

# College 101 for Parents



Presented by the Guidance Staff of  
Greenfield-Central High School

# Who Is On Your Team?

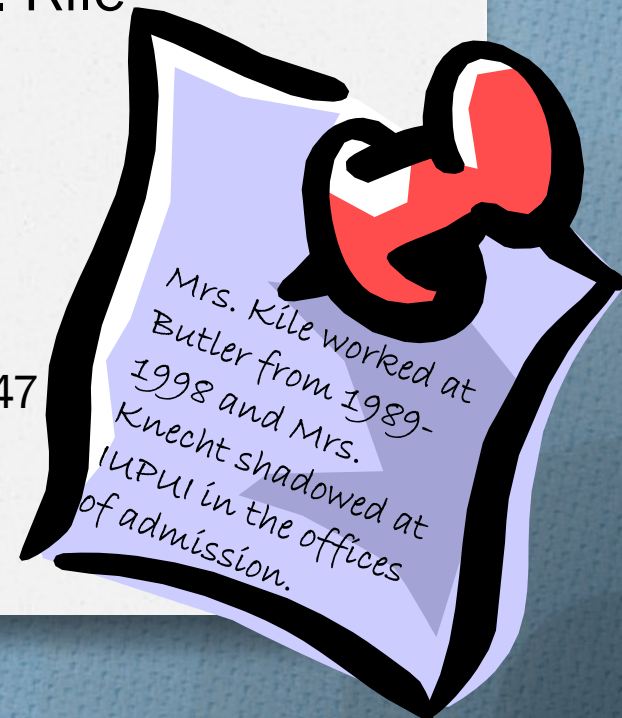
- o Students with last names A-E      Mr. Horsman
- o Students with last names F-L      Mrs. Foster
- o Students with last names M-Sq      Mrs. Knecht
- o Students with last names St-Z      Mrs. Kile

## Don't Forget!

Sign-up for Remind101 notifications by text or e-mail.

Class of 2014 – text @5549 to (317) 468-9447

General updates – text @1065d to (317) 468-9447





# Did You Know...

- o The guidance counselors at G-CHS provide college search and application advice, as well as scholarship and financial aid information, for their students throughout the year **for free?**
- o The counselors are your students' greatest advocates in these processes and have many contacts at colleges and universities throughout the Midwest and the United States?
- o Counselors partake in professional development opportunities each year to make sure they are up-to-date on the latest information regarding the SAT, ACT, and AP exams, as well as new legislation regarding high school curriculum, diploma requirements, and athletics?
- o Counselors are happy to schedule individual appointments with student and parents to discuss your student's personal needs?

# Where Are We Going?

- o Action Plan for Seniors (green)
- o College Testing ~ SAT & ACT (yellow & light blue)
- o College Visits (purple & yellow)
- o College Applications (dark blue, peach, purple, gray, and pink)
- o Scholarship Information (beige)
- o Other options ~ military, 2-year schools, trade schools



# What is the Action Plan for Seniors?

- o Important Decisions and Actions this Year
  - o Arrange college visits
    - o Suggested date – October 30, 2013 – ***“Don’t Fear the Future”*** Day at G-CHS
  - o Register for SAT or ACT tests (October & November)
  - o Submit college applications (by November 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - o Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 10, 2014 (check for earlier dates for your colleges and universities)
  - o Submit scholarship applications
  - o Review financial aid packages
  - o Make a final decision by May 1, 2014 ( the National Candidate’s Reply Date)

# Why Do I Need to Take a Test?

## The SAT

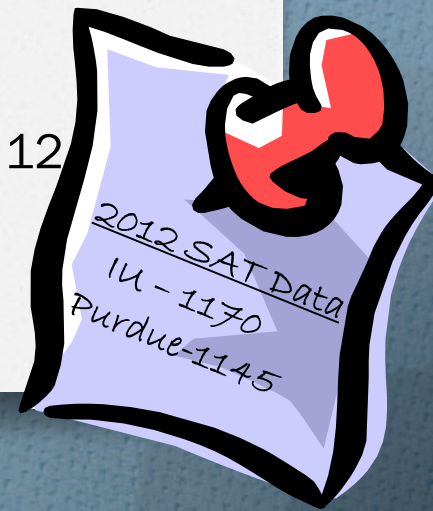
([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))

- Tests in three subject areas; critical reading, mathematics, and writing
- Highest score per subject is 800
- Accepted by all colleges and universities
- Available at G-CHS on **October 5** and May 3

## The ACT

([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))

- Tests in four to five subject areas; English, math, reading, and science, with writing as an added option
- Highest score per subject is 36
- Accepted by all colleges and universities
- Available at G-CHS on **September 21** and April 12





