Welcome Parents of the class of 2020

Junior Parent Night Preview
ROHS Counselors:

Paul Surdenik: alpha A-C, OSTC Students
Jennifer Vick: alpha D-J
Carrie Laurence: alpha K-Pe
Jim Bowker: alpha Pi-Z
Tonight you will learn about....

➢ Curriculum

➢ Post Secondary Plans

➢ Timeframe--what should you be doing now?
Diploma Policy

**English:** 4 credits

**Math:** 4 credits

**Social Studies:** 3 credits

**Science:** 3 credits

**World Language:** 2 credits
*(2nd year proficiency)*

**PE/Health:** 1 credit (.5 each)

**Visual, Performing and Applied Arts:** 1 credit

**Electives:** 4 credits

**22 Credits to Graduate**

*This is a minimum requirement*
Curriculum Letter... **ALL students will receive this (don’t panic).**

August 2016

Student Name _______________________

Dear Parents of the Class of 2017:

Your son/daughter will be a senior at Royal Oak High School this fall. Twenty-two (22) credits and certain minimum course requirements must be met by Royal Oak High School graduates. The following summary indicates the current status of your student:

**CREDITS EARNED TO DATE:** 18

**CREDITS TO BE EARNED IN THEIR SENIOR YEAR:** 4

(All students must be scheduled for six classes)

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS REMAINING:**

- **Math (1.0)**
- **ELA 12 (.5)**
- **VPAA (.5)**
- **Elective (1.5)**

If, when your senior picks up his/her schedule, the listed class or classes are **NOT** on the schedule, please contact me in order to make the necessary changes.

I look forward to working with you and your senior student.

Sincerely,

Royal Oak High School Counseling Office

Counseling Breakdown for 2016-17:

A – B (and all OSTC students) Paul Surdenik
K – Re Carrie Laurence

C – J Jennifer Vick
Ri – Z Jim Bowker

**Total credits so far**

**Minimum needed to hit graduation requirement**

(most will have over 22)

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**Not the only classes your student will take, but those still needed to meet graduation requirements**
Post High School Planning:

Junior Meeting Checklist

**NOW:**
- Verify next year’s schedule
- Talk about possible plans
- Preliminary college research and visit
- VISIT prospective colleges

**SUMMER:**
- Continue visits
- Start College apps/essays
- Build your resume (work/volunteer, etc)

**FALL:**
- Apply to schools
- Fill out FAFSA (Oct. 1)
- Visit with college reps at ROHS
- Continue to visit schools
ALL graduating Seniors should fill out their FAFSA even if it seems unlikely that you will qualify for Federal financial aid.

- Send your FAFSA report to your respective colleges
- Colleges and private scholarships may require before awarding any monies to your student
Service
Creating a College Game Plan

What are Colleges *really* looking for?

- Academic record (GPA)
- Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
- Accomplishments (awards, achievements, etc.)
- Passions and Interests
- School/Community Interactions
- Demonstrated initiative:
  - Part time work
  - Sustained, community service or volunteer experience
First Timers--How do I even get started???

INVESTIGATE...

Websearch:
https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/
http://www.SCOIR.com/

Books:
Where You Go is Not Who You’ll Be
40 Colleges that Change Lives

Look BROADLY...
- Big/Medium/Small
- Public/Private
- Urban/rural/suburban

Check Requirements...
- GPA
- Test Scores
SCOIR--creating a Parent Account

1). Your student needs to have an account set up:

2). Your student can then “invite” you to create a parent account:
VISIT!!!

Do an “official” visit
Sign up on college’s website
Try to visit when in session
Consider:

“**Likely**” likelihood of getting into that school seem *fairly certain*:
- GPA & SAT/ACT are above or high above the average admit rate for that school

“**Target**” likelihood of getting into that school seem *probable*:
- GPA & SAT/ACT on par with the average admit rate for that school

“**Reach**” likelihood of getting into that school are *uncertain*:
- GPA .2 or further below school’s average admit
- ACT 2 points below average admit (SAT?)
- ANY school with admit rate below 20%
# Colleges in Michigan: GPA & SAT Tiers

GPA Averages of college freshman class based on information found on institutions’ websites. Average SAT is estimated based on ACT information or institutions’ websites and converted through The College Board’s concordance chart. To verify information is accurate, contact the admissions office.

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## Community Colleges
No minimum GPA & ACT requirements.

