



Senior Planning Night

Class of 2020

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Tonight's Agenda

- **Junior Year review**
- **College application process**
- **Financial aid resources**
- **Help along the way**
- **Q & A**

Where will your path take you?



Need a break or time to decide?

Consider a gap year



**Gap Year Fair Conard High School
Thursday, January 9th 6:00 PM**

Resources to Help with College Planning

**Naviance
College Search
College Compare**

**College websites
Collegeboard.org**

**Campus visits, tours
and overnights**

**Meet with your
School Counselor**

**College rep visits to
HMTCA**

College Fair Week October 21 to 25

College Rep Visits to HMTCA

Ways to find out who is visiting:

- **Naviance - home page**

Make sure to sign up the day before visit

- **Posted outside School Counseling Office**

LINKS on your Naviance Homepage

- ← College Board
- ← ACT
- ← SAT Study Guide
- ← Common Application
- ← Are You Ready for College?
- ← College Navigator
- ← Federal Student Aid
- ← Financial Aid Guide
- ← CSS Profile
- ← Hartford Foundation
- ← College Interviews
- ← Occupational Outlook
- ← Interviewing Tips

Scroll down on left side of Homepage to see links.

Senior Year Testing

School Day SAT - October 16 (new)

Register at

[Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

[ACT.org](https://act.org)

Four score reports
included

Fee waivers if eligible – also
waivers for college apps.

College Applications Procedures (your packet)

Senior Checklist

Important Dates

Permission to Release Records/Fee Waiver
Application

“How To” Request Your Transcript

Required Forms:

Transcript Request Form - due no later than 3 weeks
prior to 1st deadline

Teacher Recommendation Request Form

Understanding College Deadlines



The Common Application

- Link located on homepage of Naviance
- Over 800 colleges and universities
- Application can be completed over several sessions
- Supplements available for participating schools
- Do not invite HMTCA teachers as a recommender in Common App!!

The Common Application



EXPLORE

PLAN

APPLY

Counselors and recommenders ▾

Members ▾



Log in

Create an Account

Your future starts here

Whether you're applying to college for the first time or looking to complete your degree, Common App will help you reach new heights.

Recommenders/Advisors

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a top navigation bar containing 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The 'My Colleges' section is active, showing a sidebar with 'Assumption College' selected. The main content area is titled 'Recommenders & FERPA' and features a warning icon and the heading 'FERPA Release Authorization'. Below this, there is a paragraph explaining the requirement to complete the FERPA release authorization process before inviting counselors, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors. A link 'Learn more about FERPA' is provided, and a prominent blue button labeled 'Complete Release Authorization' is visible. On the right side, there is a 'Help' section with a link icon, containing three FAQ items: 'Who can I list if I do not have a counselor?', 'I'm out of high school. Who do I list if I no longer have a counselor?', and 'How do I assign my recommenders?'. Each FAQ item includes a brief explanation and a 'Read more' link.

Dashboard My Colleges Common App College Search Financial Aid Resources

My Colleges

Assumption College

College Information

Application

Questions

Recommenders and FERPA

Review and Submit - Common App

College of the Holy Cross

Emmanuel College (MA)

North Carolina State

Recommenders & FERPA

! FERPA Release Authorization

Before you can invite your counselor, teachers, recommenders, parents, or advisors, you must complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release authorization process.

[Learn more about FERPA](#)

Complete Release Authorization

Instructions and Help

Who can I list if I do not have a counselor?
If there is no Counselor at your school, you may list your principal or other
[Read more](#)

I'm out of high school. Who do I list if I no longer have a counselor?
Please contact your high school or the local authority that will provide your
[Read more](#)

How do I assign my recommenders?
Once you've added your Teacher or Other
Recommender to your "Invite
[Read more](#)

Common Application: FERPA

The image shows a screenshot of the Common Application interface. A modal window titled "Release Authorization" is open, displaying instructions for the FERPA authorization process. The background shows the "My Colleges" section with "Assumption College" selected, and a sidebar with navigation options like "College Information", "Application", and "Recommendations and FERPA".

