

Class of 2013

**CITY HONORS
CENTAURS**

Junior Parent College Planning Kick off Night

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Tonight's Agenda

WELCOME! Please help yourself to a beverage and dessert

- College Search
- College Visits
- Testing
- Early Decision/ Early Action
- Putting Together the Pieces of the Puzzle
- Financial Aid
- The College Application

The College Search

- College Board
www.collegeboard.com
- NYS Career Zone
www.nycareerzone.org
- WNY College Connection
www.wnycollegeconnection.com
- Self-evaluation and serious discussion in the family
- Consider different factors of a college- handout



College Visits

- Attend college open houses
- College representative visits to City Honors
- National College Fair
 - Taking place at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center
 - Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012 (9am-12pm and 6-8:30pm)
 - Wednesday, April 4th, 2012(9am-12pm)



Testing used for Admissions

- SAT I
 - May 5th SAT at City Honors
- SAT II- Subject tests
- ACT

Early Decision/ Early Action

What is the difference?

Early Decision: Binding agreement with the college that if you are accepted you will attend that college

Early Action: If you are accepted early, there is no obligation to attend

Putting Together the Pieces of the Puzzle

What are colleges looking for?

- Community Service
- Extracurricular Involvement
- Recommendations
- Test Scores
- Grades/ Transcript



Financial Aid

- **FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid
www.fafsa.ed.gov
- **CSS Profile** may be required as well

What can be done now?

- FASA Forecaster
- Financial Aid Calculator



College Applications

- Common Application
(www.commonapp.org)
- SUNY Application
(www.suny.edu/gosuny/index.cfm)
- Paper Applications



Questions??

- Thank you for coming!
- There will be a Financial Aid meeting planned for the fall
- Please check out the City Honors website for links to College Search and Financial Aid:

www.cityhonors.org

(click on Academics then Guidance)

***REACH FOR THE
STARS!!***

