St. Vincent Pallotti High School

Senior College Night
2023 - 2024

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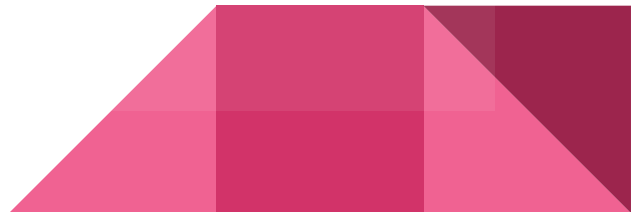- Athletic Release
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Picking The Right College For You

What's Important to You?

Academics
- Major and Programs
- Level of Challenge
- Style of Instruction

Campus Community
- Location, Setting, and Size
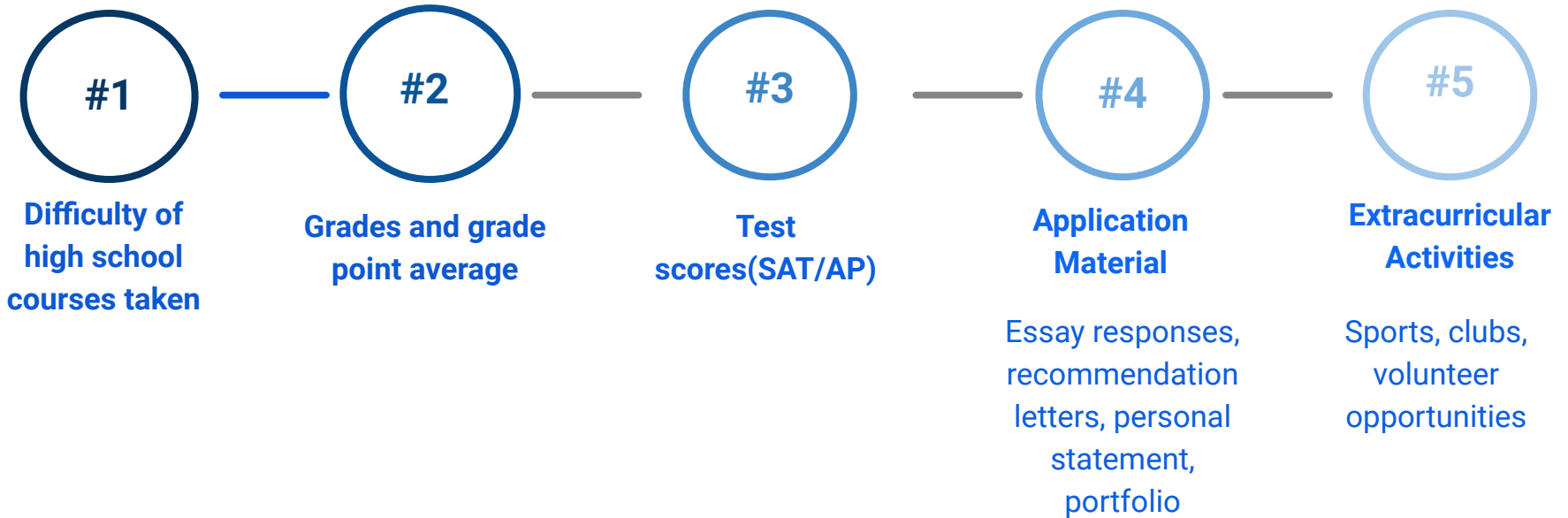- Facilities and Campus Life
- Who you'll hangout with

Selectivity
- Admitted Student Profile
- Acceptance Rates

Results
- Retention & Graduation Rates
- Career Advising
- Job &/or Grad School Placement

What do Colleges Look at?

#1

Difficulty of high school courses taken

#2

Grades and grade point average

#3

Test scores(SAT/AP)

#4

Application Material

Essay responses, recommendation letters, personal statement, portfolio

#5

Extracurricular Activities

Sports, clubs, volunteer opportunities

Naviance

Naviance - What is it?

Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness platform that helps students and families connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals.

Naviance College Search Tools

There are many helpful college search tools in Naviance. One of the most used is the college scattergram. The scattergram gives you details about the college you are interested in and a graph showing where you rank compared to other Pallotti students who have applied to the college in the past. There must be at least 3 previous students who applied to the college in order to see a scattergram.

