

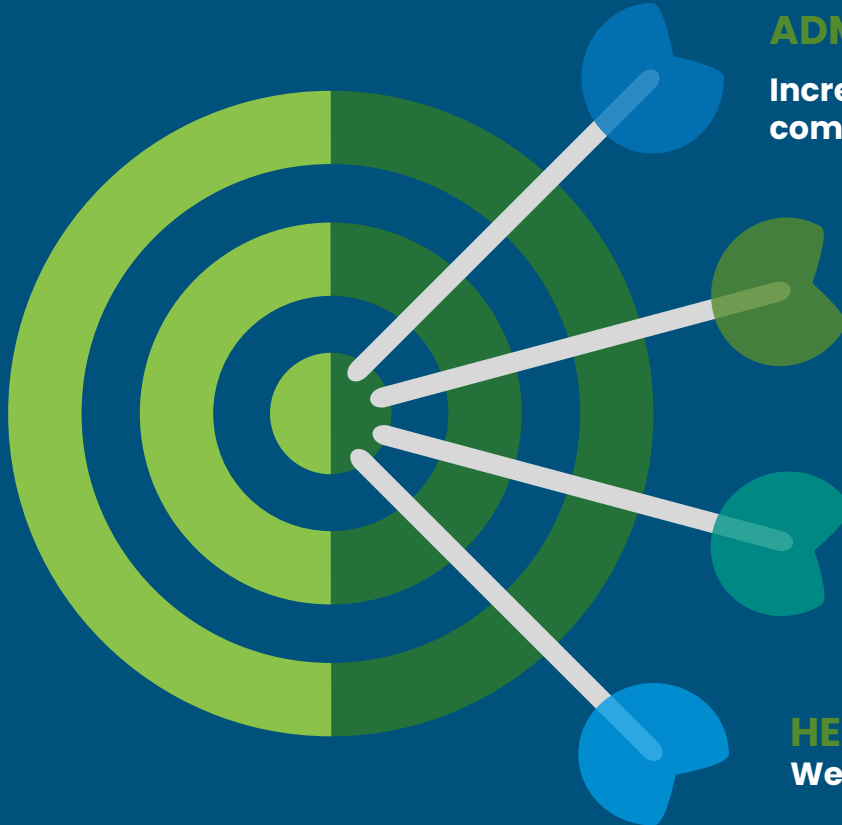


Welcome to Senior Parent Night

**Lynna Williams
Class of 2021**



GOALS



UNDERSTAND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Increase knowledge of process, admissions committee, & interview process

UNDERSTAND VARIOUS PARTS OF APPLICATION

Receive assistance with important parts & understand responsibilities

CONSIDER LIFE BEYOND THE ACCEPTANCE

You are more than your acceptances! Thinking about what comes after can also help you make decisions!

HEALTHY MINDSET

We can only control what is in our control!

DOES THE COLLEGE MATCH YOUR CRITERIA?



YOUR COLLEGE LIST



REACH



**REALISTIC
/TARGET**



LIKELY

**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO LOVE ALL
THE SCHOOLS ON YOUR LIST**

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

GRADES IN
COLLEGE PREP
COURSES

STRENGTH OF
CURRICULUM

TEST
SCORES

GRADES IN ALL
COURSES



EXTRACURRICULAR
COMMITMENT - QUALITY
VS QUANTITY

LETTERS OF
RECOMMENDATION

ESSAY(S)

DEMONSTRATED
INTEREST

WAYS TO CONNECT

VIRTUAL REP VISITS SIGN UP VIA NAVIANCE



COLLEGE WEBSITE/EMAIL ADMISSIONS



VISITS



NETWORKING



DEADLINES

EARLY DECISION

- Binding
- Only for students who are committed to the school and know its the one!
- Not for students who want to compare merit scholarships/financial aid
- Slight advantage for admissions sometimes

ROLLING

- No set deadline
- Admissions office reviews applications on a continual basis and notifies applicants of decision in 4-6 weeks time
- Apply early to competitive programs

