

Senior Parent Night #1- BHS  
Application Process Pre-  
Assessment



Please take a moment to complete  
this VERY brief questionnaire  
as we wait to get started.

# BHS Senior Parent Night #1

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THE BHS APPLICATION PROCESS



# Wherever you are is OK!

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Everyone's journey is different.  
There isn't anyone to compete with or compare to.  
**You will all cross YOUR OWN finish line.**

# BHS Post-Grad Plans 2023

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Four Year College-  
76%

Two Year College-  
12%

Career Ed/  
Apprenticeship  
Programs- 2%

Gap Year- 4%

Employment- 4%

Military- 0%

MCC is our most  
attended school

Every year  
is  
different-  
we can  
help if  
interested!

# Preparing for life after BHS

Three simple steps to get you  
ready for the “real world”.

1. Graduate.
  - Senioritis is real.
2. Make the most out of your senior year.
  - See Mrs. Stern if interested in job shadowing, internships or employment. You can earn HS credit!
  - College Visits- complete list in Naviance & weekly visits posted in Counseling Corner Newsletter.
  - \*\*You MUST sign up in Naviance to gain access to the URL if virtual
  - Pick up a new hobby!
3. Stay connected with your counselor.
  - No matter where you are in the process, we are here to support you.
  - We are available for small group and 1:1 meetings.

# Considering YOUR options

- ✓ Academics
- ✓ Finances
- ✓ Location
- ✓ Circumstances
- ✓ Services & Programs

## Reach

- Options that might be a little out of “reach”
- Ex- your GPA may be a little below the median, the cost might include personal loans, the location may be out of state, might struggle academically without supports.

## Match

- Options that match who you are and what you are looking for
- Ex- your GPA is in median, the cost is affordable for your family, you are just far enough away, offers needed academic/social-emotional supports.

## Safety

- Options that exceed what you are looking for, will meet your needs and then some
- Ex- your GPA is above the median, the cost is affordable/offers scholarships, location is a preferable,

# Ways to explore your options

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Naviance- Interest Inventories, career descriptions, Roadtrip Nation Interviews, college information

Job Shadows- See Mrs. Stern!

BHS Alumni- we can help connect you with recent graduates with similar interests

BHS Counseling Website- information on gap year options, military, apprenticeship programs, etc.

Individual college websites

[www.campusreel.org](http://www.campusreel.org) - over 15,000 real videos, tours and experiences from 300+ college campuses, created by current students

[www.Youvisit.com](http://www.Youvisit.com) - It's never been easier to check out so many schools in one place. Browse around or use the search to pick a destination. When you find somewhere you like, connect directly with the school from within the tour. Did we mention it's FREE?

# College Fairs

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Connections are  
important-

ATTEND

COLLEGE

FAIRS & REP

VISITS!

## 2023 Fall Virtual College Fairs

September Virtual College Fair  
Sunday, September 10

October Virtual College Fair  
Sunday, October 15

November Virtual  
College Fair  
Sunday, November 12

NACAC 

**National  
College Fairs**

REGISTER NOW!  
[nacacattend.org](https://nacacattend.org)



# Fall College Fair at Nazareth University

- Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Golisano Training Center

Meet with counselors from select Northeastern colleges and universities to learn about the application process, financial aid, and more.

As a bonus, students who are interested in Nazareth University are invited to join us for a **tour of campus at 5:30 p.m.** No registration is required for the college fair, but we ask that families **please register for the campus tour:**

<https://apply.naz.edu/register/?id=1e80db97-0ec7-42ba-a5e9-48dbc20bb2cb>



**NAZARETH UNIVERSITY**



Uniting & Healing Through Hope of Monroe County

# COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Tuesday, October 10  
10 am - 5 pm

**BLUE CROSS ARENA**  
**@ WAR MEMORIAL**

Over 100 Colleges & Universities  
Vocational & Job Training Programs  
All HS, College & Adults Welcome

**FREE EVENT**

Find Out More  
@ [UnitingThroughHope.com](http://UnitingThroughHope.com)

Or call (585) 789-1495



# Just heard about this today!

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FEEL FREE TO ATTEND AFTER SCHOOL  
IF YOU CAN!



# WNY Consortium Colleges Fair at BHS!

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**FRIDAY**  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> period  
Atrium

17 Reps from  
WNY colleges  
will be here to  
chat with you!



# save THE DATE

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*(Rain Date: October 5)*

Rochester Community Sports Complex - 460 Oak St.

The second annual ROC With Your Hands career exploration event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 8:30 am to 2 pm at the Rochester Community Sports Complex at 460 Oak Street. This free event is open to middle and high school students across the city of Rochester and Monroe County.

Roc With Your Hands includes hands-on demonstrations, interactive displays and information on careers in Advanced Manufacturing, Skilled Trades, Automotive Technology and Heavy Equipment.

Lunch is also provided free of charge!

For more information, call the RTMA at (585)510-6557 or email [info@rtma.org](mailto:info@rtma.org)



Monroe Community College

October 3  
8:30-2

Permission slip due  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>!

October 29  
9-12pm

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Permission slip due  
October 5<sup>th</sup>!



# ROCHESTER CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION DAY

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Monroe County Fleet Center  
Building 11**

### Register Now

Scan the QR code or use the link below to register. Please register by

**Thursday, October 12, 2023.** Space is limited.

<https://tinyurl.com/rccicareeday>

### Questions?

Contact Jasmine

[jgelsomino@uniconrochester.com](mailto:jgelsomino@uniconrochester.com)

or (585) 402-9603.

