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Helpful Links

For info about SAT I, II, and AP Tests go to:

www.collegeboard.com

For info about ACT test go to:

www.act.org

For info about test optional schools go to:

www.fairtest.org/university/optional

For info about financial aid go to:

www.FAFSA.ed.gov

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

For college search info go to:

www.collegenavigator.gov

www.collegeprowler.com

To take a virtual tour of college campuses go to:

www.youniversitytv.com

www.youvisit.com

To learn about Colleges That Change Lives go to:

www.ctcl.org

Scary Mistakes Students Make in School

Since Halloween is around the corner, we figured it would be helpful to try and decrease the fright of the season by identifying some typical scary mistakes students make in school.

Waiting until the last minute: don't wait until the last minute to get your work done. It will only add up and lead to a **hauntingly** unpleasant evening the night before the assignment is due. Break long-term assignments down into smaller chunks and complete them over the course of a few days or longer.

Failing to ask for help: knowing when you need help and whom to ask are key steps to success. Don't feel ashamed or embarrassed to ask a teacher or trusted adult or friend for help. Asking for assistance is a sign of strength.

Winging it: bats can wing it better than we can! Plan out your work and studies so your finished product is one that meets the requirements and leaves you feeling proud.

Sloppy seconds: neatness counts! Take your time and make sure your work is legible and well edited.

Assume the teacher doesn't care: most teachers are absolutely committed to the success of their students. Go in early or stay late, but get the help you need. You may even discover during these one-one-one meetings that you and the teacher have a lot more in common than you thought you did!

Failing to take notes: yes, it may seem like a tedious step, but taking notes is another way to process information so that you can better process and remember what you are reading and hearing. Ultimately, taking this step may save you from having to review the material, thus save you time and energy!

Thinking you are alone: you are not alone. You have teachers, counselors, principals, friends, academic and sports coaches who care about you. If you are in trouble or feel lost, depressed, or upset, please let someone know so we can help you.

Keeping on Track: Seniors: Early Decision and Early Action deadlines are upon us on November 1st and 15th. Make sure your applications and supplemental materials have been submitted. Finish up your college admissions essays and your Common App. Still struggling with those college essays? We can help you to choose the appropriate prompt, formulate some ideas, and finish with a final draft that captures the essence of who you are! We can also help you to present your best self on your application. Call today to schedule an appointment. Make sure you have signed up for your SAT/ACT test. Make sure your teachers are ready to write their letters of recommendation. Get your transcripts and test scores (if you took them) lined up and ready to be sent to your colleges. Make arrangements to visit the schools to which you are applying. Keep working diligently on your classes and keep up the good work with your extra-curricular activities.

Juniors: Start thinking about when you want to take the SAT/ACT and plan your prep work accordingly. Make sure you are registered for your desired test date. Think about the schools you would like to visit and schedule formal visits accordingly. Keep up the good work in class, and stay active in your extra-curricular activities. Visit colleges if you cannot visit them in person. Speak with admissions representatives who present at your school. Speak with students you know who attend the schools to which you are considering applying.

TEST UPDATES

ACT: Here is the link for the latest ACT information:
www.act.org

SAT: Here is the link for the latest SAT information:
www.collegeboard.com

Pay it Forward: Do you know someone who is struggling with the shift to virtual classroom learning?? Send them this newsletter or forward us their contact information. We want to help!

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