To access this tool, log into your account, click on "Search for Colleges". You will then be brought to another screen where you click on the college.

Naviance College Search Tools

Naviance College Search Tools

American University

Overview | Studies | Student Life | **Admissions** | Costs

Communicate ▾ | Apply Online | Learn More ▾

Scattergrams | Applications for St. Vincent Pallotti High School

Comparing Weighted GPA **with** SAT (1600) ▾

You as a student

ACCEPTED
SAT: 1320, GPA: 3.52

GPA axis: 5.00, 4.50, 4.00, 3.50, 3.00, 2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.00, 0.50, 0.00

SAT axis: 0, 200, 400, 600, 800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1510
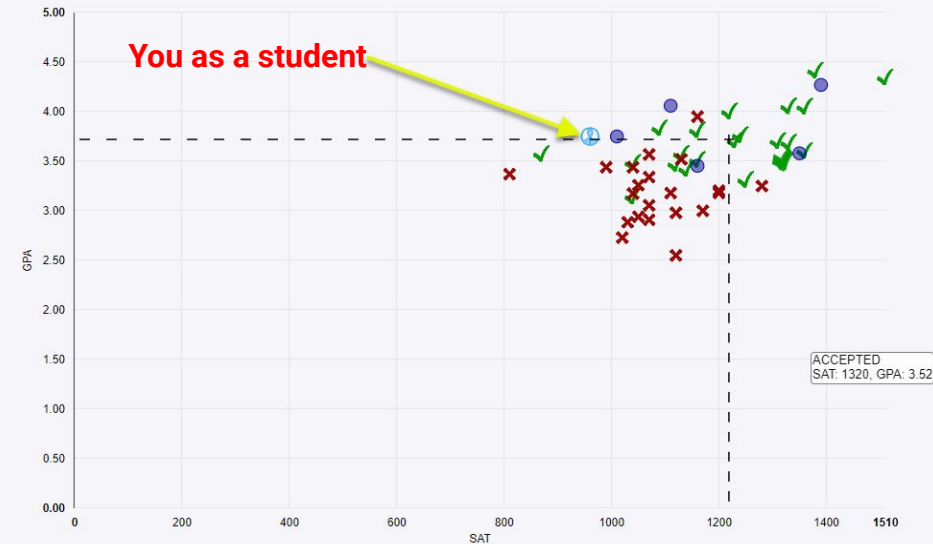
Legend	**Accepted**	*Waitlisted/Accepted*	Waitlisted/Unknown	*Waitlisted/Denied*	**Denied**
🔵 You	✓ Regular Decision	🟢 Regular Decision	🔵 Regular Decision	🔴 Regular Decision	✖ Regular Decision

Types of Application Platforms

Not all colleges use the same application platform, and it is your responsibility to check which application the college takes and to **mark this correctly on your transcript request form**. Mrs. Duckworth is not able to see if you selected the correct application platform. The college will only receive your information if it is sent through the proper application platform.

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Types of Application Platforms

The Common Application member colleges have stipulated that applicants may add up to 20 colleges. The college list cannot be expanded for any applicant. Once you submit an application, that college can no longer be removed from your list of colleges.

The Common App: Used by nearly 900 colleges. If you are applying to a Common App school, you must match your Common App to Naviance**.** *Do not invite recommenders when creating your account.*

Matching Naviance to Common App

Matching Naviance to your Common App Account:

Log into your Naviance account and click on "My Colleges" - Click on the "colleges I'm applying to" link. Type in the email address you used to create your Common App account **(do not use your school email address)**, check to ensure the birthdate is correct, and click on "match." If you do not "match" your Common App account, we cannot send any application documents out for you.

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COALITION FOR COLLEGE

The Coalition App: If you are using this application, you must invite the counselor as a contact, invite the counselor and teachers as recommenders, request mid-year transcripts, and request final transcripts.

Types of Application Platforms

GET EDUcated!
EDU, Inc.
COMMON BLACK COLLEGE APPLICATION

HBCU App: An affordable college application that can be used to apply to 65 HBCUs in the U.S. all at once. This is an excellent option for students who want to apply to various colleges while cutting down on application fees. There are additional application procedures that must be done when using this app. Transcript request forms must still be completed for each college that you are applying to through this application platform.

Types of Application Platforms

School Application: Some schools have you use their own application platform and you must apply directly through them .

College Application Deadlines

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What is a college deadline and where do I find them?

