

Questions?

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Partnership for Success

- Student-driven process
- Teachable moment
- Parent = support team
- Counselors = objective component (unlike college advisors who are subjective and profit-driven)



What are colleges looking for?

- Grades
- ACT/SAT/SAT II scores (start prepping)
- Teacher recommendations (choose teacher in the spring)
- Personal statement (essay)
- Activities and sports
- Work experience, community service
- Demonstrated interest (visit, communicate)

Building your list of schools:

- Do I have the numbers?
- Location, size, campus “feel”
- What will I study?
- Am I looking for \$\$\$?
- Target schools (50% chance of acceptance)
- Safety/likely schools (most likely)
- Reach (least likely)



SAT I

- Math, reading, writing, optional essay
- 3:45, 154 items, 1 essay (optional)
- requires test *savvy*
- questions *do not* resemble school assessments
- Prep relies heavily on *strategy*
- *not designed to optimize student performance*

ACT

- Reading, writing, math, science, optional essay
- 2:55, 215 items, essay (optional)
- Straightforward questions, fast-paced exam
- More like a school assessment than SAT
- Prep relies less on strategy, more on pacing.
- *not designed to optimize student performance*

Optional writing sections?

Unless you *know* your school doesn't require writing, *take SAT/ACT with writing (at least once).*

SAT II (Subject Tests)

- U.S. History
- ***World History****
- Mathematics Level 1
- Mathematics Level 2
- ***Biology E/M****
- ***Chemistry****
- French
- Chinese
- German
- Spanish
- Latin
- Literature

- ***Generally required for the most competitive schools***

- **Used more for placement than admission**

**** If you did well in these courses, take these tests this spring. Otherwise, wait for the fall.***

Method Test Prep

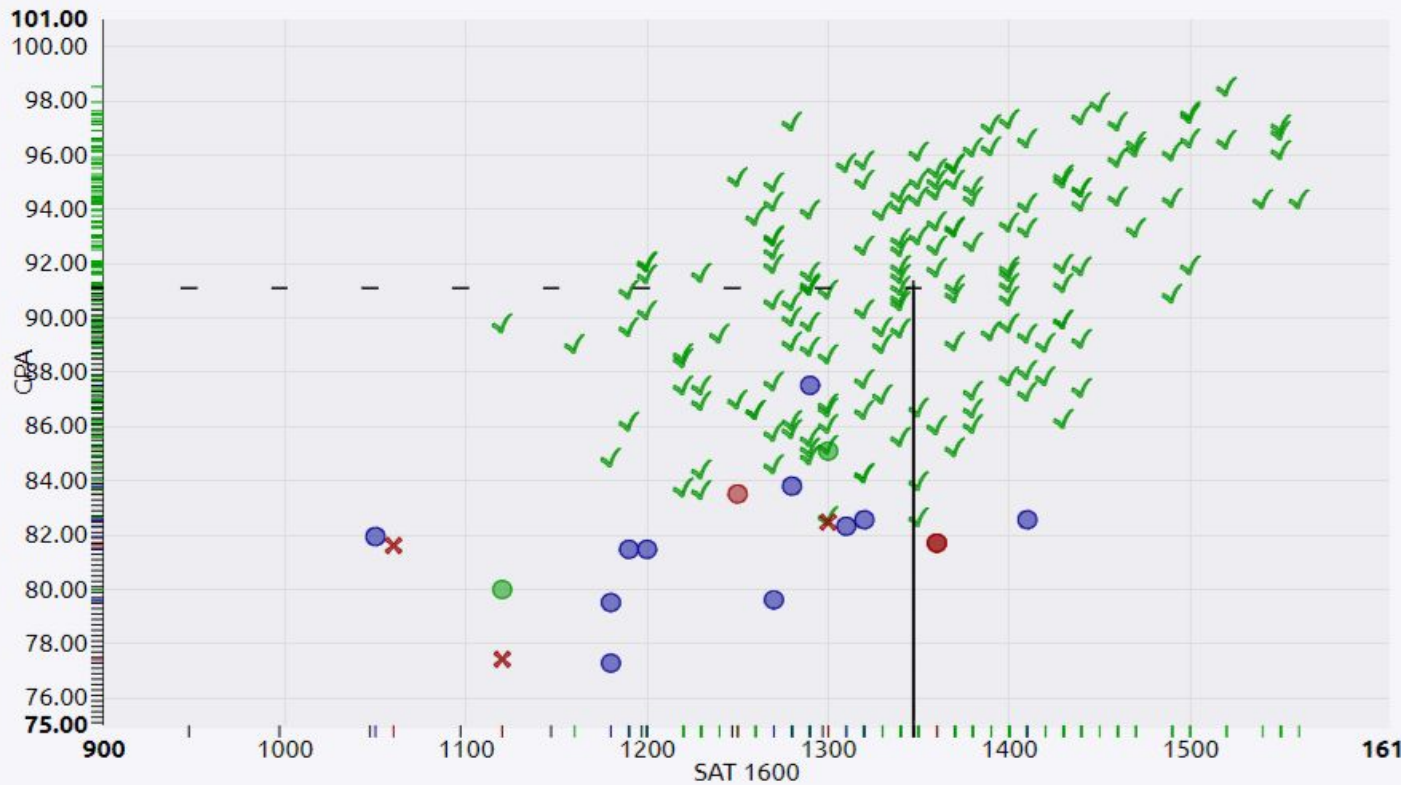
- Use Method to try out each exam at home (timed) or at testing center (for *much* faster results) to determine your level of comfort and success.
- Choose test prep plan that fits budget, schedule, and needs.
- If you finish junior year with *at least two* tests completed, you're in great shape to refine your list of schools and plan your visits.
- Method is part of the Academic Enrichment program. (And it's FREE.)