# How Do I Find the Perfect Fit?

## College Visits at G-CHS

- o College admission representatives schedule visits during the fall
- o Seniors may sign-up to visit with up to three colleges
- o A calendar of visits is located outside of Guidance and given to the Cougar Connection teachers

## Campus Visits

- o Seniors are allowed two college visits per semester
- o Students need to have pre-approval by his or her counselor and schedule the appointment
- o Parents are responsible for calling attendance on the day of the visit
- o Students must bring in a confirmation of the visit to attendance the next day



# How Do I Apply?

- o September 23-27 is College Go! Week in Indiana ~ visit <http://www.in.gov/collegegoweeek/index.htm> for great tips and discounted application fees for some colleges and universities
- o Apply on-line and inform your counselor of your applications (use the counselor form provided by the school or the transcript request form to request that a transcript be sent to complete your application)
- o Be aware of deadlines and make sure your request allows for plenty of time for processing





# What's New this Year at Purdue University?

- o Purdue is now requiring all prospective students to apply using The Common Application.
  - o <https://www.commonapp.org/Login>
- o Students are required to create an account and counselors will be required to submit all application information through this program.



# How Do I Make a Decision?

- o Research each school, visit the campuses, and wait through the entire process of admission and financial aid before making a final decision
- o Apply for any and all available scholarships
- o Compare costs, opportunities, and financial aid offers
- o Work with your school counselor throughout the process



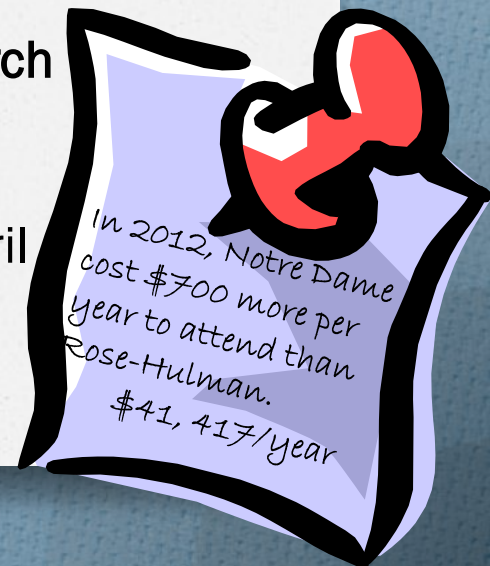
# How Do I Pay for College?

## Scholarships

- Available from colleges and universities, community organizations, businesses and employers, and the Hancock County Community Foundation
- Know your deadlines
  - Each college will have them
  - HCCF**  
November/December for the Lilly Scholarship and **Feb. 28\*** for other HCCF scholarships

## Need-based Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) ~ file between January 1, 2014 and March 10, 2014
- Know each college and university deadline ~ some may require **March 1, 2014\***
- Packages will be available in March/April



# How Do I Pay for College?

## Scholarships

- o Work with Guidance to meet your deadlines and know what is a complete application

## Need-based Financial Aid

- o Do not make a final decision until you have packages from each school

Visit the Guidance page for the most up-to-date scholarship information: [http://gchs.gcsc.k12.in.us/?page\\_id=2524](http://gchs.gcsc.k12.in.us/?page_id=2524)

Financial Aid Night at Greenfield-Central High School

January 15, 2014

FAFSA Day in Hancock County

Mid-February ~ Look for an announcement soon!



## How Do I Pay for College?

### The Twenty-first Century Scholars Program Updates



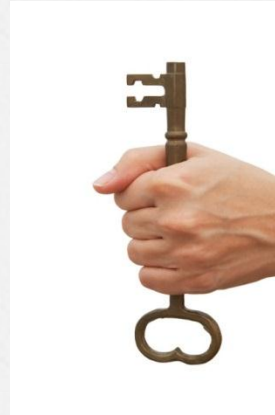
- o Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- o Complete 30 college credit hours/year
- o Deadline to remember:  
March 10, 2014
- o Complete your Senior Affirmation
- o Complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – this must be done every year!

# What are the Other Options?

- o 2-year Schools
  - o Ivy Tech/Vincennes University
- o Military
  - o Each branch makes weekly or monthly visits to G-CHS during the school year
- o Trade/Proprietary Schools
  - o Lincoln College of Technology/Animal Arts Institute/Allied Health Institute (see a complete list of accredited programs at: <http://www.in.gov/dwd/2731.htm>)
- o Apprenticeships
  - o We suggest job shadowing so your student can see what life on the job is like – please consider doing this on October 30, 2013
- o Discuss these options with your counselor, too



# Questions?



Please take a minute to complete our survey about tonight's program. We appreciate your feedback!

<http://m.loopsurvey.com/tf0mlj54q4>