- **Early Action**: The student applies early and receives an answer earlier than the regular deadline. Deadline is either 11/1 or 11/15. Check the college site for correct date.
- **Early Decision**: The student applies early and receives an answer earlier than the regular applicant pool but IS REQUIRED to attend if accepted.
- **Regular Decision**: The student applies by the regular deadline and receives an answer from the applicant.
- **Rolling Admission:** The student applies at any point and receives an answer on a rolling basis.

Where Can I Find a College Deadline Date?
- Common App
- School Website
- Naviance

It is the student's responsibility to check the due dates for college applications. If you do not put the correct due date, you may miss an opportunity to apply to the college. Check to make sure you have completed at least TWO weeks before the college deadline. PLAN AHEAD!

Online Request Forms

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To access the forms below, follow these steps

- Go to **Pallottihs.org** Click on **Academics**
- Click **College Counseling**
- Click **Helpful Links**

Transcript Request Form (Yellow Form)

A **transcript request form** must be completed for each college to which you apply. A transcript form must be completed in order for your information to be sent to the college. There is no need for transcript payment until the yellow form has been completed. Transcript requests must be turned into Mrs. Duckworth two weeks before an application is sent.

Teacher Recommendation Letter Request Form (Green Form)

An online **teacher recommendation form** needs to be completed in order to have your recommendation letter written.

ATHLETIC TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

To send transcripts to college coaches, you need to complete an **athletic transcript release form.**

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It is extremely important that this form is filled out for each school you are applying to. If this form is not filled out, your transcript will not be sent.

Transcript Request Form (Yellow Form)

Fill out ONE FORM FOR EACH COLLEGE. You must submit your form AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE FOR THE COLLEGE'S APPLICATION. There is a charge of $5 per transcript for each school.

This form is automatically collecting emails for St. Vincent Pallotti High School users. Change settings

Your full name: *

Short answer text

Application deadline - note that this is the college's deadline, not your requested deadline. Check the college's website for accurate date. *

Month, day, year

Name of college: *

Short answer text

City of college: *

Short answer text

Teacher Recommendation Letters

Students should request teacher recommendation letters by October 15th of their senior year. It is advised that you do so as teachers are writing multiple letters. Please give teachers adequate time to write your letter. You only need up to two letters of recommendation. Many colleges will only accept one letter. Please only ask two teachers for letters of recommendation, as they are writing multiple letters simultaneously.

Teacher Recommendation Letter Request Form (Green Form)

Use this form to request letters of recommendation from your teacher(s). Pallotti requires that students get two letters of recommendation from teachers in academic subjects (English, math, social studies, science). Try to select at least one teacher from your junior year. COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH TEACHER. Please DO NOT REQUEST FROM MORE THAN TWO TEACHERS unless you have cleared it with Mrs. Duckworth.

sschmidt@pallottihs.info Switch account

Your email will be recorded when you submit this form

* Required

Your full name: *

Your answer

Teacher's name (first and last):

Your answer

You must reach out to the teacher directly to request the letter. Be sure to ask politely - teachers do not have to write these letters for you! Email is fine if you are not currently attending class on campus. Have you reached out to the teacher yet?   *

○ Yes, I've already emailed him/her.

○ Not yet, but I'm going to do it right now! (Don't choose this one. Go email your teacher before you submit this form!)

Athletic Transcript Release Form

In order for us to send transcripts to college coaches, you need to complete an *athletic transcript release form.* Your transcript cannot be sent without this form being filled out.

The following items MUST be completed before Mrs. Duckworth can send your application. Please make sure you have all of these items checked off before you ask her to submit your information.

Important

Check List

✔ Recommendation letters requested?

✔ Transcript request form filled out?

✔ Resume is completed?

✔ Athletic form filled out? *(only needed if you plan on playing a sport in college)*

✔ College application submitted and paid for?

✔ No financial hold on the account?

NCAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

To be eligible to compete in NCAA sports during your first year at a Division I school, you must graduate high school and meet ALL the following requirements.

- Complete **16 core courses**:
    - Four years of English
    - Three years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
    - Two years of natural/physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it)
    - One additional year of English, math or natural/physical science
    - Two years of social science
    - Four additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy
- Complete 10 core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester. Once you begin your seventh semester, you may not repeat or replace any of those 10 courses to improve your core-course GPA.
- Earn at least a **2.3 GPA** in your core courses.

