AHHH....
I CAN’T BELIEVE MY KID IS A SENIOR!
Goals for Tonight:

- Important dates for Seniors

- Provide information about applying to colleges (deadlines)

- Answer questions
COMMUNICATION IS KEY
WHOM should I contact and how?

"I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT SOMETHING..."

1) Contact the teacher directly
You (or even better) your student should contact the teacher for clarification or set up a time to meet and talk. Face-to-face, call, or email the teacher. Most issues are resolved here.

2) Contact your counselor:
If talking to the teacher did not resolve your concern or you still need additional follow up--contact your assigned counselor via email or phone.

3) Contact the appropriate administrator
If you still require additional follow up or conversation after following steps 1 & 2, contact your assigned administrator:

A-K: Mrs Powell
L-Z: Mrs. Krynak
Athletics: Mr. Watchowski
Communication

1. Go to ROHS home site
2. Click on Student Activities & Info
3. Click on Class of 2020

Counseling Newsletter

Instagram
- ROHSCounselingdept

[Diagram of Instagram and ROHSCounselingdept]
Welcome to your one-stop shop for everything ROHS Class of 2020! This site is run by the Senior Class Officers.

Click on the pages on the dropdown menu to access info on Senior Announcements and Events.

Follow the class of 2020 social media!

Instagram: ROHS 2020
Twitter: ROHS2020

**Senior Prom:** May 26th *(tentatively)*

**Graduation:** May 29th *(to be confirmed)*
Cap and Gown

**October 2nd** (A-L)

**October 4th** (M-Z)

Measurements taken during Lunch...
Add 10 pounds and an inch
ALL NIGHT PARTY

PLEASE HELP MAKE IT A FUN, SAFE NIGHT FOR OUR SENIORS

Parent Chair: Lynn Johnson
Senior Picture

*Smile*

**October 5th** must be photographed with Prestige

**October 15th** must pick your picture with Prestige

*If you use a company besides Prestige, you must upload your photo yourself by December 2*

**Yearbook Senior Tribute:**

- Full page- 10 photos $305
- Half page- 6 photos $165
- Quarter page- 3 photos $100
- Eight page- 1 photo $75

Purchase by February 15 at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)
Dear Parents of the Class of 2018:

Your son/daughter will be a senior at Royal Oak High School this fall. Royal Oak High School requires 22 credits and certain course requirements in order to graduate and receive a diploma. Additionally, all students need to be in 6 classes per semester. The following summary indicates the current status of your student and which courses they need to have on their schedule their senior year.

[X] Your child is on track to graduate.

Your child is not on track to graduate.

Graduation Requirements that must be on your student’s senior year schedule

ELA 12
ENG. Elective 6
Alg 2 x C/D

When your senior picks up his/her schedule, if the listed class(es) 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

Paul Surdenik: A – B (and all OSTC students) Paul Surdenik
Jenniffer Vick: C – J
Carrie Laurence: K – Re
Jim Bowker: Ri – Z
CLUELESS IN ROYAL OAK

ASVAB Test

NOV 27

Sign up in the counseling office
Future Fair

Oct. 2nd!

Over 80 Colleges/Trades/Military Services
Two Types of Application

1. The Common Application ("Common App")

2. University or college’s own application process
How to apply....

- Time to head to the school’s “Admissions” web page

- Google search is probably the easiest way.
The Common Application

- Are my schools on the Common Application?
- Common app schools in Michigan
  - U of M (Ann Arbor), Kalamazoo
  - Perhaps...Michigan State University, Central, Eastern, Western Michigan University, and Wayne State University, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hillsdale, Hope, Kettering

If yes...
- Register [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Begin filling in information
TYPES OF DECISION PLANS

Early Decision (least common) – *Binding agreement* between a student and an institution; can only submit *one* and if accepted, student MUST attend that institution. Typically due between Nov 1st and 15th, depending on the school, and responses are usually given by December 15th.

Early Action/Early Notification – Application deadline set by an institution guaranteeing an early decision-- non-binding. A student can choose Early Action/Notification from more than one institution.

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

Rolling Admissions – 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

Two ways to send:

- Parchment (student)
- Common Application (counselor)
Be Vigilant...

Your application status regularly
Decision Types:

- Accepted
- Denied
- Deferred
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Have questions about filling out or completing the U-M application? Looking for some helpful tips regarding the application essay questions? Want to learn more about applying for financial aid?

Join us for one (or several) M is for You Spotlight events!

M is for You is a free series of workshops for prospective high school seniors and their families. The workshops run throughout the fall and help students every step of the way as they apply to the University of Michigan. There are different events, each with a unique area of focus: a College Prep + Majors Fair, Application and Essay Writing workshops, and a Financial Aid program.

