

**Welcome to  
Lake Central High School's  
College-Bound  
Meeting**

**April 13, 2021**



# Lake Central High School Guidance Staff

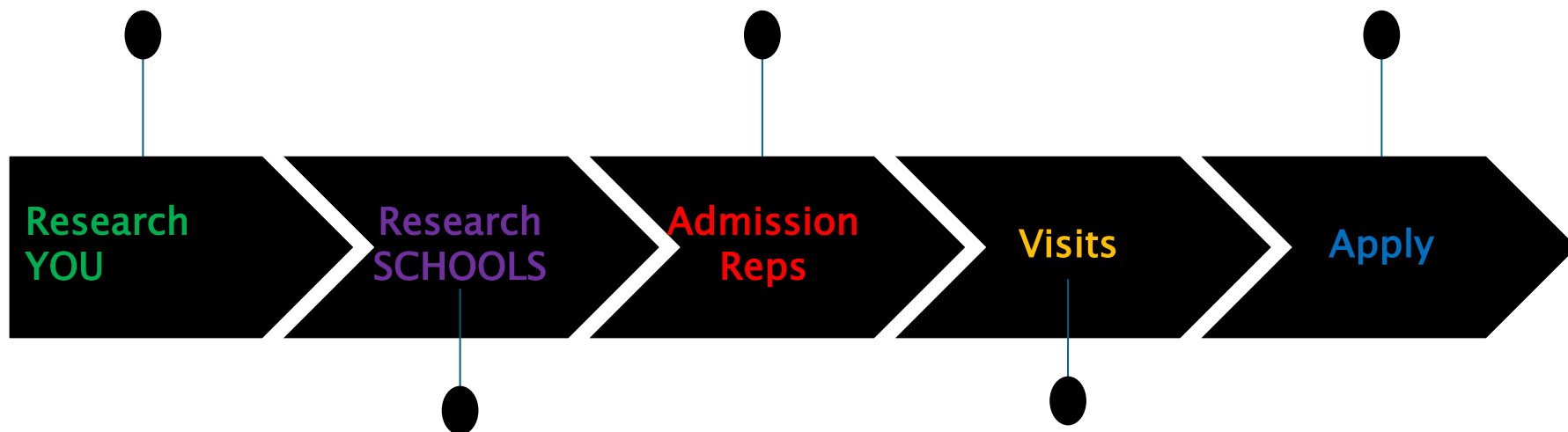
## ▶ Counselors

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- Nicole Raber (Gei–Hui)
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- Melissa Rettig, Assistant Principal – Guidance
- Laura Selin – Registrar
- Sherrie Bereda, Naviance Secretary
- Courtney Severin, Secretary
- Beth Toth, Data Secretary

What do you want to study?  
GPA/SAT/ACT/PSAT?  
Programs/activities?

Campus life?  
Opportunities?  
Scholarships?

App open date?  
Deadlines for scholarships?  
How to apply?



Programs?  
Big/Small? In State? Distance?  
Cost?

SEE the campus.  
Make comparisons.  
Get a FEEL for the university

# Explore Colleges / Universities

## College Fairs..The Normal Way

- **NACAC:** National Fairs in Spring and Fall
- **Local:** Purdue Northwest, Merrillville HS,
- Crown Point HS, Valparaiso University, Lake Central

## ◦ College Fairs...The Covid Way

- **NACAC:**
- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual/>
- **Coalition for College:**
- <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org>

# College Visits

- ▶ **\*\*Colleges are starting to allow on campus visits: Check websites and sign up early\*\***
  - 1. Best time to visit is when school is in session**
  - 2. Colleges videos, lots of information online, visit once accepted**
  - 3. Bring back documentation for the Attendance Office**
  - 4. Students are permitted two absences for College Visits**

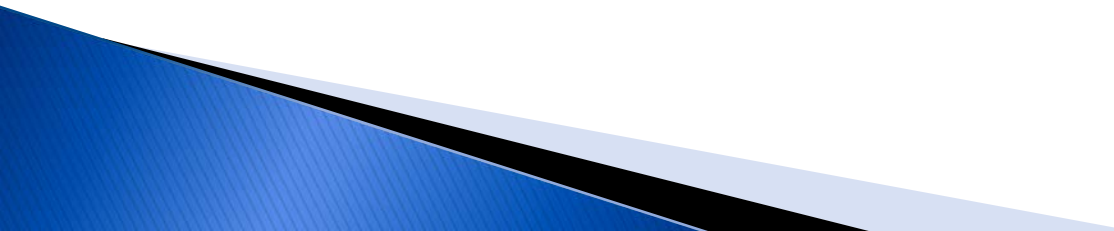
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## Representative Visits to Lake Central High School

**\*Virtual Visits have been the norm this year due to Covid, hopefully next year in person visits will resume\***

- ▶ By listing schools you are interested in, you will be notified through Naviance when that university representative will be visiting LCHS.
- ▶ Visits are also announced on the Daily Announcements and via the @LCHS\_Guidance Twitter account.