If you have not met all the Division I academic requirements, you may not compete in your first year at college.

Testing

Test Optional vs. Test Blind

Test optional – when a college allows applicants to decide whether to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of their application

Test blind-when a college does not look at SAT/ACT scores, even if a students submits them

Many schools have adopted these policies for the 22-23 admissions cycle. Many schools have already announced that they will keep this policy for the 23-24 cycle. Check the college website for the most up-to-date information!

https://fairtest.org/test-optional-list/

Resume Builder

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How to build your resume

You can find the resume builder in Naviance Student in the My Stuff section of the "About Me" tab

What's Included? Resume Sections is where you begin building the various sections of the resume. The Add Section button (+ sign) is used to add desired sections. Although there are many resume sections available, the most common are: Objective Summary, Work Experience, Education, Extracurricular Activities, Awards, and References.
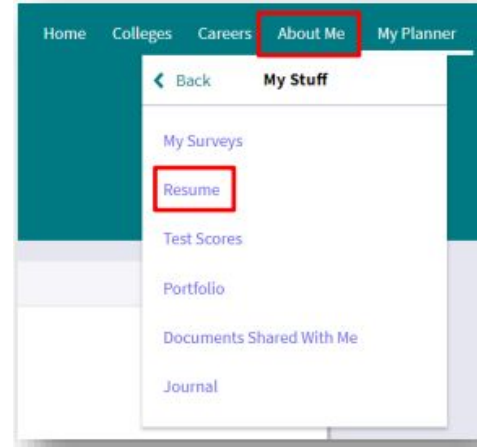
How To Pay For College

FAFSA

The most crucial first step you should take when figuring out how to pay for college is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. FAFSA will open in December this year. An exact date has not been released yet. You should fill out the application as soon as possible as there is a limit to the amount of aid the government allots each year to students. Regardless of your income bracket, you should fill out the FAFSA.This form will determine your eligibility for financial assistance like federal loans, grants, work-study benefits, and even some merit aid. You do not have to pay back the student aid that is awarded through FAFSA.

GoingMerry.com

Going Merry has all the free tools your family needs to help alleviate the stress of paying for college. Personalized scholarship lists, key financial aid actions, curated resources, and more. All in one place. All for free.

Financial Aid

Access their FAFSA® Made Easier tool and key financial aid resources to ensure you apply for all the government funding you're eligible for.

Scholarship Matching

Personalized scholarship lists for your child, with a focus on local and niche scholarships, for a higher chance of winning.

RaiseMe

RaiseMe is a micro-scholarship where students can earn money based on individual achievements throughout 9th-12th grade. They are awarded by colleges and universities who partner with RaiseMe, and each college or university creates its own micro-scholarship program. If you haven't created an account, you still have time. Students can submit information from 9th grade up until now.

1. Discover Colleges

Learn more about which colleges could be a great fit for you, see themicro-scholarships they're offering, and share that you're interested by hitting the "Follow" button (for each school).

2. Add Your Achievements

Complete your RaiseMe Portfolio by adding each of your course grades, club involvement, sports, volunteer activities, and more.

3. Earn Scholarships for Your Achievements

For each achievement, you'll earn a micro-scholarships from colleges you're following, the sum of which you'll be awarded when you attend that college.
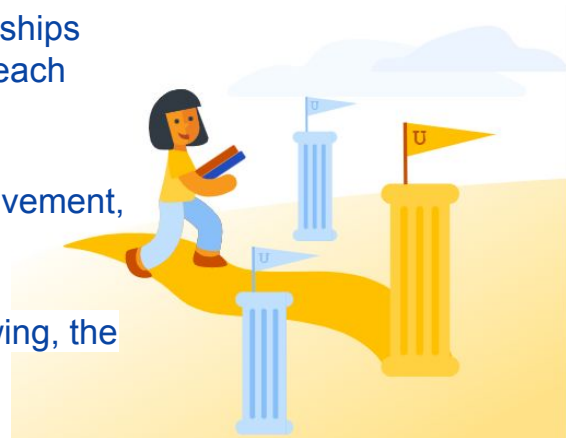
Financial Hold

Any infractions regarding your financial status with the school, ranging from missed tuition payments, late payments, and even overdue fees or missing equipment that your child signed out but never returned, can result in the school not releasing your students' academic records when applying to a college.