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College Preparation

Class of 2015

College Fair

April 10 @ 9:45



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Family Connection/Naviance

- o On-line tool for collaboration among counselors, students, and parents
- o Realistic assessments of your chances of admission at colleges where prior graduates have applied (Scattergrams)
- o Self-evaluation completion
- o College comparison
- o Deadline tracking
- o Shows schedule of college visits

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- ✉ You received an e-mail: [Last Day to Register for May 3rd SAT is One Week Away \(4/4\)](#) from Tamara Wolfson.
- ✉ You received an e-mail: [Upcoming College Fairs](#) from Tamara Wolfson.
- ✉ You received an e-mail: [NACAC College Fair at Montgomery County Fairgrounds - April 9th and 10th](#) from Tamara Wolfson.

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Have a wonderful school year, filled with hard work, lots of fun, and good friends. Come visit us whenever you have a moment.

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Gladiator Packet

Action	Name	Description	Author	Type	Size
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view	Authorization to Release Records (final).pdf	Authorization to Release Records	Diana Blitz	pdf	1
view	BRAINSTORMING_THEMES.pdf	Brainstorm Ideas for Essay	Diana Blitz	pdf	4
view	College Application Process 2013-2014.pdf	PowerPoint 2013-2014	Diana Blitz	pdf	1
view	College Essay.doc	College Essay	Diana Blitz	doc	2
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Authorization to Release Records

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Counselor _____

ID# _____

Name _____
(Last) *(First)*

I authorize the Counseling Department of Northwood High School to release records to requested post-secondary institutions or prospective employers for the student named above.

Signature: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

Waiver of Right to Review Counselor Recommendation

I hereby waive my right to review the secondary school report and counselor recommendation. If you elect to not waive your right, counselors are not obligated to write letters of recommendations.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Please Note: One release form will suffice for the release of pertinent school records to all post-secondary institutions and prospective employers. **No records will be sent without the completion of this form.**

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Your favorites, test scores and personal info – it's all here!



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my assessments

- > [StrengthsExplorer®](#)
- > [personality type](#)

- > [career interest profiler](#)
- > [cluster finder](#)

Self – Evaluation

- o What are three words you would use to describe yourself? Why did you choose these three words?
- o Describe what you believe are your academic and personal strengths.
- o What course has been a rewarding academic experience for you in high school and why? Please be specific.
- o Beyond your academic record, what do you want colleges to know about you?
- o Do you have any passions or hobbies? Please describe your involvement.
- o What are you most interested in studying in college?
- o Describe any life impacting events that have required you to overcome obstacles and adversity.

Standardized Testing

Prepare and Register Now

0 SAT

1. www.collegeboard.org
2. Test Date: May 3 - Deadline to register: April 4
Test Date: June 7 - Deadline to Register: May 9

0 ACT

1. www.act.org
2. Test Date: June 14 - Deadline to Register: May 9

0 SAT Subject Tests

1. Generally, the most competitive colleges require Subject Tests
2. There are 20 different Subject tests, usually if a school requires them, then they will require 2. Tests are 1 hour in length. You may not do an SAT and Subject tests on the same day but may take up to 3 Subject Tests on one day.
3. Test dates and Registration are the same as the SAT.

Standardized Testing (cont.)

- o AP (Advanced Placement)
 1. Not an admissions test
 2. Used for college credit if score is high enough or for placement into a higher level course

ACCUPLACER

- o If you know you are going to attend Montgomery College then perhaps transfer to a four-year college, there is no need to take the SAT or the ACT.
- o The ACCUPLACER is a college placement test that indicates whether or not you are “college ready.”
- o Northwood provides preparation to help students succeed on this test. College Test Prep, 2nd semester senior year

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UMCP Acceptances 2014				
Cum GPA	WGPA	SAT-Math	SAT-CR	ACT
3.93	4.49	710	640	
3.93	4.43	670	710	
3.89	4.56	590	600	31
3.88	4.42	700	600	
3.79	4.22	560	600	30
3.78	4.32	590	660	
3.74	4.27	560	570	30
3.72	4.18	510	560	
3.70	4.2	630	610	30
3.69	4.28			26
3.64	4.14	590	520	28
3.64	3.78	690	600	
3.63	3.98	530	590	
3.62	4.21	480	640	24
3.54	4	550	510	26
3.52	4.02	610	580	
3.52	3.89	620	670	
3.52	4.02	430	550	25
3.51	4.04	680	660	
3.48	3.97	540	510	26
3.39	3.89	580	590	27
3.18	3.64			27
3.14	3.53	720	600	
3.02	3.55	680	650	
Academic Achievement Program*				
3.20	3.74	490	500	
3.39	3.88	500	470	
3.07	3.48	530	490	22
2.70	3.09	530	560	