Release Authorization

Instructions

The next screen will ask you two important questions about your release of and access to your educational records under FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Since FERPA is a complex law, we want to provide some key information before you respond. We encourage you to learn about FERPA by [reading our FAQ](#). We also suggest discussing FERPA with your counselor, parent, guardian, or other school official to be better informed about your rights.

- 1. How does FERPA relate to your college application?**
 - FERPA regulates the privacy of student education records, which could include your application to the college where you enroll. FERPA also gives you the right to review confidential letters of recommendation provided as part of that application after you enroll.

[Continue](#)

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FERPA Continued

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Release Authorization

FERPA Form

- I acknowledge that every school that I have attended may release all requested records and recommendations to colleges to which I am applying for admission. I also understand that employees at these colleges may confidentially contact my current and former schools should they have questions about the information submitted on my behalf.*

Please select one: *

- I waive my right to review all recommendations and supporting documents.
- I DO NOT waive my right to review all recommendations and

Back

Save and Close

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Naviance

- **All HMTCA students have accounts**
- **Online platform for career and college search**
- **Used for the post-high school planning process**
- **Electronic program used by the high school to send college materials**



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Welcome, Jane!

Search for Colleges



SEARCH

seniors

Seniors ;

Welcome to Naviance. Please keep your list of schools and applications up to date to help your counselor know where you are in the process. Email your counselor with any questions you have.

My Favorites



COLLEGES

I'm thinking about



COLLEGES

I'm applying to

Quick Links

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS

SuperMatch®

Advance college search

College lookup

MY COLLEGES

Colleges Visits

Colleges I'm thinking about

Colleges I'm applying to

Letters of recommendation

Colleges I'm thinking about

Search for colleges

+ Add Colleges to List

UPDATE INTEREST

MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST

REMOVE

* = extended profile available

	College	Delivery type 	Added By	Application Deadlines	Interest		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Connecticut State University		Student	Regular Decision 1 May	N/A	▼	MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Connecticut		Student	Multiple Deadlines ▼	N/A	▼	MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts		Student	Early Action 1 December	N/A	▼	MORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northeastern University		Student	Multiple Deadlines ▼	N/A	▼	MORE

Teacher Recommendations

The screenshot shows a web application interface for managing teacher recommendations. At the top, there is a teal navigation bar with a logo on the left and links for HOME, Colleges, Careers, About Me, and My Planner on the right. In the top right corner, there is a mail icon and a LOG OUT link. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Letters of recommendation" and the main heading is "Your Requests". A sub-heading states, "You can request new letters of recommendation and track the most recent status of your requests here." On the right side, there are two teal "Add Request" buttons. Below this is a table with a light purple header row containing the following columns: "Recommendation For", "Deadline", "Recommender(s)", "Status" (with an information icon), and "Cancel Request". Below the table, there is another teal "Add Request" button.

Letters of recommendation

Your Requests

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[Add Request](#)

Recommendation For	Deadline	Recommender(s)	Status	Cancel Request
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[Add Request](#)

Hall High School

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Need Help Getting Started?

↳ TrinPrep Sessions

↳ Tuesday and Thursday

↳ Individual counselor meetings

↳ Email your counselor for an appointment

↳ Front page of Common Application

↳ Click on “How To Apply.” Scroll down for overview of application process.

The College Essay

- ← Show, Don't Tell!
- ← Lots of thinking ahead of your writing.
- ← Leave out the details and reflect on the impact on you.
- ← Review for grammar, spelling and punctuation.

The Details

- ← All your colleges must be listed on Naviance.
- ← Teachers must be invited to recommend on Naviance.
- ← SAT and ACT scores must be sent officially from the testing websites.
- ← Proofread all applications very carefully.
- ← Send thank you email to your recommenders just before the deadline for your applications.

