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Juniors...Do you plan on taking advantage of your college visit days? Read on!

Questions To Ask & Information To Gain On Your College Visits

Academic

1. What academic support systems are in place to assist freshmen during their transition from high school to college life? Freshman orientation? Freshman seminars? When are they held?
2. Are freshmen assigned to an academic counselor or advisor? Does that advisor stay with the student for four years? Is the advisor assigned (or later changed) based on the student's choice of a major?
3. How do students register for classes?
4. What is the standard size for introductory classes? For more advanced classes in your major?
5. Who teaches freshmen students in lecture classes and laboratory courses? Professors? Graduate students or teaching assistants?
6. Who assists students with the selection of a major? When must a student declare a major? How difficult is it to change a major?
7. What are the most popular majors? Is it possible to have a double major?
8. How many students return from the freshman year to the sophomore year?
9. What percentage of students graduate in four years? Is it possible to have a double major and still graduate in four years?
10. Is the college a student-friendly environment? Ask about the relationship between students, faculty and administrators. How accessible are faculty members for assistance outside of class?
11. Ask about the technology systems and services on campus. Are computer centers available? Is a campus-wide technology network available to support communication among students, faculty and staff? Are all classrooms and/or all dorms wired for technology?
12. If you have learning differences and are accustomed to having academic accommodations or modifications in high school, find out how special services are accessed at the college.
13. What options are available for study abroad?
14. Does the college provide support for students in their efforts to find internships related to their majors?
15. Does the college provide assistance or support to students in applying to professional or graduate schools?
16. Are career counselors available to students? Does the college assist students in finding employment in anticipation of graduation? Do students have the opportunity to access community mentors?
17. Are undergraduate students allowed to work with faculty in undergraduate research?

Student Life (Questions to Ask cont'd.)

1. Look at the profile of students. Are they primarily from one state? Are they geographically diverse? Ethnically diverse? Religiously diverse? Gender balanced?
2. What percentage of students reside on campus? Are freshmen guaranteed housing?
3. What residence hall options are available? Traditional two-person rooms? Single rooms? Suites? Apartments? Honors dorms? Special-interest dorms or floors? Foreign language houses?
4. Are freshmen required to live on campus? Is there a residency requirement beyond the freshman year?
5. What amenities are available in residence halls? Connections to the Internet and campus intranet system? Cable TV? Microwaves? Refrigerators? Washing machines and dryers? Study lounges? Dining halls?
6. Are the dorms single sex or coed? Are there visitation hours? Quiet hours?
7. What dining facilities are available on campus? Are there meal plans? Is there a campus store?
8. Can freshmen have cars on campus? What parking facilities are available?
9. What campus organizations are open to freshmen? How do students find out about them?
10. Do you have to be a performance major to participate in campus productions? If not, are there performance groups available for students to participate in musical, dance and theater productions?
11. Are there fraternities and sororities on campus? Are they nationally affiliated or local? What percentage of students are in sororities and fraternities? Are there sorority and fraternity houses? When do students pledge? Do both freshmen and upperclassmen go through rush?
12. What varsity athletics occur on campus? What recreational or intramural sports are available? Is there a recreation center on campus that is open to all students? Do students pay a fee to use the recreation center?
13. Are there organizations or activities supported through campus ministry programs?
14. Are there opportunities to do community service? What organizations support community service on campus?
15. Look at the community surrounding the college. Are there adequate living facilities if dorm space is not available after the freshman year? Are there movie theaters? Shopping malls? Performance halls? Parks?
16. How do you get to campus from your home? Drive? Fly? What options are available for transportation to and from the college?

College Planning Timeline for Juniors

- Focus firmly on grades. This is the last year to acquire a strong GPA for college admissions applications next fall.
- Use the 11th grade PSAT as a baseline score from which to prep for next spring's SAT and ACT. PSAT scores can be used as SAT predictors within approximate ranges. They can also indicate areas of strength and weakness that students can work on before taking the first SAT and ACT during the latter part of the junior year.
- Attend College Workshop and College Fair. Talk to college representatives and begin to establish contact with various schools of interest to you.
- Talk with college representatives when they visit our school for campus chats. They can eventually be your "best friends" at the college admission selection table when applications are reviewed.
- Complete a credit check with your counselor. Get on the Internet and review specific course requirements for admission at colleges of interest to you. You'll be better prepared to select appropriate senior-year courses if you do this research early.
- Register for strong senior classes. Course selection is very important to most colleges. They want to see you challenging yourself in the classroom. Your senior year schedule will be submitted as part of your college applications next fall.
- Sign up to take both the SAT and/or the ACT in the spring of the junior year. You can retest in the fall of the senior year.

