Senior Naviance Training Talking Points

Recommendations

- Make sure the college, scholarship, or awards requires a recommendation
- Ex: Students in the top 10% who are automatically admitted to a Texas Public school do not need to submit recommendation letters for admissions.
- Request recommendations from people who really know you. Colleges and scholarships want new information not what is already in your application
- If requesting a recommendation from counselor or teacher, give a copy of your resume. Counselors can also access the brag sheet to assist with recommendation writing, so be thorough.

Transcript

- Colleges require an official transcript for admissions and a final transcript after graduation.
- You can request an official transcript to be picked up and upload it to the application website if the option is available.
- No staff member can give you an official transcript besides the registrar.
- Unofficial transcripts can be printed from portfolio section of Skyward.

GPA and Rank

- GPA and Rank is finalized for honor recognition after first semester
- GPA and Rank are finalized one more time after graduation for final transcripts
- Schools can choose to revoke your admission based on this information: GRADES STILL MATTER!

<u>Attendance</u>

- More than 8 absences 1st semester in any class loses credit but is eligible for appeal
- More than 20 absences 1st semester in any class loses credit without the eligibility to appeal
- Check Skyward to monitor attendance

Credits

- Following your graduation agreement meeting, make sure you pay particular attention to the grades in your required classes for graduation.
- The lacking of even one half credit will prevent a student from walking in May.

SAT/ACT

- SAT or ACT score is required for admissions to 4 year universities
- Late registration deadline for October 6 SAT is September 26
- Registration deadline for October 27 ACT is September 28

<u>TSI</u>

- 2 year colleges (junior and community) require the TSI for placement in Comp 1 English and College Algebra
- Students who do not pass these tests will have to take remedial classes they pay for and take with no college credit earned.

FASFA/Scholarships

- Application for FASFA opens October 1. State deadline is March 15. FASFA needs be on file to be considered for university scholarships, so some schools have their own FASFA deadline.
- Fill out the scholarship application for your school with the admissions application. Don't skip it.
- Check the university or colleges website for scholarship application not in the admission application platform.
- Local scholarship will be released on November 15.

FINISH STRONG!