HMTCA Deadlines

- ← Transcript request submitted to your counselor. (white form)
- ← Teacher recommendations
 - Pink form
- ← NOTE: Your application does **not** need to be completed before handing in above paperwork.
- ← THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE DEADLINE (15 school days).
- ← Verbal request required before PINK form – 3 weeks before deadline.

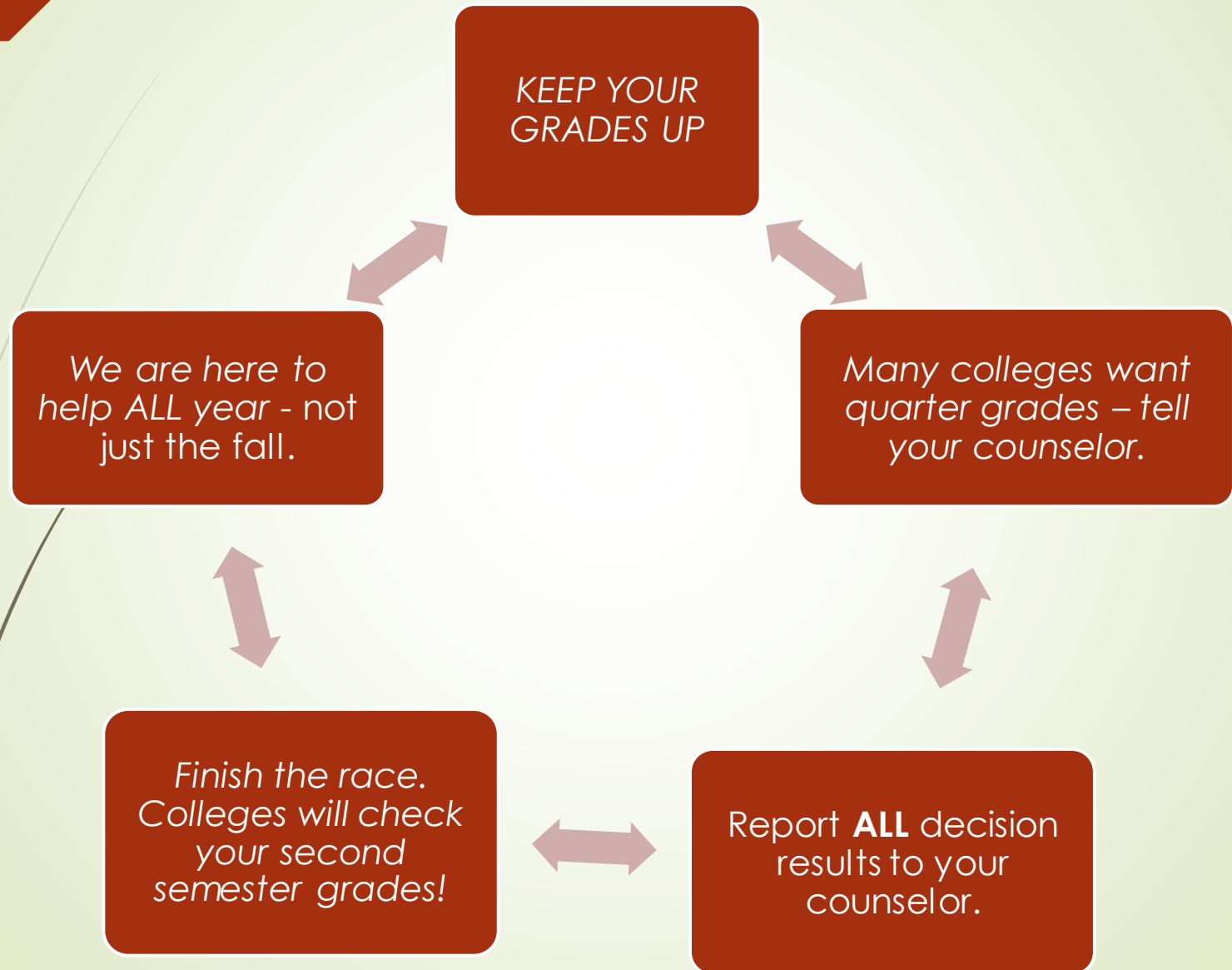
Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **College websites and financial aid office(s)**
 - Net price calculator
- **Financial Aid Night**
 - October 23rd, 6:30pm, Trinity Hall
- **FAFSA Day CT** (formerly College Goal Sunday)
 - October 20th, Hall High School 1:00pm
- **Scholarships listed in Naviance**
 - Hartford Foundation Scholarships