Naviance

- online college search tool for you to research colleges, organize applications, and estimate the likelihood of admission (Scattergrams)
- Juniors *AND* their parents will receive their own log-in information.
- Once you have SAT/ACT scores, you can begin looking at Scattergrams.

Scattergrams | Applications for Chaminade High School

Comparing Unweighted GPA with SAT (1600 Scale)



Legend

You

Accepted



Waitlisted/Accepted



Waitlisted/Unknown



Waitlisted/Denied

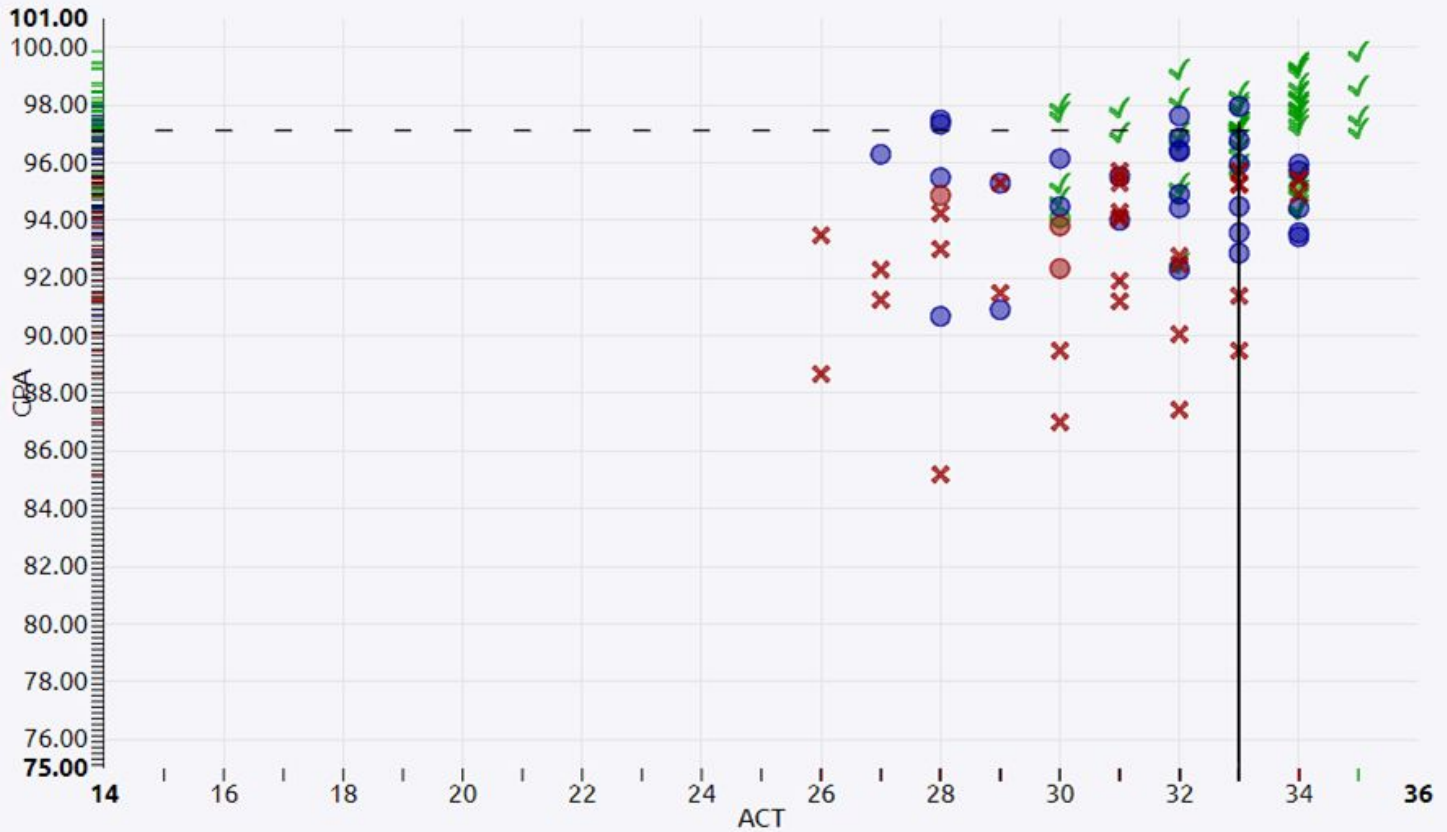


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Military Academies

- **See Mr. O'Keefe or Mr. Auriemma**
- **Academics, physical preparedness and commitment**
- **Academy Presentation (TBD)**
- **Hangar>Guidance>Academies/ROTC**

Summer Programs?

- Leadership Conferences and summer college programs **do not** necessarily enhance your application.
- ***If you participate, do it for YOU, not just for a boost to your application.***

College Essay

- Colleges take a look at you, beyond the numbers:
 - *We see who he is as an academic, but what kind of citizen will he be in our community?*
- A good essay is focused, reflective, and personal.
- Summer College Essay Workshop: Dates, registration
TBD

Resume, Questionnaire, Letters of Evaluation

- Resume: lists clubs, sports, service
- Questionnaire: personal responses (self-evaluation, aspirations, personal circumstances)
- letter of evaluation - NOT GOING TO COLLEGES; In the spring, you'll choose a teacher, coach, moderator, counselor who can share insight to you.
- All three are used for your school rec. letters that actually go to colleges, so be honest, personal, and specific. (Quality in, quality out)

Online Learning Opportunity

- Chaminade H.S. in partnership with Holy Apostles College and Seminary is pleased to announce an innovative opportunity utilizing the summer to both enhance your college application and experience a new method of learning that has become an invaluable part of the collegiate experience.
- Students are able to take an online course, earning 3 credits and at the same time experiencing a new learning environment.
- The course is an Introduction to Philosophy course. The cost is \$405 for the course. In particular students considering one of the Catholic colleges may be able to utilize this opportunity to satisfy a core requirement.
- Students will be selected based on academic proficiency.
- See Mr. Petruccio in Guidance for an application form.

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Earn College Credits Online



- **Spring Semester starts in January.**
- **Intro. to Ancient Philosophy (3 credits)**
- **Summer Semester course: Ethics (3 credits)**