All M is for You Spotlight events take place at the U-M Detroit Center:
3663 Woodward Ave., Suite 190 Detroit, MI 48201
Free validated parking located in the Orchestra Place Parking Structure at the corner of Cass Avenue and Parsons Street.
Registration will close when the event has reached capacity, so register now!

- 9/18/2019 - College Prep & Major Fair
- 10/3/2019 - Essay Writing Workshop
- 10/10/2019 - Essay Writing Workshop
- 10/19/2019 - Essay Writing Workshop
- 10/23/2019 - Essay Writing Workshop
- 10/29/2019 - Essay Writing Workshop
- 11/5/2019 - Financial Aid Workshop
- 11/14/2019 - Essay Writing Workshop
- 11/21/2019 - Essay Writing Workshop
- 12/14/2019 - Essay Writing Workshop
Meet us in your own backyard.

http://www.harvardprincetonuvayale.com
Financial Aid Workshop Night

Oct 8
6:00 pm

Postcards will be sent home

FAFSA
Free Application For Federal Student Aid
Sign up link for workshop

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BA9AF2BA7FF2-royal3
FAFSA Workshop Checklist

A new FAFSA is available October 1. Apply for financial aid using the tax information filed in April. Students (and parents if the student is considered dependent) will need the following information:

You will need access to the following information to file a FAFSA:

Student Information

- Your FSA ID (get one at fafsa.ed.gov)
- Your Social Security number
- Your driver’s license number (if you have one)
- Your alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. Citizen)
- Your prior year W-2 forms, 1099, Schedule C, and other records of money earned
- Your (and your spouse’s, if you are married) prior year Federal Income Tax Return (Federal 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) or a Foreign Tax Return, Tax Return from Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federal States of Micronesia, or Palau. The preferred method is uploading your tax information using the Data Retrieval Tool embedded in the FAFSA.
- Your current bank account balances as of the date you're filing the FAFSA
- Your prior year untaxed income records
- Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records

If you can answer “YES” to any of the following you do NOT have to include Parent Information:

- I turned 24 before January 1 of this year
- I am married
- I am serving in active duty or am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- I have children
- I am an emancipated minor or I have a legal guardian who is not my parent
- I have been declared a homeless or unaccompanied youth
- After I turned 13 years old I was orphaned, in foster care, or a ward of the court

If you cannot answer “YES” to any of the above statements, you are considered a dependent student and will need to include parent/step-parent information on the FAFSA.

Parent Information

- Your parent’s FSA ID (get one at fafsa.ed.gov)
- Your parent’s prior year Federal Income Tax Return (Federal 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) or a Foreign Tax Return, Tax Return from Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federal States of Micronesia, or Palau. The preferred method is uploading your tax information using the Data Retrieval Tool embedded in the FAFSA.
- Your parent’s prior year W-2a, 1099, Schedule C, and other records of money earned
- Your parents’ prior year untaxed income records
- Your parents’ current bank account balances as of the FAFSA filing date
- Your parents’ current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records

Parent FSA ID Worksheet

2. Complete the information on the Create an FSA ID tab
3. Record the following information, noting capitalization, numbers, and special characters:
   - Your personal email address:
   - Your username:
   - Your password:

4. Select and record two challenge questions. Write your answer, noting capitalization:
   - a. Question: __________________________ Answer: __________________________
   - b. Question: __________________________ Answer: __________________________

5. Create two original challenge questions. Write the question and its answer, noting capitalization:
   - a. Question: __________________________ Answer: __________________________
   - b. Question: __________________________ Answer: __________________________

6. Important Date: __________ Update your FSA ID information on an annual basis and use the FSA ID to sign your student’s FAFSA every October 1.

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**FAFSA**

**University**

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Financing a College Education

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Work-study
- Loans
Senior Bulletin

National and local scholarships will be listed.

Go to...
1. School website...
2. Counseling/Career Center...
3. Senior Bulletin

Seniors and parents should carefully review the information in each bulletin.

2014-15 Senior Class Counselor Assignments

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SCHOLARSHIPS

NOTE: PLEASE CHECK EACH SCHOLARSHIP’S WEBSITE FOR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. This is a national scholarship program. Apply at: www.coca-colascholars.org.
Checklist for Seniors

1. Apply before November 1
2. Double check Transcripts
   ▪ H’s, Summer school grades, MS credits, etc.
3. Send Transcripts
4. Double check ROHS requirements
   ▪ PE/health
   ▪ Math, English, Science, Social Studies and World Language.
5. Send ACT/SAT scores. MSU & U of M will not accept the ones from ROHS transcript.
6. NCAA Clearinghouse
Senioritis 😞... Don’t catch it!
“**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 rate
- ANY school with admit rate below 20%
Questions?