

WELCOME CLASS OF 2018

- Sign up for College Visits in Naviance Family Connection. Go to the colleges tab & click on “view ALL upcoming college visits.” Then sign up for college visits.
How to sign-up for a college visit at OHS: <http://www.screencast.com/t/qKG3uXj2D6v>
- Fill out your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- You will need to request your transcript thru Naviance so that it’s sent to the college you’re applying too. First, Add colleges to your **Colleges I’m Applying** to section in Naviance, then be sure to check request transcript.
How to add a college and request a transcript: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkLrue7MXRs>
- Look on the college websites to determine what type of application they accept (Common App, the Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success, or a school-specific application), look at due dates, and determine what you need for a complete application (recommendation letters, essays, resumes, etc. If you’re applying thru the Common App, you will need to match your accounts.
How to Match your Common Application & Naviance Accounts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znOq38FUrTc>
- SAT/ACT scores need to be sent directly from the testing service. Please log into your accounts and request scores to be sent directly as soon as possible. Remember you can send your scores up to four colleges for FREE at time of registration/before the test. If you send scores after the test, you will pay additional fees. If you need to take the SAT or ACT one more time, sign up at <https://sat.collegeboard.org/register> or www.actstudent.org
- Hopefully you have already completed your **Senior Information Sheet** on Naviance Family Connection (required for transcripts and recommendation letter requests). Go to “About Me” and click on “Senior Information Sheet” in the far left column. Remember, do not click “Save and I am Finished” until you are sure you do not want to make any more changes! Note: Counselors and teachers use the Senior Information Sheet to personalize your letter of recommendation.
- If your college application or scholarship requires a letter of recommendation, please be sure to ask your teacher or counselor in person first. Once he/she agrees to write you a recommendation, you must request the Letter(s) of Recommendations thru Naviance (under the college tab)
How to request a Recommendation thru Naviance:
<https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/upload/52/5229.pdf>
- In NAVIANCE under the **About Me** tab, update your email address on your *profile*; this email address should match the one you use for all of your college applications.
- Scholarships are advertised weekly on our Counseling Newsletter and also Naviance (**Click on Colleges tab, go to the bottom section entitled “Scholarships & Money” and click on Scholarship List.**) Please be sure to read the description directly from the individual scholarship site and/or application to be sure you are aware of all qualifications, requirements and deadlines. Many require Official transcripts, while other require unofficial transcripts.
 - **How to request an Unofficial transcript (FREE)**
Note: Unofficial transcripts will be emailed directly to the student thru Naviance.
<http://www.screencast.com/t/5Tixt8dm>
 - **How to request an Official transcript (\$2.00 -hardcopy/sealed & stamped)**
Note: Official transcripts need to be picked up from the Counseling Office.
<http://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/upload/52/4178.1.16.docx>

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAFSA Finish Event: Saturday, October 28 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

FCC Conference Center - FCC is holding this event for **seniors**/parents to complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA

Information and registration is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fafsa-finish-workshops-at-fcc-tickets-38397681499>

\$\$ There will be scholarship opportunities at this event as well. \$\$

Community Foundation of Frederick County Scholarship Session: Wednesday, February 28 – 6:30-8:00 PM – OHS Auditorium