



Senior Year  
Class of 2018

# A busy year ahead...

- College Application Steps
- Parchment for Transcripts
- SAT/ACT retakes
- College Visits
- Scholarships
- FAFSA (available October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017)
- Resources for help

# The College Application

A college application includes the following:

1. The completed online application from the college website
2. An official transcript (usually from Parchment)
3. Counselor Report (generated automatically from Parchment)

**\*\*Fill out a Senior Brag Sheet for your counselor**

4. SAT or ACT Scores
5. Sometimes, letters of recommendation from teacher

Watch Deadlines!

# Parchment for Transcripts

## [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)

- Use Parchment to request your transcripts and electronic counselor reports (eSSR).
- You can also request a “self view” if you would like to see an unofficial copy of your transcript.
- Use the code we provide to register for an account. A few of you have already signed up for accounts without the codes and that’s okay. Using the code ensures accuracy because we have imported your name and DOB, along with some additional information.
- Select the colleges to which you are applying and we will send the transcript electronically.
- Some out of state colleges will charge a fee to send a transcript through parchment. If it shows that you will be charged, get a form in student services to have us mail a paper copy to your school. All Indiana schools (and many others) are free.
- Log in to Parchment and look at the “orders” tab to check the status of your transcript and see the date it was downloaded by your college.

# Recap: Transcript Request Options

- + Option 1: Electronic Copy
  - + Use Parchment
  - + Best method for most college applications
  - + **Self View for your information**
- + Option 2: Paper Copy
  - + See Mrs. Southard in Student Services for a request form
  - + Use paper copy for any out-of-state colleges that charge a fee through Parchment
  - + Paper copies for Scholarships that you need to mail

# The Common Application

- The Common Application is a standardized application accepted at over 400 schools nationally. It allows you to fill out one application and submit it to multiple schools.
- Purdue requires the Common App. Their website will take you directly there when you click “apply.”
  - New this year, Purdue requires you to enter all of the classes you’ve taken and your grades into your application. Request a “self-view” transcript from parchment so you have this information.
- IU, Butler, and many other Indiana Schools give you the option to use their online app or the Common App.
- **Make sure you spell your counselor’s email address correctly! If it never comes to us, we can’t do our part and you will miss your deadline! Check the status from your Dashboard.**

# Reporting of SAT/ACT Scores

- Your SAT/ACT scores are included on the NMHS transcript that you will request from Parchment. Some schools (such as IU and Purdue) will not accept scores from high school transcripts. In this case, you must request they be sent directly from College Board or ACT. You might have already done this when you registered for the test. If not, you will need to log in to your College Board or ACT account and request them (they will charge a fee).
- Make sure you read the test policy on your college's website to see if you need to send them from College Board/ACT.

# Do you need to retake SAT/ACT?

If you are not satisfied with your SAT/ACT scores, you can retake them. Deadlines are quickly approaching.

**SAT: ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))**

October 7<sup>th</sup> (register by Sept 8<sup>th</sup>)

November 4<sup>th</sup> (register by Oct 5<sup>th</sup>)

**ACT: ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))**

September 9<sup>th</sup> (can register with late fee until Aug 18<sup>th</sup>)

October 28<sup>th</sup> (register by Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>)



# College Visits

- Go to college websites to set up official visits. There is usually an online form you will fill out. Dates fill up quickly, so make your plan now. Consider using Fall Break.
- Use college visits to narrow down your choices and make final decisions. Fill out a blue sheet from the scholarship rack in student services to get excused from school.
- College representatives will be at school to meet with seniors. Listen to the announcements for dates and times.

# Scholarships

- Spreadsheet of Scholarship Updates
  - Posted on NMHS Website, emailed to parents and students
- Scholarship rack in student services will have some information, but most applications are done online and won't have paper forms.
- You can request a PAPER copy of your transcript by filling out a request form and giving it to Mrs. Southard. Forms are located on the scholarship rack inside student services.
- Neatness counts, use blue or black ink
- Few applicants for some of the scholarships—APPLY!
- Watch deadlines, keep a list of dates so you don't miss something

# Montgomery County Community Foundation Scholarships

- [www.mccf-in.org](http://www.mccf-in.org)
- Must have SAT Scores, will not recognize ACT
- **Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship** (Due Sept 8, 2017)
  - 3.85+ GPA
  - Top 10% of Graduating class (this year's class has 147...must be ranked 14 or higher)
  - Must attend Indiana College
- **Other MCCF Scholarships** (Due January 15, 2018)
  - Fill out Standard Application from their website
  - Answer all questions and take your time
- ✓ *You must enter your counselor's email address to request a transcript. Make sure you enter it correctly.*
- ✓ *Your Application is not complete until you click SUBMIT and your counselor uploads a transcript.*