* AAP maintains, coordinates, and provides leadership, development, and supervision for academic programs for low-income/ first-gen students

Test Score and GPA Analysis

Graduation 2012, 2013, & 2014

<u>College *</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>WGPA</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
American University	3.44	4.02	1154	23
Bowie State University	2.88	3.17	863	17
University of Delaware	3.39	3.92	1133	26
Frostburg State University	3.03	3.30	985	19
George Mason University	3.27	3.79	1027	23
Hofstra University	3.41	3.76	1130	24
Howard University	3.25	3.79	1079	23
Loyola University Maryland	3.21	3.66	1150	21
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	2.60	2.98	896	17
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	3.27	3.81	1195	23
University of Maryland, College Park	3.52	4.16	1217	28
Montgomery College				
Morgan State University	2.50	2.83	893	17
Mount Saint Mary's University	3.02	3.47	971	21
Pennsylvania State University	3.54	3.98	1159	24
University of Pittsburgh	3.49	4.06	1172	26
Salisbury University	3.27	3.73	1054	22
St. John's University - Queens Campus	3.26	3.78	1025	22
St. Mary's College of Maryland	3.55	3.91	1266	27
Stevenson University	3.12	3.54	929	20
Towson University	3.35	3.69	1095	23
VA Tech	3.48	3.96	1214	23
West Virginia University	3.04	3.70	983	21
York College of Pennsylvania	2.97	3.37	972	19

* 10 or more applications from NHS Class of 2014

College List

- o **Safety Schools** – Schools that possess the majority of the features a student desires and at which the probability of admission is highly likely
- o **Realistic Schools** – Schools that possess the significant features a student desires and at which the probability of admission is slightly better than even
- o **Reach Schools** – Schools that possess many of the features that a student desires, but admission is very, very competitive

A Must

Students should want to attend all of the schools on their lists.

Most Common Types of Admission Programs

- o Regular Decision – Answer by April 1
- o Early Decision – Answer usually by January 1
- o Early Action – Answer early, but not binding
- o **Priority Decision – Maryland!!**
- o Rolling Admissions – Apply early

Scholarships










- o Scholarship information is found on the Northwood website. Click on “Career Center”.
- o Ms. Wolfson uses the Naviance program to send emails to alert students about scholarship opportunities. Adhere to deadlines!
- o Have your essays ready!
 - o Most applications require a personal statement. Get to work on your essays over the summer so that you do not delay your scholarship applications!

Checkbook Magazine

Estimated Net Costs for a First-Year Student

Profile A

\$50,000 in family income, no assets, one child in college

School and cost of tuition and room and board (does not include books and miscellaneous personal expenses)	Financial aid—portion of costs covered by gov't or school grants and scholarships	Net cost—portion of costs covered by family (including loans and work-study)
George Mason University—\$19,830	\$3,295 	 \$16,535
George Washington University—\$56,265	\$42,000 	 \$14,265
Georgetown University—\$58,816	\$52,048 	 \$6,768
Montgomery College—\$13,174	\$0	 \$13,174
University of Maryland College Park—\$19,045	\$8,895 	 \$10,150

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Profile B \$100,000 in family income, \$50,000 in savings, no home equity, one child in college		
School and cost of tuition and room and board (does not include books and miscellaneous personal expenses)	Financial aid—portion of costs covered by gov't or school grants and scholarships	Net cost—portion of costs covered by family (including loans and work-study)
George Mason University—\$19,830	\$0	\$19,830
George Washington University—\$56,265	\$29,200	\$27,065
Georgetown University—\$58,816	\$36,396	\$22,420
Montgomery College—\$13,174	\$0	\$13,174
University of Maryland College Park—\$19,045	\$2,500	\$16,545