- Alpena CC
- Baker College
- Bay College
- Delta College
- Glen Oaks CC
- Gogebic CC
- Grand Rapids CC
- Henry Ford CC
- Jackson CC
- Kalamazoo Valley CC
- Kellogg CC
- Kirtland CC
- Lake Michigan College
- Lansing CC
- Macomb CC
- Mid-Michigan CC
- Monroe County CC
- Mott CC
- Muskegon CC
- North Central Michigan College
- Northwestern Michigan College
- Oakland CC
- Schoolcraft College
- Southwestern Michigan College
- St. Clair County CC
- Washtenaw CC
- Wayne County CC
- West Shore CC
So, *WHERE* should my student apply? (and why there?)
College/University Characteristics to consider:

1. **FIT** for *student*:
   - Size (small, medium, large)?
   - Extracurricular programs
   - Rural/suburban/urban?
   - “Student life” opportunities
   - Academic support opportunities
College/University Characteristics to consider:

2. **FIT** for *family*:

- Location
- Familiarity/comfort level with campus
- Finances--what will attending this school mean to our family? What costs will my student incur?
College/University Characteristics to consider:

3. FIT for future:

◆ Programs of study that appeal to student
◆ Opportunity for advancement
  ○ Honors programs
  ○ Residential/special programs (pre-Med, Poli-Sci, etc.)
  ○ Post-grad acceptance rates
◆ Opportunity for GROWTH (personal and academic)
Not Happy with Test Results? SAT or ACT

*IF* you’re going to retake ACT or SAT

- know why you’re doing it
- do it *differently*
SAT:  www.collegeboard.org

ACT:  www.act.org
Official SAT® Practice

And Khan Academy too!
**S.A.T. is**

**April 9th at ROHS**

**SAT Test Dates 2019-20 (U.S.)**

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**IF you want to take the August test--PLAN EARLY!**
WHEN should my student apply for college?

Depends on the school...

- After final Junior grades are posted
- Many open up mid-June/August
- Make sure that previous years admission (2018-19) is closed

DON’T Delay...

- For apps that require essays--*get them done! (make personal)*
- For MOST schools, it’s less work to apply than you think (20 minutes?)

*But definitely by November 1st!*
How to apply to colleges

*psst....It’s all online* in 2019
21st CENTURY ACADEMICS

The workplace of the future will reward initiative and adaptability just as much as skills and knowledge. At NMU, our job is to train and qualify you for an evolving global marketplace.
What is the Common App?

Do I need to use it?
How to Apply

You are about to engage in one of the most important parts of the admission process. We encourage you to learn how to apply, and be thoughtful and thorough regarding the information you provide. We use a holistic review process to fully assess your candidacy for admission, thus all materials you submit will be considered.

Information for transfer, international and homeschooled students can be found on their respective Web pages. If you have questions about how to apply, contact your admission counselor!

Materials Required to Complete First-Year Application

- Common Application, including the Common Application essay
- High School Transcript
- Counselor Recommendation and Secondary School Report
- Teacher Recommendation
What Michigan schools require the Common App?

(There are only 2)
**Early Decision** – A binding agreement between a student and an institution; you can only submit one application as Early Decision and if accepted, the student MUST attend that institution. (*See your counselor*)

**Early Action/Early Notification** – An application deadline is set by an institution guaranteeing an early decision, but it is non-binding. A student can choose Early Action/Notification from more than one institution.

**Regular Admission** – Typically due between December 15th and January 15th, in some cases all students are notified by a specific date.

**Rolling Admission** – No set deadline to apply, acceptances occur as applications are reviewed and applicants are notified throughout the year. However, the earlier you apply, the better.
Transcripts

Electronic on “SCOIR”

www.scoir.com

Any time a student presses “submit” on a college application, immediately send transcript via Parchment.com
ALL Juniors should log in to their SCOIR account and request a “self view” report after Junior year grades are finalized.
Is your student interested in playing college D1 or D2 athletics?

(NCAA CLEARING HOUSE) (and inform your counselor as well)
Senior Bulletin:

- Lucky 7s - Check out these helpful lists from the New York Times: 7 Reasons to Avoid Seniors & 7 Things Graduating Seniors Should Know About College.
- Scholarship online; see Mrs. Murphy in the S5C for more info.
- Kind transcrips
- Suddenly Seniors - Senior Parent Night presentation
- Senior Bulletins

Fastweb.com

Access over 1.5 million scholarships to help you pay for college.

Fastweb is your connection to scholarships, colleges, financial aid and more.

START YOUR SEARCH

Applications first... scholarships second
Beware of...

Scholarship scams:

“Give us money and we will help you...”

“We guarantee we’ll get you.....money”

*** If it sounds too good to be true...***
Time to get out your phones

Text to : 81010

Message : @kak74f2
Q & A?