- **Each semester runs for 15 weeks.**

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Holy Apostles College & Seminary

- **Online courses; 3-4 hrs/week required**
- **The students are assigned readings each week and must provide a written summary of the work.**
- **Midterm + final project**
- **Mr. Petruccio is the adjunct professor.**

St. John's College Advantage Program

- **Cost: \$325 for each (3) credit course**
- **Spring Semester**
- **College Algebra & Trig (only available for Math 11 students)**
- **English: Introduction to British Literature**
- **American History: U.S. from Colonial Times to the Civil War.**
- **SJU courses can also be taken in senior year.**
- **Request your transcript from SJU after spring semester for when you apply to college in the fall.**

St. John's College Advantage Program

- **Registration is will be available online and students will receive an email with the proper links. Payments are made directly to St. John's University. Payment instructions are provided in the registration.**
- **Additional paper/project will be assigned for each course.**

So what should I be doing NOW?

- Improve your grades.
- Decide on test prep strategy & schedule.
- Aim for completion of 2+ official exams by Aug.
- Start researching (Naviance, campus visits, afternoon visits at Chaminade)
- Once you have test scores, begin a college dialogue with your college counselor.

Who's my college counselor?

3A, 3B, 3C - Mr. Auriemma

3D, 3E, 3F - Mr. Kaplan

3G, 3H, 3J - Mr. Hazelton

3K, 3L, 3M - Mr. Giardina

New Resource for Chaminade Families:

We have added a financial aid consultant to the College Placement Team who can help you navigate the financial piece of the college process, from initial planning to the final stages of the application process.

Chaminade College Fair

- **Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00pm in AAC**
- **90-100 colleges**
- **Admissions representatives present**

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Real Numbers

- **Approx. 37,100 U.S. high schools = 74,200 valedictorians and salutatorians**
- **13,623 seats for Ivy League freshmen**
- **40% for special cases, 20% for athletics, 20% for legacy, minority candidates, donors, and VIP.**
- **What's left for everyone else? 8,174 seats**

#HotPicks

Mr. Kaplan:

Rice University

Webb Institute

Boston University

Mr. Giardina:

Davidson College

University of Rhode Island

University of South Carolina

Mr. Auriemma:

Union College

SUNY Maritime

Bryant University

Mr. Petruccio:

Georgia Tech

SUNY ESF

Miami of Ohio

Mr. Hazelton:

Hobart & William Smith

Bucknell

University of Connecticut

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