

# COLLEGE PLANNING 2020

VVS High School Counselors

IT'S A WHOLE NEW WORLD!





# WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

- ✗ SATs and ACTs- many colleges are not requiring test for the fall
  - ✗ Check with your colleges if they will still require tests
- ✗ Greater emphasis on letters, interviews and essays
- ✗ Virtual visits and open house events
- ✗ More remote learning options
- ✗ Learning as we go

## WHAT IS THE SAME?

- x Financial Aid -FAFSA opens Oct 1
  - x Some private colleges want the CSS Profile
- x Applications
  - x Common Application [Click here](#)
  - x SUNY Application [Click here](#)
  - x Individual college sites: MVCC, some private schools



# HOW CAN YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR HELP YOU?

**Help you navigate applying to college-** Common App, SUNY app, or individual college applications?

**Help you find the answers to your questions-** We may not know the answer, but we will help you find the answer!

**Letters of recommendation and submit your transcripts-** Once you apply, we will provide your high school transcript and, in many cases, a letter of recommendation.

**Each college has their own requirements and deadlines. We can help you find this information if you need it.**

**It is your job to know your deadlines and application requirements**

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Click here to schedule a meeting with your school counselor

Mrs. Murphy [calendar](#)

Mrs. Holton [calendar](#)

Mr. Sullivan [calendar](#)



# NEXT STEPS

## #1 Set up appointment with your school counselor.

Mrs. Murphy

Mrs. Holton

Mr. Sullivan

## #2 Make a list of schools you want to apply to and discuss with your school counselor.

Know your deadlines!

Early Action or Early Decision?



## #3 Check the Google classroom for virtual admissions meetings.

You can still meet with college reps virtually. This gives them a chance to get to know you. More important now than ever before!

## #4 Complete application on time!

Every college is different

- ✗ Rolling admissions
- ✗ Early action or early decision?

## #5 Letters of recommendation.

Who can you ask?

- ✗ Teachers
- ✗ Coaches
- ✗ Employers



Do not ask family or friends

## #6 Personal essay

Check out the Common App Prompts for ideas.

## #7 FAFSA and financial Aid

Discuss this with your family

**We ask all applications be complete before the December winter break.**





# WHERE TO START?

## Helpful links

The Class of 2021 Google Classroom has all of these resources and more!

Common App walk through



Common App Essay tips



Virtual College Tours



Applying to College during a pandemic



Financial Aid





# THANKS!

Sign up for your senior planning appointment

Click here for [Mrs. Murphy](#)

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