- Take SAT II's at the end of your junior year, if appropriate, and based on your future college plans.
- Continue to work on community service hours. Consider running for leadership positions during your senior year.
- If you're still uncertain about major and/or college choices, stop by the College and Career Center in the CSHS Guidance Office to explore options on *Achieve Texas*, a great internet tool that can provide a wealth of information.
- Visit college campuses. Begin to narrow down choices. (Juniors are allowed 2 days for college visits. Check in with the attendance office for details.)
- Make your summer "meaningful." Consider internships, enrichment programs on college campuses, work experiences, etc.
- Begin to develop your resume.





Naviance & Family Connection



Naviance can help students establish meaningful post-secondary goals and connect those goals with their coursework and college planning activities. You can access all of the features of the site that help you learn about yourself and record information such as educational accomplishments, career goals, and work experiences that will help you apply for schools, scholarships, and jobs. Students can come to the College and Career Center anytime between 7:45-3:45 to learn more and receive their log-in information.

What are campus chats?

Campus chats consist of college representatives from around the United States visiting CSHS during the school day. Students have the opportunity to introduce themselves to college recruiters, hear valuable information about the specific school and ask lots of questions.

Campus Chats take place in the College & Career Center and in the Library from 1:00-1:40 (check the listing outside the guidance office for exact location).

October 20: Univ. of California-Davis
October 26: TCU
October 27: OU, FIDM
October 28: Dartmouth College
November 1 : Santa Fe Univ. of Art & Design
November 2: Trinity Univ
November 3: Texas A&M



Profile in Courage Essay Contest



John F. Kennedy Library Foundation
Deadline: January 7, 2012
For complete guidelines, visit the
Profile in Courage Award at
www.jfklibrary.org



College Fair

November 2, 2011
6:00-8:00 (come & go)
@ CSHS in the SAC
Meet school representatives
and attend a Financial Aid Workshop

NATIONAL SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Día de los Muertos
party with Spanish
Club on October 31 in
room 211.

Next meeting is
November 7 during
lunch in room 211.



Junior Transcripts...

Beginning Nov. 1, juniors may stop
by the CSHS Guidance Office to pick
up a complimentary copy of their 6
semester transcript.



NHS NEWS

Spring Break Adventure Program 2012: Berlin, Prague & Vienna!
Open Registration Going On Now: Spaces Going Fast - Don't Wait!!

The advanced placement art history, European history, world history, art studio, language and English classes would like to invite you to join a special group of participants on a cultural excursion to Central Europe in March 2012! The program is now officially open first-come, first-served through December 1st to all Carroll sophomores, juniors and seniors with an interest in these quintessential cities and all that they offer. These destinations have been hand selected by Carroll teachers to give you the maximum return on your investment by including all the "must-sees" of any qualified tour of the region. Tours of museums and historic sites along the way will extend instruction already going on in classrooms at CSH and CHS, and will serve to make history and art "come alive!"

Why spend thousands of dollars on a family tour you have to plan step-by-step . . . one that you basically have to run all on your own? Why spend thousands of dollars on a "canned" experience that simply cannot deliver the in-depth immersion our program provides? Why not give your child an experience that will be memorable well into the college application and scholarship essay writing seasons - one that provides a "cosmopolitan" edge over the competition? Traveling abroad NOW can provide focus and motivation for a rewarding college and career path (. . . one that will ultimately be taken outside the familiar Southlake "bubble"). Can a simple tour to Europe really do that? YES! Ask any one of the students traveling with us in the past, and they'll tell you that it absolutely can!!

For more information, be sure to visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/springbreakadventure/home> . You can also contact us by e-mail at Tim.Johnston@southlakecarroll.edu, or by phone at 817-949-5844. Registration won't last forever, and we don't want you to miss out on the highlight of your academic year 2011-2012!!

National Honor Society Deadlines!

- Current NHS Members: Registrations & Dues Deadline November 16th
- New Member Candidate Forms Due November 17th
- Current NHS Members: Merchandise Orders Due December 14th

Be sure to check the NHS website regularly as many new community service opportunities are about to get underway - some have already started!! Why wait to get your NHS hours done next semester - do it NOW! If you know of anything you'd like NHS to be a part of for community service, contact Mr. Johnston at Tim.Johnston@southlakecarroll.edu , and check out the website at <https://sites.google.com/site/carrollnhs/> .

Junior Calendar of Events

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| October 26 | College Planning & Funding Workshop
CSHS SAC @ 6:30 |
| October 29 | Homecoming Dance @ Gaylord |
| November 2 | College Fair
CSHS SAC @ 6pm-8pm (come & go) |
| November 5&6 | Craft Fair
CSHS @ 11am |
| November 14 | 3rd Six Weeks Begins |
| November 21-25 | Fall Break |

