Junior/Senior Group Guidance 2022-2023
Graduation Requirements

- 63 Credits
  Pass Required Tests

- Highest Honors 3.9 and up
  High Honors 3.7-3.89
  Honors 3.5-3.69

- Class Rank- We do not rank

- Schedule- Keep a Rigorous Schedule

- Attendance- Important for College and Future Plans
Options

- Work
- Military Service
- Technical/community college
- Private/Vocational schools
  - Rasmussen, Beauty College
- University/College
  - Public/private
  - 4 year/2 year
Where to find information?

- Your Counselor
- Career Center in Guidance Office
- Internet:  
- School Visits
- College Fairs
- Visits from college representatives
- Military Recruiters
- Newsletter on line information
- Interest and Value Inventories
- Apollo Website
- Apollo Launch Center (Located in Apollo Resource Center)
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Four Year Private College

- Take ACT- actstudent.org
  - average score is 21
- Class rank
  - depends on school, should be in top half of class
- Cost
  - Average is $23,000-58,000/year for tuition, fees, room and board
Public Four Year College/University

- Take ACT- act.org
- Class rank
  - SCSU
    - In top half for unconditional acceptance and/or 25 or better on ACT
  - University of Minnesota
    - Acceptance varies within the 8 colleges
- Cost
  - $22,000 yearly for tuition, fees room and board
Community Colleges

- AA degrees
  - May be transferred to 4 year school

- Open admission
  - No specific class rank/test scores necessary

- Locations: Brainerd, Anoka, St. Cloud, Willmar, Fergus Falls and North Hennepin, etc.

Technical College

- Programs completed in 1-2 years

- Credits *are not* universally transferable to 4 year colleges
Tests: What to take?

- **ACT** - act.org
  - Accepted by every Minnesota college and most colleges nationwide
  - Apollo High School code is: 242-178
  - All Juniors will have an option to take Test at Apollo on April 18th

- **SAT** – collegeboard.com
  - Required by some selective colleges (none in MN)

- **ASVAB** - November 15th
  - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
  - Entrance exam into Military service

- **Accuplacer**
  - Placement test for community/technical college
  - Given at Apollo in the Spring
PSAT

- National Merit Scholarship Qualifier
- Top 20% of the class
- Pay in the guidance

- October 12th 8:30-12:00 in room 420/421
Financial Aid

Where does the money for education come from?

- Parents/guardians
- You
- Federal and state grants
- Scholarships/grants from the colleges/universities
- Loans
- Workstudy
- www.fastweb.com
Grants, loans & work study

- FAFSA
  - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
    - fafsa.ed.gov
    - Complete on-line after October 1\textsuperscript{st} of senior year
    - List colleges you wish to receive information
    - SAR (student aid report) report tells you the EFC (expected family contribution)
    - Schools send you a financial aid package (letter)
    - Get your FSA ID number at StudentAid.gov/fsaid
Post-Secondary Enrollment Option

- Earn college credit while in high school
- Junior
  - In upper 1/3 of class
- Seniors
  - In upper ½ of class
- Must apply to respective college.
  
Applications available in guidance office.

Deadlines-
- Fall Semester May 25th
- Spring Semester October 25th
CLEP

- College Level Examination Program
- Take tests for college credit
- See College Board for information
GOOD LUCK!

Follow your dreams! SOAR like an Eagle!