

Fall 2018 Parent Newsletter

Dear Class of 2019 Parents/Guardians,

This is a quick update on information that was provided to your students during the last week of August when I visited all senior English classrooms. First of all, each and every student was attentive, respectful, and engaged during my 15-minute presentation. I really, really enjoyed seeing them all again face-to-face and sharing some information with them. Each senior was given a **BLUE FOLDER** with the following information in it:

- Current transcript with accumulative 6th semester GPA
- SAT Score
- FAFSA (Financial Aid) Planning Packet with the following papers titled:
 - Federal Student Aid Application Process
 - Senior Year Timeline for Students Applying for Financial Aid
 - Creative Avenues for Financial Aid
 - 12 Myths About Paying for College
- All seniors also completed a survey in *Naviance* that was assigned to them by Mrs. Murphy. It is to help us connect the students with what they need in regard to their post-secondary plans. A copy of this survey is included on my Class of 2019 page. It is titled "Action Steps Survey".

Our ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) representative, Denasia Winston, will be at CCHS on Tuesdays. Denasia can assist seniors with college applications, scholarship searches, and with filing the FAFSA. I send an email to seniors on Mondays asking them to email me back if they want an appointment with Denasia. *****Starting October 1st, PARENTS can make appointments with Denasia** for help with the FAFSA. Please email me if you'd like to set up an appointment. Lori.koester@cchs165.com

- Remember that *Naviance* is a tool that students can use from home or on their phones. Many, many tools are available to help you decide the where, how, and what questions regarding post-secondary plans.
- Also remember the **AMAZING BINDERS** that were given out last year! They are SUPER HELPFUL in answering questions regarding the post-secondary process!

****Upcoming events:**

- **September 25th – CCHS Financial Aid Night at 6pm in the Auditorium**
- **October 23rd – College Changes Everything – Application Day in the Media Center 8:00-3:00**
- **October 25th – FAFSA Completion Night during Parent/Teacher Conferences in the Cafeteria 5-8pm**

Please email me with any questions you have regarding this information. Questions are welcome! I am very excited to help them with their plans for the future! Lori.Koester@cchs165.com