Important Facts Review

- **School Code - 070-274**
- **We don't provide rank in class - percentile in class (see counselor)**
- **Weighted and unweighted GPA**
- **Class of 2020 - 115 students**

Tips to take away:



Common mistakes

Missing deadlines and not paying attention to individual college admission requirements

Using the wrong college name in essay

Forgetting to send test scores officially

Waiting to submit all colleges materials simultaneously!!

We are here to help **ALL** year - not just the fall. Visit your counselor regularly!

Putting it all together

Student sends:

Application

Fee

Essay

Supplement*

SAT/ACT official scores...be
mindful of delivery time - 3-4 wks!

Teacher sends:

Teacher Recommendation

*(After asking in person and
giving pink sheet, student must
invite HS teachers
electronically through
Naviance)*

School Counseling

Office

sends:

Transcript

School Profile

Counselor

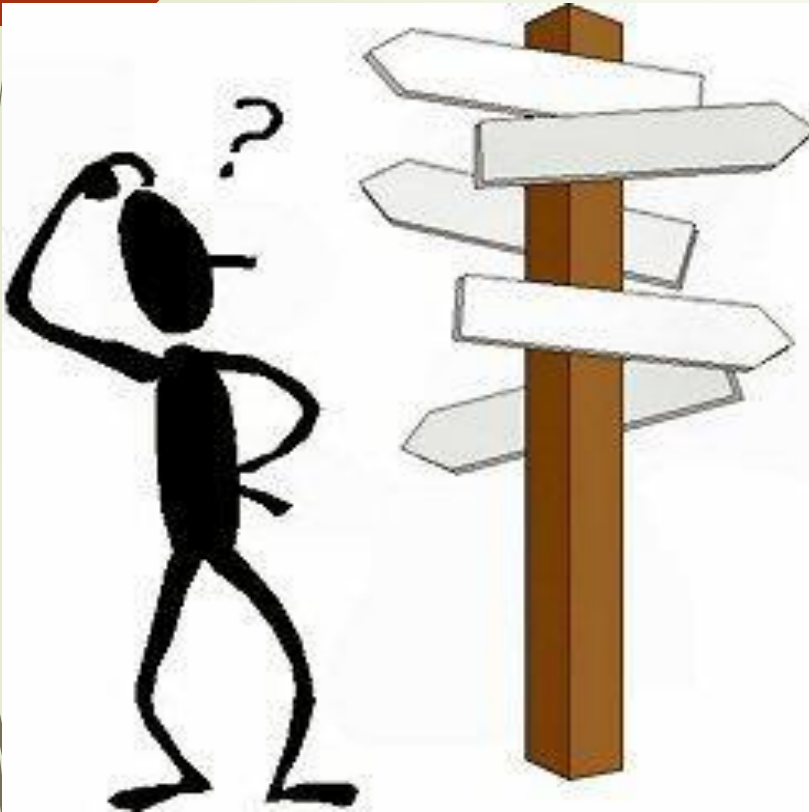
Recommendation

Mid-year and final grades

1st quarter grade, if
requested (*must use
form*)

Students must complete all three
steps in order for teacher to send
recommendation

Questions?



We hope to see you all at Financial Aid Night October 23rd at 6:30. Holly Franquet, our financial aid guru from The College Place will be here to present!