# Upcoming College Visits

- ▶ Monday, April 26 during PTE
  - ▶ Marquette University
  
  - ▶ Wednesday, April 28 during PTE
  - ▶ Penn State University
  
  - ▶ Sign up through Naviance
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# ACT/SAT Prep and Exams

- ▶ SAT – College Board
- ▶ ACT – ACT.org
- ▶ \*\*Test Optional/Test Flexible
- ▶ Times to take exam
- ▶ Superscore
- ▶ Which one should I take?
- ▶ Prep work: Khan Academy/PSAT
  - ▶ 6hrs–90 points
  - ▶ 20hrs– 115 points
  - ▶ (16,000 students)



# ACT vs SAT

- ▶ <https://www.princetonreview.com/college/sat-act>
- ▶ <https://blog.prepscholar.com/is-the-act-easier-than-the-sat>

# College Application Process

- ▶ Average application fees range from \$30–\$100 (*Students on free/reduced lunch may qualify for a waiver and should see their counselor*)
- ▶ Apply Direct to institution/Common App
- ▶ Request teacher recommendations if needed
- ▶ **Request transcripts through Naviance NOT Parchment (Sept 1)**
- ▶ Counselors complete additional required reports

# College Application Process

Complete the application through the college/university's admission webpage or the Common Application

Many colleges/universities will create an account for the applicant and important information will be sent through THAT account.

Examples:

- Missing documents and acceptance

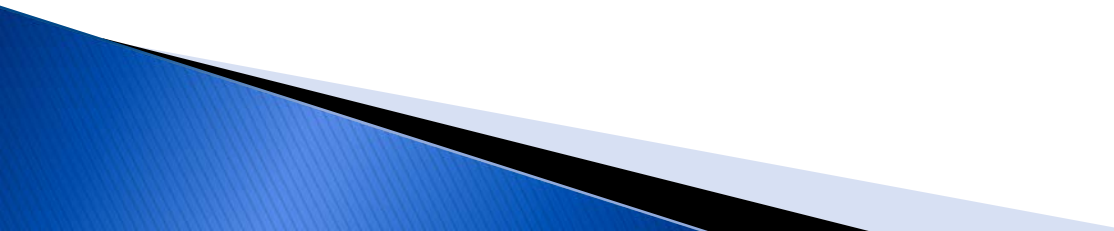
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- ▶ Students send ACT or SAT scores DIRECTLY from the testing agency (ACT.org or collegeboard.com)
- ▶ If you want/need to send transcripts for any dual credits, they must be sent BY the college/university from which the credits were earned. (Ivy Tech, Vincennes, IUN, Purdue Northwest)

# When to Apply

- ▶ Application deadlines are posted on admissions websites for each college/university.
- ▶ Purdue University: In order to be considered for merit-based scholarships and/or Early Action, student applications and all materials must be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ▶ Indiana University Bloomington: Priority deadline for maximum scholarship consideration is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

# The Common Application

- ▶ One application used by over 800 colleges and universities – for example: Purdue West Lafayette, Notre Dame, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, Indiana University.
  - ▶ Butler and Valparaiso University use both the Common App and/or their own online application
  - ▶ Opens approximately August 1, 2021
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# The Common Application

- ▶ It includes:
  - 5 lengthy student information sections
  - Common App essay – ESSAY PROMPTS SAME AS 19–20
  - Additional essays specific to schools to which the student is applying
  - Counselor reports/evaluations

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION



# Common Application

- ▶ **DO NOT use your school email on any applications. Be smart with your email choice!**
- ▶ **NEVER REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION THROUGH THE COMMON APP – ONLY REQUEST THROUGH NAVIANCE**
- ▶ The exact email/name listed on the Common Application is used to match with Naviance.
  - Matching allows all the documents: transcripts, application, counselor secondary school report, recommendations, etc, to be “bundled” before sending.



# Common App Essay Prompts 21–22

- ▶ 1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- ▶ 2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- ▶ 3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- ▶ 4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
- ▶ 5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- ▶ 6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- ▶ 7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

# Naviance: What it has to offer

- ▶ Students only!
- ▶ Student email and ID
- ▶ Login issues: email sbereda@lcscmail.com
- ▶ WITHIN NAVIANCE
- ▶ ABOUT ME: Career Interest Profiler/Learning Style Inventory, Resume
- ▶ COLLEGES: Supermatch, Scattegrams, Scholarships, College Acceptance, Letters of Recommendation
- ▶ CAREERS: Roadtrip Nation, Explore Careers
- ▶ PLANNER: Calendar, track deadlines

# Request Teacher Recommendations

- ▶ It is good etiquette to personally ask the teacher for recommendation prior to requesting the it through Naviance.
- ▶ It is **ALSO** good etiquette to give your recommender at least two weeks to write the letter.
- ▶ With Naviance, if a school only required **ONE** letter of recommendation, the first one submitted is the one that is sent to that university.
- ▶ Teachers cannot upload letters until approximately August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ If you don't need a letter, **DON'T ASK FOR ONE!**

# Request Teacher Recommendations

- ▶ If the recommendation is for a scholarship that requires them to mail in their recommendation, provide the recommender with an envelope/stamp and address of where to send the letter.



# Transcripts

- ▶ Request through Naviance
- ▶ DO NOT USE PARCHMENT –Alumni Only
- ▶ Allow 4–6 weeks for colleges to post to student portal
- ▶ Match if using Common App:
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjeDWpfBb3Y&authuser=0>

# Important Information!!!

- ▶ Document requests (letters of rec, counselor recommendations, transcripts etc) need to be submitted no later than Wednesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> to ensure they will be submitted by Nov 1 deadline.
- ▶ All Transcript requests for colleges/universities need to be requested through Naviance.
- ▶ Login issues: contact Mrs. Bereda at
- ▶ [sbereda@lcscmail.com](mailto:sbereda@lcscmail.com)

## Where to find Scholarships -

- ▶ Naviance under Colleges Home Page
- ▶ Google search
- ▶ Parents employer
- ▶ College website

## Twitter/Instagram - @LCHS\_Guidance

- ▶ Scholarships
  - ▶ Deadlines
  - ▶ Scheduling
  - ▶ Events
  - ▶ News
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NCAA Eligibility Center

NAIA.org

Financial Aid Nights

