## Jefferson Township High School Counseling Department

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College and Career Planning Workshops 2020-2021





# College and Career Planning at JTHS

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Jefferson Township High School Guidance and Counseling Department is to support students through a comprehensive school counseling program that fosters academic, personal/social and career development. Through individual and group counseling, lessons and presentations, counselors work to empower students to develop competencies in achieving academic goals, meeting personal challenges and planning for the transition to post-secondary education and/or the world of work.

#### NAVIANCE

In order to assist our students in making informed decisions about their life beyond high school, the counseling department relies on many of the features of the Naviance program. During freshman and sophomore years, students will be exploring their personal strengths, building resumes, and exploring career paths. During junior year, students will begin to explore colleges and/or other post-secondary options. Senior year, counselors and students use Naviance to research colleges and to complete the college application process. We encourage parents to explore the features of the Naviance program. Please contact your child's counselor with any questions about using the Naviance program.



## **Workshops and Programs**

## 2020-2021 **School Year**

#### **Naviance Information**

(Information released throughout September and October via Google Classroom, HS Guidance Webpage, Blackboard Connect, Naviance and Social Media Platforms)

Open to parents and students in all grades, these presentations give parents the opportunity to learn about and to explore the many features of Naviance and an opportunity to logon to their own account.

#### Financial Aid and FAFSA Information Sessions

(Information released in October via presentation format on Google Classroom, HS Guidance Webpage, **Blackboard Connect, Naviance and Social Media Platforms)** 

Open to parents and students in all grades, these presentations will assist parents and students in understanding the different types of college financial aid programs, as well as the process for applying for financial aid. Information will be sent home through Google Classroom, HS Guidance Webpage, Blackboard Connect, Naviance, and Social Media Platforms.

### Meet the College Reps (Will be held virtually)

(More Information will be released via Google Classroom, HS Guidance Webpage, Blackboard Connect, Naviance and Social Media Platforms)

Open to parents and students in all grades. College representatives will present information regarding the college application process and their specific programs. Representatives will answer questions from attendees.

#### JTHS Virtual College Fairs

A list of participating colleges will be posted on their website. We urges students to visit the website for further information http://virtualcollegefairs.org

Four College Fairs will be held virtually through NACAC Virtual College Fairs on the following dates:

\*September 13, 2020 \* October 12, 2020 \* October 18, 2020 \* November 8, 2020

### JTHS Virtual College Visits

## (Will be arranged through the Guidance Department)

JTHS sponsors mini-college fairs for students only. A listing of participating colleges will be posted on the counseling department bulletin board and the counseling department web-site. Students need to sign up prior to the date with their guidance counselor.

## College Planning Night (Held in Spring, Date-TBD)

This workshop is exclusively for students in their junior year and their parents. Counselors will meet with their students and parents to review important information regarding all aspects of the college application process. Parents and students will receive resources and counselors will answer specific questions.

## **Instant Decision Days (Dates TBD)**

This opportunity is specifically for seniors who are applying to college. Typically, during the late fall and early winter, college representatives meet with applicants to determine their acceptance and in some cases their financial reward. This decision is not a binding decision. It simply allows students to have instant feedback as to the results of their college application and to have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a college representative. As each instant decision day approaches, information will be made available

in the counseling office and on our web-site.