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Profile C \$100,000 in family income, \$50,000 in savings, no home equity, two children in college		
School and cost of tuition and room and board (does not include books and miscellaneous personal expenses)	Financial aid—portion of costs covered by gov't or school grants and scholarships	Net cost—portion of costs covered by family (including loans and work-study)
George Mason University—\$19,830	\$0	\$19,830
George Washington University—\$56,265	\$36,150	\$20,115
Georgetown University—\$58,816	\$45,748	\$13,068
Montgomery College—\$13,174	\$0	\$13,174
University of Maryland College Park—\$19,045	\$6,400	\$12,645

Checkbook

Profile D \$200,000 in family income, \$100,000 in savings, \$250,000 in home equity, one child in college		
School and cost of tuition and room and board (does not include books and miscellaneous personal expenses)	Financial aid—portion of costs covered by gov't or school grants and scholarships	Net cost—portion of costs covered by family (including loans and work-study)
George Mason University—\$19,830	\$0	█ \$19,830
George Washington University—\$56,265	\$6,200 █	█ \$50,065
Georgetown University—\$58,816	\$1,297	█ \$57,519
Montgomery College—\$13,174	\$0	█ \$13,174
University of Maryland College Park—\$19,045	\$0	█ \$19,045

Notes: Visit www.checkbook.org/tuitioncostnotes for a full description of the assumptions we made for each profile. Costs are those reported by the schools' online net-cost calculators. Because your family's financial picture is likely very different from that of our profiles, you should perform your own estimates. The schools' calculators are intended to estimate costs based on aid available the previous year. As discussed in our article, some schools' calculators provide more accurate estimates than others'. The amounts shown do not include costs schools estimated for books and supplies, travel, or miscellaneous expenses. All profiles assume the student's parents are married and that s/he qualifies for in-state tuition, plans to live in on-campus housing, has a 3.8 grade-point average, scored 1980 on the SAT, and is ranked in the top 10 percent of his or her class. Numerous other financial data were entered into the calculators; our researchers strived to enter the same financial data for each school, but in some cases the calculators weren't clear on how to report some types of data or offered calculators that didn't consider (or even ask for) important financial information.

Parent Questionnaire

- o Log on to your Family Connection account, go to www.connection.naviance.com/northwood
- o Click on the “Document Library”
- o Click on Gladiator Packet then view the “Parent Questionnaire.”
- o Please answer all questions as completely as possible.

Date Submitted: _____

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Northwood High School

Counselor: _____

Student Name: _____




MCPS ID#: _____

I have completed:

- Release of Records Form
- My Self-Evaluation on Family Connection/Naviance
- My resume on Family Connection/Naviance
- FERPA Release
- Matched my Common App and Family

I am a student in the following:

- AVID
- Internship Program
- Early Scholars Program

Name of College/University City, State	Due Date <u>EA/ED</u> /Priority/ Regular/Rolling (If rolling, due date is 30 days from submission)	Counselor Recommendation Letter Needed?	   Check One			Fee Paid (<u>\$5</u> /each) (<u>\$2.50</u> if <u>FARMs</u>)
1.		YES NO				No Charge For 1 st request
2.		YES NO				
3.		YES NO				
4.		YES NO				
5.		YES NO				
6.		YES NO				
7.		YES NO				
8.		YES NO				

Social Media

- o While it may seem like a harmless way for kids to share stories and pictures of their teenage adventures, students beginning the college application process should understand the potential consequences of the way they present themselves online. Without taking the proper precautions, a simple Google search on the part of an admission official could mean the difference...

NCAA

National Collegiate Athletic Association

- o All student athletes who would like to play in Division I, II, or III, MUST register with the NCAA clearinghouse.
- o Visit www.ncaastudent.org to download the *NCAA College Bound Student Athlete* guide for more information.
- o Be sure to work with your coach and your counselor NOW to ensure that you've got everything in place for college recruitment!

Next Steps...

- o Schedule a College Conference with Ms. Wolfson and/or your counselor.
- o Sign up for the SAT or ACT
- o Focus on grades
- o Use Family Connection/Naviance:
 - o College Search
 - o Self-evaluation
 - o Resume
 - o Parent Questionnaire

Over the summer...

- o Start working on your essays.
This will be useful for college and scholarship applications.
- o Complete any required summer assignments for AP courses.
- o Visit college campuses; urban, rural, etc.
- o Finalize any plans for your senior schedule, i.e. internships, MC courses, etc.
- o Complete any outstanding SSL hours.

