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Dear Parents/Guardians and Members of the Junior Class:

One of our important functions is to assist your son or daughter in post high school planning. The formulation of after graduation plans can be a very significant learning experience for both students and parents and we believe that adequate time should be allotted for it.

For those students who are college-bound, the procedure becomes more and more complex as they delve into the areas of college selection, admissions tests, cost, visiting campuses and the many other facets involved in applying to colleges. Much of the uncertainty and anxiety related to college application can be alleviated by some “spadework” prior to the senior year. Invariably, hasty, last minute planning helps create confusion and anxiety.

A vital ingredient to sound planning is communication among the student, parent, and counselor. We recommend that before the senior year begins an individual parent-student-counselor conference be held which should serve as “springboard” for the year ahead. This meeting won’t provide all the solutions to post high school planning but we do feel that a sharing of our thoughts at an early stage will be mutually beneficial.

To enhance the process, we are currently meeting with groups of eleventh grade students during the month of January to help them register with Naviance/Family Connection and complete a career interest profile. This completed profile is helpful in trying to narrow down our students’ interests and how they align with potential college majors.

To arrange your conference, please complete and return the enclosed appointment form to the Guidance Office. **If possible, please select a time that your child is not scheduled for a class as we value their instructional time.** As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your counselor at anytime. We can be reached at (516) 441-4820. We look forward to meeting with each of you.

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