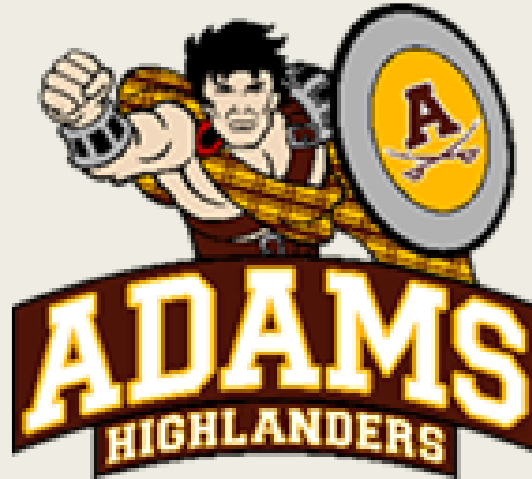


SENIOR PARENT INFORMATION



Class of 2018

SANP UDPATE

- Please welcome Deedra Wolas



Senior Dates

- Senior's last day: May 22, 2018
- Prom: May 24, 2018
- Graduation: June 6, 2018

AHS Counselors



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Graduation Credits



- Students must have at least 22 credits to graduate that includes:
 - ▣ *4 Credits in English*
 - ▣ *4 Credits in Math*
 - ▣ *3 Credits in Social Studies (including Gov/Econ)*
 - ▣ *3 Credits in Science (including Chem, Physics or a 3rd science)*
 - ▣ *2 Credits in World Language (Flex)*
 - ▣ *1 Credit in Visual Performing or Applied Arts*
 - ▣ *1 Credit in PE/Health or Wellness 1 and 2 (Flex)*

Applying to Colleges



- Students should narrow their choices down to about three or four
- Check deadlines carefully and get applications in early (think Halloween) 
- Check application requirements as they vary from school to school
- Make sure students enter complete and accurate information
- Make sure students proofread essays before submitting

Essay Tips

- Answer the question
- Write the essay yourself
- Write only on the weekends
- Good Essays are like good cheese – let them age!
- The goal of an essay is for colleges to learn more about your child
 - Effective essays tell a story, give them a taste of their voice, a peek at the way they look at the world, and show them their ability to write.
- Proofread!

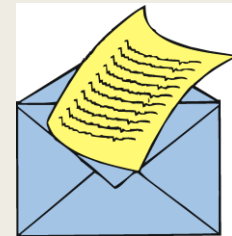
Sending ACT/SAT Scores

- Test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to the colleges students are applying to
- ACT scores can be sent through
 - www.actstudent.org
- SAT scores can be sent through
 - www.collegeboard.com



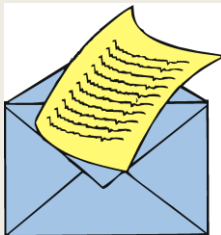
Letters of Recommendation

- Students should first determine if a letter is needed
- Purpose of letters of recommendation are to obtain information on the student that does not appear on transcripts or in application
- Guidelines on who to ask to write a letter:
 - junior or senior-year teachers that know them well*
 - Core-subject teachers*



Letters of Recommendation

- Most letters will be submitted electronically
 - Students must confirm that electronic link was sent*
 - If a hard copy must be mailed, teachers should be given a stamped/addressed envelope*
- For Common App recommendations, students must first “invite” their counselor and teachers
- Please allow teachers at least two (2) weeks to write the letter for your student!
- Remind your student to say



THANK YOU!
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Creating Your Parchment Account

Transcript requests are completed online using Parchment

Students should:

Go to www.parchment.com

Click on “Create an Account” in the upper left corner

Complete enrollment information and verify email

Search for Rochester Adams HS in the search box

- When Rochester Adams appears, click “add” and then fill in the fields on the enrollment information page

Once registered, students can search the destination they wish to send their transcripts to. (i.e. individual colleges, the Common Application, NCAA)

Parchment Details

- ❑ *Select “order” to search for the destination and to request official school transcript for online delivery to target colleges*
 - ❑ *Students applying to colleges through the Common App must send transcripts directly to the Common App and not to the individual colleges*
- ❑ *Submit request*
- ❑ *Parchment will email the student when transcripts have been released*
- ❑ *Students can track order status*



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

- Completed application** – Students should make sure to include any additional information such as essays, letters of recommendation, etc. Be sure to proofread.
- Transcript request through your Parchment account**
Website: www.parchment.com
- ACT/SAT scores sent directly from the Testing Agencies**
- Release of Information** - Will be done through Parchment for transcripts requests.

*A paper form must be signed and turned in to Mrs. Pierre for any transcripts that need to be sent through a format **other than Parchment.***

OTHER INFORMATION FOR SENIORS



Financial Aid

Students can begin filling out the FAFSA on October 1, 2017

- Use tax information from the 2016 reporting year

RCS will host two Financial Aid Seminars at the Administration Building at 501 W. University

- Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017 at 7:45am in the Harrison Room
- Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Harrison Room

Scholarship resource include:

- The “Scholarship Bulletin” on the Counseling website
- www.fastweb.com
- www.careercruising.com
- www.meritaid.com
- Scholly – app students can download on their smartphones

OTHER INFORMATION FOR SENIORS



Educational Development Plan (EDP)

- ▣ www.careercruising.com – Students will update on their own. This must be done before the end of semester 1.

Resources for students and Parents

- ▣ “College is Yours 2.0: Preparing, Applying, and Paying for Colleges Perfect for You” – by Patrick J O’Connor
- ▣ www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/compare-financial-aid-and-college-cost/
- ▣ <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>



Senior Class Remind

- ▣ Have your senior text @adamshs18 to 81010



Questions



Thank you and enjoy Curriculum Night!