Junior Year Is Very Important - Finish Strong!!

- Grades for junior year appear first on your transcript
- They are the last full year of grades a college admissions officer will see
- Your grades this year will determine which classes/levels you can take next year
What do colleges look at?

♦ G.P.A.
♦ Class Rank
♦ Courses of Study
♦ Standardized test scores
♦ Extracurricular/volunteer activities
♦ Recommendations
♦ Essay
G.P.A. – Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Only CP (College Prep), Honors and AP classes are counted toward GPA and Class Rank

✦ MHS uses a 4.0 weighted scale:
  – College prep class – A equals 4.0
  – Honors class – A equals 4.5
  – Advanced Placement class – A equals 5.0

✦ GPA and Class Rank at the end of junior year are reported to colleges.
Massachusetts State Colleges and Universities

◆ Great education for a great price
◆ State colleges and universities are receiving more applications from highly qualified students and are being more selective
◆ Last year the average student had:
  – GPA of 3.3 or better
  – 1000 on SAT (counting critical reasoning and math components only; not writing score)
◆ Minimum standards are set by the Board of Higher Education

◆ Just because you’ve met the minimum standards for admission doesn’t mean you will be admitted; it means they will review your file

◆ Students with a GPA below 2.0 cannot be admitted
Standardized Tests

♦ Not all colleges require that you submit ACT or SAT scores
♦ Some scholarships will be awarded based on ACT/SAT scores
♦ Take them in your Junior year
♦ Scores allow you to use Naviance to help find colleges that are a “good fit”
Standardized Testing - ACT

ACT - score range 1 to 36
- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Optional writing section

The ACT is offered in April, June, July, September, October and December
Naviance

- Use Naviance to help you come up with your list of potential colleges
  - College search options
  - GPA comparison with average accepted student
  - SAT and ACT scores - updated regularly
  - Scattergrams of your likelihood of being admitted
Add your parents/guardians names and email addresses to ensure they receive emails

View GPA and Class Rank
“Good Fit” school
Reach School
Safety School
How to choose a college:

Look at:

♦ Selectivity
♦ Majors offered
♦ Size
♦ Atmosphere/academic intensity
♦ Cost
♦ Location
Questions?

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