# FAFSA

## (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

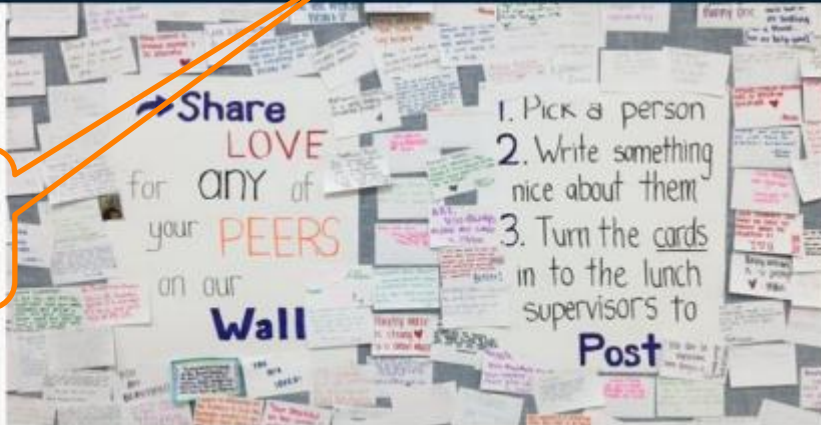
- Must be completed to qualify for Federal or State Financial Aid (grants, federal loans, work study)
- All families should complete it, regardless of income
- **Available October 1 of your senior year**
- **Colleges can set their own deadlines**, so be aware that some are as early as February. Check with your potential schools!
- [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) (don't use a .com website that will charge you a fee. The FAFSA is FREE!)
- There will be more info provided closer to time and help sessions available.

# Resources for help

- **School Counselors:** (Mrs. VanScoyoc and Miss Hunt)
  - College Application Day in computer lab (September 29<sup>th</sup>)
  - Stop in and ask us questions or email us
  - Check your school email! This is how we communicate a lot of information!
- **Newsletters:**
  - Emailed to parents via School Messenger, emailed to student NMHS accounts and posted on NMHS website
  - Please read these...I really do spend a lot of time writing them for you! 😊
- **NMHS Website:** (many resources and documents on Student Services page)
- **Twitter:** @NMHSCounselors



Click Here



## Welcome To NMHS!

Twitter

Daily Announcements

Principal's Message

Review our twitter feed at right and follow North Montgomery High School!

Tweets by @NMHSinfo

Other Feeds:

Athletics



NMHS Counselors



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### Quick Links

#### NMHS News

- [Current Menu](#)
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- [Handbook 2015-16](#)
- [Weather Delay](#)

#### Student/Parent Links

- [Destiny Online](#)
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- [Hearing Testing](#)
- [Scholarship Info](#)
- [Bullying Report Form](#)
- [1:1 iPad Initiative](#)
- [Student Handbook](#)
- [Video Presentation](#)

The Department of Food Services is launching an online service for monitoring your student's lunch account. [Click here for web address](#) and login instructions



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Quick Links:

- **Scholarship Opportunities:** [Scholarship List](#)
- SAT or ACT Registration Information: [Click Here](#)
- **Class of 2017:** See [Dual Credit Transfer Instructions](#) for information on transferring dual credit to your college/university.

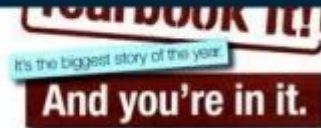
2017-2018 Counselor Newsletters

parchment Click the parchment button to request a transcript.

Other Documents

- [2016-2017 School Profile](#)
- [2017-2018 Course Description Guide](#)
- [Transcript Request for NMHS Alumni](#)
- [NMTA Scholarship Information](#) (for education majors entering senior year of college)

Senior Info PSAT/ACT/SAT Financial Aid College Info



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# Suggestions

- Create a new email account to use with the college application process. Keep it appropriate/professional.
- Save all passwords! Come up with a system to remember (use a password keeper app, email yourself...).
- Log in to your accounts to check the status (college application sites, parchment, common app).
- Make sure you read everything carefully (mostly electronic communication from colleges).
- Put deadlines on your calendar. Late applications (college or scholarship) will not be accepted.
- Make a Spreadsheet of Application Deadlines, Criteria, etc. Keep Organized!
- Proofread your applications before submitting (including essays).



# This is a lot, I know. If nothing else, remember ...

- + Use **Parchment** to request transcripts
  - + Send electronically to colleges/universities
  - + You can Self-View if you need information for applications
- + Watch your deadlines. Apply early for scholarship consideration.
- + Create a new email account for "Senior Stuff" and READ the emails you get!
- + Apply to your college/university online. Write down your username and password because you will usually need it to log back in to check your status and look for messages and "to-do" items.
- + Questions at 1am? You might be able to find the answers on the NMHS Website under "Student Services"