**DEADLINES
ARE HARD
DATES!**

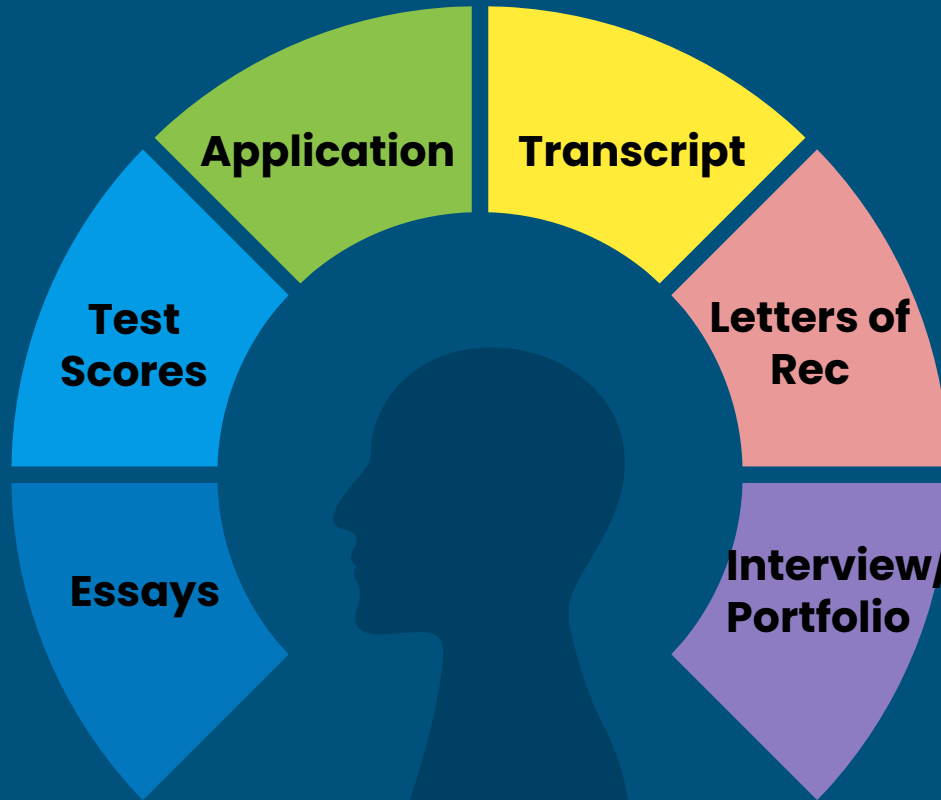
EARLY ACTION

- Notification by mid-December
- May be required for competitive majors/scholarships
- Pay attention to restricted EA

REGULAR DECISION

- Deadline typically in Jan/Feb
- Notification by mid-March

PARTS OF THE APPLICATION



Application

CommonApp

- Many colleges use the CommonApp, but not every
- www.commonapp.org
- Make sure to fill out every part of the application!
- This is where you'll put your education information & activities

Other Applications

- Some colleges use their own application which can be found on their website
- Others use the Coalition app, which is similar to the CommonApp

Test Scores

- Due to COVID-19 more than 1500 schools went test optional!
 - Find full list of test optional schools at www.fairtest.org
 - RMHS School Based Test 10/14
 - If you are taking a test somewhere else - check College Board AND call the school to double check!
 - Test Optional really means test optional! If you can't take the test or don't like your scores it will be ok!
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Essays

- **Answer the questions asked of you!**
 - **Be genuine & passionate!**
 - **Have a parent, counselor, English teacher edit essay and give suggestions**
 - **Refer to Guidance Website for tips on essay**
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Transcripts

- **Transcripts are sent by me through Naviance**
 - **You can request them by adding schools to Colleges I'm Applying To list - make sure to select the correct deadline & application you are using**
 - **Transcripts must be requested on Naviance 3 weeks before your first deadline**
 - **October 11th for Nov. 1**
 - **October 25th for Nov. 15**
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Education Section on Common App

- 329 students in graduating class
- We report both weighted & unweighted GPA
 - Put whatever is higher on your application
- GPA scale is out of 4
- We will not be reporting rank or deciles this year

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Letters of Recommendation

Guidance Recommendation

- **Make sure your Guidance Questionnaire is completed ASAP as well as Parent/Guardian Form**
- **Ask coach/boss/employer for informal recommendation for me to quote**

Teachers Recommendations

- **Politely confirm with teachers that they will write you**
- **Let them know your first deadline**
- **Complete any documents they need from you**
- **Add teachers on Naviance**
 - **College→ Colleges I'm Applying To→ Letters of Recommendation**
- **Step by step instruction on Guidance Website**

Interview/ Portfolio & Auditions

- **Consider interview an opportunity for your application to be more than a piece of paper and for you to learn more about the school!**
 - **Dress appropriately & be prepared to ask questions!**
 - **Portfolios & auditions may be required for art/music programs - check deadlines because sometimes they are different from application deadline**
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APPLICATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Students

- Submitting application
 - Application fee
 - Essays
 - Supplements
- Sending SAT/ACT directly from CollegeBoard/ACT
- Request transcript
- Request teachers

Counselor

- Counselor recommendation
- Sending following documents:
 - Transcript
 - School Profile

Teachers

- Sending teacher recommendations

Other Action Items

Linking CommonApp & Naviance Account

CommonApp Steps

1. **Create CommonApp Account**
2. **Select RMHS as current school under Education section**
3. **Add Colleges to 'My College' section**
4. **Complete the FERPA Agreement**

Then on Naviance

5. **Select 'Colleges I'm Applying To' and Match CommonApp & Naviance by typing in CommonApp email**

There is a video on the Guidance Website that walks you through how to do this.

Scholarships

- ◆ **RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE GUIDANCE WEBSITE**
- ◆ **READING SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**
- ◆ **STANLEY KOPLIK CERTIFICATE OF MASTERY**
- ◆ **ABIGAIL ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP**



Reading Scholarship Foundation

- Applications available after January 1st
 - Apply online at www.readingsf.org
 - Deadline is crucial
 - Requires copy of tax return
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Stanley Koplik Certificate of Mastery

- **Tuition credit for MA public schools & universities**
- **Initial eligibility determined by MCAS scores**
 - **2 advanced scores or 1 advanced and 1 proficient score**
- **Need 2 subsequent qualifying scores**
 - **SAT II's, AP Exams, other honors such as National Latin Exam**
- **Submit application to Guidance by May 1**

Abigail Adams Scholarship

- **Tuition credit at MA state colleges & universities**
 - **For students who score in top 25% on MCAS in our district**
 - **Department of Education will notify you directly if you qualify**
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Athletes

- **If you are planning to play at a Division I or II school, register with the NCAA Clearinghouse**
- **www.eligibilitycenter.com**

Lastly...


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- **When in doubt, check the Guidance Website!**
 - **Videos on how to request transcripts, linking Naviance & CommonApp, waiving FERPA rights**
 - **College essay info & tips**
 - **Helpful interview tips**
 - **I'm here to help at each step!**
 - **Google Form for individual meetings**
 - **It is going to be okay!**



Poll time!

How are we feeling now?





Information for Individual Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/Williams2021>



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 - **Add on app**
 - **Or text code to 81010**
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