

Sophomore Parent Night

April 3, 2019

7pm

Nyack High School Auditorium



Nyack High School Guidance Department

- ▶ Lorraine Longing – Director of Guidance K– 12

Counselors:

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| ▶ Mrs. Gershonovitz | A – B |
| ▶ Ms. Heinemann | C – Fi |
| ▶ Mr. Cavanagh | Fo – Maz |
| ▶ Mr. Stevens | Mc– R |
| ▶ Mrs. Wright | S– Z |

Quick Overview of Sophomore Year:

- ▶ Your child took the ACT Aspire in November.
- ▶ ACT Aspire Summative reports (paper copies) were mailed home.
- ▶ Your child met with their counselors to select classes for next year in January and February.
- ▶ Parents can see course selections in the parent portal.
- ▶ Your child will take the Accuplacer on April 2nd and 3rd, at Nyack High School.
- ▶ *New* this year is an increase in our Dual Enrollment classes in partnership with RCC and STAC.

Guest speaker:

Mr. Bob Sweeney

Former Director of Guidance
Mamaroneck High School
Westchester, New York

GETTING STARTED GOING FROM 3000 TO 1 FACTORS TO CONSIDER



- Location
 - Distance from home
 - Region of country
 - Urban / Suburban / Rural setting
- Size
 - Small (~2,000)
 - Medium (~5,000 – 10,000)
 - Large (>10,000)
- School Culture
- Choice of Major
- Admissions Criteria / Selectivity
- Cost / Affordability
 - Community College (~\$4,800/yr)
 - SUNY (~\$25,000/yr)
 - Out-of-state public (~\$45,000/yr)
 - Private (\$60,000+/yr)



What does your ACT Aspire Summative report tell you?

- ▶ College Ready Scores = Benchmark:
 - English Section Range (400–460) 428 is benchmark, National average 431
 - Reading Section Range (400–450) 428 is benchmark, National average 424
 - Math Section Range (400–460) 432 is benchmark, National average 427
- ▶ ACT readiness level: Exceeding, Ready, Close or In Need of Support.
- ▶ Provides you with a score and a range.
- ▶ Gives a predictor for a future ACT score.
- ▶ National Percentile rank based on sophomores who took the ACT Aspire.
- ▶ Shows your child's progress towards the goal of college readiness.

Next Steps:

- ▶ Meet with your counselor to discuss your ACT ASPIRE results.
- ▶ Enhance my skills: Everyone who took ACT ASPIRE needs some type of enhancement in a given area
 - We enhance our college ready skills by taking challenging courses and doing our best in them, practicing questions that we find difficult, and reading anything that we can get our hands on.
- ▶ Please relax about your results. This is a snap shot of you on one day in November of 2018. Colleges will never ask for the results from an ACT ASPIRE Test.
- ▶ The best predictor of college success is how well we do in our current subjects.

Other Tests In Your Future.


- ▶ Typically Spring of Sophomore year
 - Accuplacer Placement exam- necessary for Dual Enrollment courses and or some BOCES programs
- ▶ Typically Fall of your Junior Year:
 - PSAT
 - The PSAT will prepare you to take the SAT
- ▶ Typically Spring of Junior Year
 - SAT –
 - ACT –
 - SAT 2 Subject Tests (Some highly competitive schools may require this test):

Naviance Student

- ▶ <http://connection.naviance.com/nyack>
- ▶ User name= Nyack Email address
- ▶ Password= Your Student ID

- ▶ Suggestions for sophomore year:
 - ▶ College Search
 - ▶ Resume Builder
 - ▶ Career Inventory
 - ▶ Game Plan

Next steps:

- ▶ Students will take the PSAT in October of Junior year.
 - ▶ Guidance department offers several local college campus tours in the fall.
 - ▶ College admissions representatives visit on Mondays in the fall during lunch period.
 - ▶ Ask your counselor about dual enrollment opportunities.
 - ▶ Check the Nyack high school guidance website often for important information, opportunities and announcements.
 - ▶ Junior planning conferences take place in the spring of junior year.
 - ▶ Make connections with college admissions representatives.
 - ▶ Contact your counselor with any and all questions.
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Thank you