WELCOME
Class Of 2016
✓ Please complete the survey located on Infinite Campus in your Inbox by September 11th (tomorrow)

✓ Your name will appear on your high school diploma as shown on Infinite Campus unless you indicate a change in this survey.

✓ You will also be asked about ordering caps and gowns.
Counselor Contact Information
Phone: 516-441-4820

Carly Bank
JoAnn-Eyre Cruz (Leave - Denise Gentile)
Chris Erickson
Allison Gottfried
Gillian O’Connell (Leave - Keely Coco)
Stacey Rapp (Leave - Erica Beggs)
Joe Stopanio
Rebecca Gottesman (Department Chair)
Narrowing Down Your List

➢ “Reach” schools
➢ “Target” schools
➢ “Safer” schools

GOAL:
Find your perfect match:

★ Academically
★ Socially
★ Financially
College Visits On Campus

*Register for Information Session and Tour with Admissions Office

What to do on your visit:

✓ Meet with representatives  (Send Thank You)
✓ Take a campus tour
✓ Sit in on a Class
✓ Speak with the students on campus
✓ Eat in the dining hall – taste the food!
✓ Check-out the surrounding community
✓ Pick up the school newspaper
✓ Plan for an overnight visit
College Representative Visits at South High School

Key connections can be made during these visits

- Schedule updated daily through Naviance
- Register for visit through your Naviance account
- Communicate with teacher of class you may need to miss
- Be prepared with specific questions
- Send a Thank You note/email

https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=gnshs
Upcoming College Fairs

NCA College Expo
Sunday, September 20, 2015
12:00-3:00 p.m.
SUNY Old Westbury (Clark Athletic Center)
Register at www.gotocollegefairs.com to receive a bar code

NACAC Long Island College Fair
Sunday, October 4, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Suffolk County Community College
Health, Sports & Education Center
Register at: https://www.gotomyncf.com/Registration/Registration

New York City Performing & Visual Arts College Fair
Tuesday, October 27, 2015
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center
655 W. 34th Street, Hall 1D
Register at: https://www.gotomypvafair.com/Registration

*Updated information available weekly through Naviance and your great neck email account.*
Application Deadlines

- Early Decision/Early Decision 2
- Early Action-Single Choice or Restricted
- Regular Admission
- Rolling Admission
- Priority Deadlines (For admissions and scholarships)

*Must Be aware of deadlines indicated on the release forms.*
Transcript

- GPA is calculated through junior year
- Senior year grades count - Do your best
- Great Neck South does not Rank
- Great Neck South does not Weight
SAT/ACT SCORES

www.act.org
www.collegeboard.com
www.fairtest.org

*Students must send ACT/SAT scores through ACT and/or College Board if required.
*Please allow 3-4 weeks for scores to be received by colleges.
ACT Test Dates

http://www.actstudent.org

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Acceptable Photo ID is mandatory!

Scores via web are available 2-3 weeks after test date

Click the ACT link below for standby registration requirements
http://www.actstudent.org/regist/standbytest.html
SAT Test Dates
https://sat.collegeboard.org/home

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No Admission Ticket...No Test...No Exceptions!

Walk-In/Wait-list must register online:
Can only be done after registration deadline closes - MUST be 5 days prior to the test date.

*This does not guarantee a seat – see below for more information
http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/waitlist-status

No changes in test date, type or location are permitted unless indicated on admission ticket!
College Application Essay Tips

❖ Who are you, how have you grown, what sets you apart from others in the applicant pool?
❖ Maximum is 650 words and minimum is 250. Even one character above or below these parameters will hinder your ability to submit your applications.
❖ Supplemental Essays
The Process

- Student Questionnaire must be given to DIRECTLY to your guidance counselor.
- Speak with teachers about letters of recommendation and provide them with your Teacher Recommendation Request forms (PEACH) - requires parent signature.
- Meet with Counselor often through each step of the process.
- Match your Naviance Account with Common App (Must use your school email address). Refer to https://vimeo.com/102639828 for instructions.
- Complete FERPA through Common App.
- Submit SAT/ACT scores directly to Colleges.
- Submit College Application/Transcript Release/FERPA form DIRECTLY to guidance counselor (GREEN FORM) - requires parent signature.
- If applying to a CUNY School use the CUNY Application/Transcript Release/FERPA (Yellow Form) - requires parent signature.
- Review College Application Checklist.
FORMS

- Senior Checklist
- Guidance Questionnaire
- FERPA Release Form
- College Application/Transcript Release Form (Green)
- CUNY College Application/Transcript Release Form (Yellow)
- Teacher College Recommendation Request Form (Peach)
- Common Application Hints
- College Representative Visits to GNSHS
Requesting Letters of Recommendation

Initial requests should be made in person and Thank You notes are always appreciated when handing your peach request form in.

Official request – invite teacher through Naviance
➢ Click on “Colleges”
➢ Click on “Colleges I am Applying to”
➢ Assign recommenders at the bottom of the page and an email request will be sent to the recommenders

Teacher Recommendation Release Forms (Peach) must be completed and signed by your parent before handing it in to your teachers.

FERPA on reverse side must also be completed.
Guidance Office will send...

✓ Official transcripts
✓ Secondary school report
✓ Counselor recommendation
✓ School profile
✓ Mid-Year Report Card
✓ Final Transcript
National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

• Division I & II college-bound athletes MUST register with NCAA (www.eligibilitycenter.org)

• Inform your counselor once you have completed registration

• Complete Athletic Interest Forms at colleges you are interested in

• Communicate with HS and college coaches

• Speak with your counselor now!
Financing your Education

Package will be comprised of:

- Need Based Awards
- Merit Based Awards
- Athletic Awards
SCHOLARSHIPS

www.fastweb.com
meritaid.com
www.collegeboard.com
www.scholarships.com

*Great Neck Student Aid Fund
Financial Aid Workshop
Thursday December 3, 2015
7:30pm

FAFSA: File after January 1\textsuperscript{st} of Senior year at \url{www.fafsa.ed.gov}

CSS Profile: This form applies to some colleges; please check with colleges for details and deadline; available on \url{www.collegeboard.com}

- New York State Higher Education Services Corporation \url{www.HESC.com}

Financial Aid (Net Price) Calculator
You Submitted.... Now What???

➢ Check your student email frequently for information from colleges and your guidance counselor

➢ Check the status of your applications at each specific school. Be mindful of the time it takes for colleges to process applications

➢ Continue attending college visits at South High

➢ Keep working hard in all classes

➢ Keep your Guidance Counselor informed of your progress
WE ARE HERE TO HELP IN EVERY WAY!

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!