Supplemental Questions/Essays.
- Recommendations from 2 teachers and School Counselor.
- Some colleges will look at supplemental materials (music, videos, outside recommendations).
- Some colleges look at demonstrated interest.
- Each college weighs each of these differently.
# Google Common Data Set + Name of College

**GO to Part C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) ADMISSION**

**Villanova**

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STANDARDIZED TESTING

• SATs vs ACTs
  – Many Colleges are Test Optional or Test Flexible (www.fairtest.org)

• TOEFL Tests
• AP Tests
• IB Tests
DEVELOP A TESTING TIMELINE

• Plan to take the test 2-3 times if possible.
• Consider your math level when developing a testing timeline.
• Remember to consider events like AP/IB Tests, Prom, and vacations and where you best test (RBRHS vs. another school).
  – The earlier you sign up, the more options for testing centers especially if approved for accommodations by the SATs or ACTs*.
• Fall School Day SAT Testing in October (Tentative)
# ACT Test Dates

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How to Register (not including the dates on the previous slide)

SATs → www.collegeboard.org

ACTs → www.act.org

Students WRITE DOWN account information. Parents cannot have an account as email address is linked to child. You will need it again and again!
**SCOIR SCATTERGRAMS (GPA/SAT or ACT)**

**Understanding Scattergrams**

Scattergrams display historic application information for RBR student outcomes when enough data is available.

- **Green** = Accepted
- **Red** = Not Accepted
- **Blue** = Waitlisted

The Scattergrams will be available for students in December.

This information is for RBRHS only.
College Timeline & Checklist - Junior Year

The Fall (September – November)
- Take the PSAT exam and review your scores
- Organize your testing strategy for the SAT or ACT and register for an exam
  *Either later this winter or sometime in the spring
- Junior year grades will say a lot about your academic performance; Study Hard!

The Winter (December – March)
- Login to SCOIR and Identify possible college matches by completing a search
- Study for the SAT or ACT and practice (Khan academy, test prep preview)
- Construct a strong senior year schedule with rigorous courses
- Create a “top 10” priority list of your wants and needs in a college
- Create a document or log to organize all of your college information notes.
College Timeline & Checklist - Junior Year

The Spring (March – May)
- Take the SAT or ACT at least once before the end of the school year. Register at their websites.
- Explore colleges online; take a deeper look by region, size, academic reputation and cost
- Educate yourself on admission requirements to colleges you are considering
- Visit different colleges and demonstrate interest by connecting with admission representatives
- Continue searching for college matches and start creating a list of colleges in Scoir
- Students will begin the common application in the Spring with Guidance, supplemental essays become available on 08/01
- Identify and ask a couple teachers to write letters of recommendation on your behalf

The Summer (June – August)
- Complete the Brag Sheet for your school counselor
- Complete Teacher Recommendation Forms
- Practice makes perfect; begin working on your college application essay. RBRHS offers an essay writing workshop over the summer.
- Continue visiting college campuses and demonstrating interest.
- Continue searching for college matches and adding to your list of colleges in Scoir
- Get a summer job or valuable academic experience to help prepare for college
- Start completing applications and essay(s).
SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- Federal Student Aid
- U.S. Department of Labor Scholarship Search
- UNT Student Money Management Center
- Accredited Schools Online: Scholarships and Financial Aid for Minority Students
- Adventures in Education
- Affordable Colleges Online: How Colleges Help Visually Impaired Students Succeed
- Affordable Colleges Online: Financial Aid for Minority Students
- Fast Web

- College Board
- College Funding for Students with Disabilities – Project Do It
- CollegeNET
- FinAid.org
- Good Call Scholarship Search Engine
- Helping Students With Visual Impairments (Includes a list of scholarships opportunities)
- HighYa - The Money Hunt: Ins & Outs of Scholarship Scams
- GoingMerry
Feedback Form  

Future Presentations

October 25, 2022

The Financial Aid Process by Solution Prep 7pm

Target Audience: Grades 10, 11 and 12
Resources

• College Essay Guy Podcasts

• The Truth about College Admissions: A Family Guide to Getting In and Staying Together
  – By Brennan Barnard and Rick Clark
Questions