Join us for our 25th Annual Rochester Careers in Construction Day! Introducing students to the exciting career opportunities that the local construction industry offers in a fun, interactive format. There will be employers, apprenticeship programs, and college program representatives joining us. We will have hands-on activities, equipment trials and demonstrations, booths, and more!



# BHS College Visits: In-person and Virtual

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Naviance logo and 'Student' text. To the right of the logo are links for 'Home', 'Colleges', 'Careers', 'About Me', and 'My Planner'. Above the main content area, there is a utility bar with 'English', a 'Go' button, 'Give feedback', 'No new messages', 'Switch Grade: Demo', and 'Close Demo'.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Quick Links' and contains sections for 'MORE SEARCH OPTIONS' (with links for SuperMatch@, Advanced college search, and College lookup) and 'MY COLLEGES' (with a link for Upcoming college events). The right column is titled 'College Visits' and features a search bar 'Search for colleges'. Below the search bar, there are two college visit listings:

- SUNY College at Oswego**: Scheduled for **SEPTEMBER Mon 21** at **08:38AM**. Location: Counseling Office Conference Room; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time). Buttons: Register Now, View Details.
- Lehigh University**: Scheduled for **SEPTEMBER Mon 21** at **09:27AM**. Location: Counseling Office Conference Room; Virtual Visit (Link available at visit time). Buttons: Register Now, View Details, and a 'Show Me How' button with a help icon.

# Financial Planning

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- Net Price Calculators- on ALL college websites
  - Estimates the cost of attendance for that specific college
- College Score Card- [www.collegescorecard.ed.gov](http://www.collegescorecard.ed.gov)
  - Find out about colleges: their programs, costs, admissions, results, and more.
- FAFSA opens December 1<sup>st</sup>- <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- Senior Parent Night #2- Financial Aid 101 BHS Auditorium
- Scholarship Information
  - BHS Counseling Department Website, Naviance, Individual College Websites

Considering THEIR options...

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What are admissions  
reps really looking at?

TABLE 7. PERCENTAGE OF COLLEGES ATTRIBUTING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACTORS IN ADMISSION DECISIONS: FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN, FALL 2017

Factor	N	Considerable Importance	Moderate Importance	Limited Importance	No Importance
Grades in All Courses	220	74.5	15.0	5.5	5.0
Grades in College Prep Courses	220	73.2	16.8	5.9	4.1
Strength of Curriculum	219	62.1	21.9	8.7	7.3
Admission Test Scores (SAT, ACT)	221	45.7	37.1	12.2	5.0
Essay or Writing Sample	220	23.2	33.2	24.1	19.5
Student's Demonstrated Interest	218	16.1	23.9	28.0	32.1
Counselor Recommendation	218	15.1	40.4	26.6	17.9
Teacher Recommendation	219	14.2	40.2	26.5	19.2
Class Rank	220	9.1	29.1	34.1	27.7
Extracurricular Activities	219	6.4	42.9	32.0	18.7
Portfolio	219	6.4	11.9	26.9	54.8
Subject Test Scores (AP, IB)	219	5.5	18.3	35.2	41.1
Interview	219	5.5	16.4	28.3	49.8
Work	217	4.1	28.6	36.9	30.4
State Graduation Exam Scores	218	2.3	8.7	18.8	70.2
SAT II Scores	216	1.9	5.6	14.8	77.8

SOURCE: NACAC Admission Trends Survey, 2018–19.



# College Essay Writing Course

October 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:30pm

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This fall enrichment class is designed to help students write the college essay, generate ideas for short answer questions and provide an overview of how to address the entire college application. Students will read and critique model essays, be provided with written feedback on work, have one to one conference time with the instructor and complete at least one full essay in five days.

Cost:\$99

Sign up at:

<https://brightonschools.revtrak.net>

Questions? Contact Brighton Community Education at ce@bcasd.org or 585-242-5200 ext.5595.

Financial assistance is available. Contact the Counseling Office for more info.

# In response to COVID-19: Test Optional Continues...

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An increased number of colleges are staying test flexible or test optional for the 23-24 application season.

We added an addendum to our BHS profile to explain grading for 19-20 and hybrid/remote learning options for 20-21, and all regents' exam exemptions and/or special appeals—posted on Senior Information Page.

If you have specific questions or concerns about their admissions process, please contact the college directly.

## BHS Standardized Exams Offered

SAT- November 4

ACT- October 28

If you have questions specific to BHS testing procedures, please reach out to Deirdre Carter at [deirdre\\_carter@bcasd.org](mailto:deirdre_carter@bcasd.org)

As things are changing so often, please refer to the testing sites for updated information:

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

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

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“It’s a match to be made, not  
a prize to be won.”

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This is your future we’re talking about. It’s all about  
FIT, and which opportunity will give YOU the best  
chance at being successful in life after BHS.

# Admissions Plans & Deadlines

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## Early Decision

- Generally applications are due by 11/1, 11/15 or 12/1.
- Students are legally bound to attend that college and must retract all other applications to schools once accepted.
- Possibly Decisions: Accepted, Denied, OR Deferred

## Early Action

- Decision comes in early, although students are not obligated to attend that college.
- