Welcome to TAS College Night
Agenda

- Where do we begin? Why is getting an Education so important?
- Getting prepared for the future: Gr. 9, 10, 11 and 12
  - Advanced Placement classes
  - GPA
  - Transcript
  - Extras
- TAS Graduation requirements
- College Search Process
  - Testing – PSAT / ACT / SAT’s / AP’s
- What Colleges are you looking for
- What are your options?
- Take time to do the Research / Homework
- Scholarships
- Seniors at TAS
- What’s next?
Where do we begin?

◆ Begin:
  - Take advantage of the quality education TAS has to offer you. Get properly prepared for the future.
  - Value your education.
  - Work hard and develop excellent study habits and work ethics.
  - Schedule daily time to do your best academic work

What has already happened at TAS:
  - Gr. 11 were given the opportunity to take the PSAT in 2015.
  - More academic opportunities are being offered
  - SAT preparation was offered at SUMMA
### Whys is getting an Education so important?

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<th>Degree Attained</th>
<th>Average Income</th>
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During the Senior Year (Grade 12)

- Take the ACT/SAT and TOEFL in December/January 2017.
- Research the long list down schools down to a short realistic list.
- Look into Financial aid and scholarship opportunities if needed.
- Take a challenging course load, work hard and get the best grades possible.
- Read, read, and read.
Why take Advanced Placement Classes (AP)?

- AP / Advanced classes given at TAS: Language & Composition, English Lit & Composition, Calculus AB, Statistics, Drawing & Painting, Human Geography, Psychology, Environmental Science and Physics
- They are equivalent to a University/College level class. You can qualify or receive college level credits, depending on your exam scores.
- Must meet qualifications to be eligible to take these rigorous, challenging classes.
- These classes are not for everyone.
- It takes a serious commitment and understanding that work can be assigned to be completed during the summer and throughout the year if necessary.
Advanced Placement Classes (AP) (cont.)

◆ AP exams are taken in May and are graded on a 1-5 scale
  ■ 1=not recommended for credit
  ■ 2=possible credit recommended
  ■ 3=qualified for certain schools for credit
  ■ 4=well qualified
  ■ 5=extremely well qualified for credit

◆ Some Colleges will give college credit, some will not.

◆ AP classes are considered to be equal to an A-level class in UK system.

◆ An AP diploma can be earned.
Grade Point Average

- Raising a low GPA is difficult to do.
- Colleges will look for trends that show improvement.
- All 4 years count and are very important.
Low GPA or Low Test Scores

◆ Raise your GPA.
◆ Be realistic in your College and University searches.
◆ Review and practice for the ACT/SAT & TOEFL tests
◆ Consider all your options such as applying to lower tier colleges & community colleges.
Practice and prepare.
Take the ACT/SAT I and II if needed.
Take the TOEFL. Do not wait until it is late.
Colleges use the test to compare you to others.
THE SAT

- SAT
  - Writing – Essay (35 Minutes)
  - Verbal – (90 Minutes)
  - Critical Reading (65 Minutes)
  - Math (90 Minutes)
  - At TAS a group registration is required.
  - SATs are administered at the ISHCMC in District 2 and Saigon South Int’l School in District 7

- SAT Dates
  - December 3, 2016, January 21\textsuperscript{st}, May 6\textsuperscript{th} and June 3, 2017
ACT and SAT

- Both are College entrance exams.
- Either is usually required by most colleges.
- Either test can be accepted at most schools.
- Used as a comparison tool by Colleges/Universities.
- SUMMA offers SAT Prep Options
TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language

- Register online at www.ets.org – Cost $170.00 per test.

- Measures reading, listening, speaking, and writing in English.

- Required by many Universities for students who are non-native English speakers or do not have a US/Canadian/British Passport or who have studied in a system where English is not the primary language used at the school.

- The TOEFL is not given at TAS. It can be taken at APU and/or Singapore Int’l in District 11.
Nervous about taking the ACT/SAT/TOEFL?

Here are a few tips to get better prepared:

- Take a rigorous challenging schedule of classes.
- Achieve the best possible grades.
- Take 4 years of math, science, social studies and English (regardless of what is required to meet minimum graduation).
- Take practice test for SAT’s & TOEFL to prepare.
- Read, read, read for enjoyment on a regular basis.
Transcripts and Test Scores

Here are a few tips:

- Work hard to obtain the best grades and transcript you are capable of obtaining.
- Take the ACT/SAT and TOEFL exams.
- Prepare well for the AP exams.
- Request that AP & SAT scores be sent to every university to which you are applying. This can be done online at www.collegeboard.org
- This is your responsibility!
extras

◆ Get involved in extracurricular activities at TAS.
◆ Colleges want to see longevity and leadership in the activities you choose to get involved with.
◆ Make the best of your service learning opportunities at TAS.
◆ Get involved with Community service projects and activities above and beyond the TAS day.
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**Total Credits Required**: 24.00 +
The College Search Process

Consider what you want in a college:

- System (What country, where?).
- Size and location (City, country, etc.).
- Public or private.
- Environment, campus, programs offered.
- Student life.
- Cost: How expensive? Is there Scholarships or financial aid available?
Visit and register to become a member of

www.act.org

and

WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

To begin your search
Environment

- Academics
- Athletics
- Social life
- Live on or off campus
Larger Schools vs. Smaller Schools

- Relationships with professors
- Class sizes
- Student body
- Opportunities
To Find a Good Match....

◆ Define your parameters.
◆ Do a thorough search.
◆ Utilize resources.
◆ Campus visitations.
◆ Admission interviews.
◆ Word-of-mouth networking.
◆ Listen to yourself!
Narrow it Down

Choose a minimum of…

- Two “safe” schools
- Two “reach” schools
- Two “good” fits
Where in the world? Location?

- What region of the world?
- What country?
- US: In state or out of state.
- Commuting distance.
- Driving distance.
- Is family or a relative close by?
How Can I Learn About Different Colleges?

- Internet / On-line
- College fairs
- People (Counselor, teachers, friends, alumni, etc.)
- Summer Campus visits.
Campus Visits

- Colleges love to have high school students visit
- It just takes a phone call to set a visit up!

This is the best way to find out if a school is right for you or if you are right for the school!
When Should You apply?

- Before the winter holidays of your senior year but after the first quarter grades are available to be sent as well.

- For Early decision and early action: During first quarter of your senior year
Streamline your Applications

- Use the Common Application in the USA (https://www.commonapp.org)
- Use the UCAS application in the United Kingdom (http://www.ucas.ac.uk)
- Use the Ontario Universities Application Centre in Canada (http://www.ouac.on.ca)
What are Competitive Colleges and Universities looking for?

❖ Strong Academic Transcripts: Rigorous curriculum
❖ Consistent Strong Grade point average (GPA)
❖ AP courses with good test results
❖ Excellent ACT/SAT and TOEFL exam results
❖ Good Recommendations
❖ Well Written Essays
❖ Extracurricular activities
❖ Leadership positions
❖ Summer activities
❖ Job experiences
❖ Community service
Recommendations

◆ Ask your counselor for a comprehensive recommendation:
  - Fill out the Counselor Recommendation Form
◆ Many schools will want a minimum of two teacher recommendations.
◆ Student should ask teachers for recommendations directly, give a time frame of when you need them. Do not ask at the last minute. Give them at least one month’s notice.
◆ The teachers will give the confidential recommendations to the counselor, or they will submit them directly to the schools.
◆ Make sure you thank those that have written recommendations for you.
Essays

Recommendations for your Essays:
- At least 5-6 rewrites
- Neat and correct
- Reflective & insightful
- Creative & original
- Answer the question
- Engaging & in depth
- Personal obstacle or challenges
- Work with your English teacher.
- Proofread, proofread, proofread!
Scholarships

Can be awarded by your University/College for:

◆ Grades (Academics)

◆ Test scores

◆ Service/community involvement

◆ Extracurricular involvement
Other Educational Systems to Consider

Canada:
- 25,000 international students
- 90 universities
- Broad range of choices
- Country built on diversity
- Progressive and multicultural
- Global perspectives
- Internationally recognized degrees
- University expenses lower than in the US, UK, or Australia
Other Educational Systems to Consider

United Kingdom:
- 150 universities
- Three year courses of study
- Foundation year if needed
- Flexible study patterns
- Select course first, not university
- Centralized UCAS application system – select 6 courses of study
- AP scores accepted for admission
- Expenses lower than the US

- Total Number of applications sent out:
  - Class of 2014 = 70
  - Class of 2015 = 95
  - Class of 2016 = 50

- 90% – USA
- 5% - Canada
- 5% – Other: Japan/Europe & Vietnam
TAS College Acceptances for Class of 2014 and 2015

- John Hopkins University
- New York University (NYU)
- Pace University
- Purdue University
- Boston University
- Bryant University
- Drexel University
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- La Salle University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Northeastern University
- University of Massachusetts
- University of San Francisco
- Hult Int'l Business School
- Academy of Arts University
- Concordia University
- De Anza College
- DeVry University
- Hampshire College
- Parsons School of Design
- Columbia College - Canada
- Johnson & Wales University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- San Francisco Academy
- Savannah College of Arts & Design
- Springfield College
- Stenden University
- Suffolk University
- Sunny Purchase College
- University of California – Davis
- University of California – Irvine
- University of California – San Diego
- University of California – Santa Cruz
- University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Maryland
- University of Miami
- University of Rhode Island
- University of South Florida
- University of Southern California
- University of Tampa
- University of Toronto
- University of Washington
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Virginia Union University
What’s Next? Don’t Be Afraid to Go Forward and Get Started Your Future is Bright!

➢ Explore your options…
➢ Do your homework, research…
➢ Seek help and information from:
  ■ Counseling office
  ■ Internet
  ■ Teachers
  ■ College Guide books and references
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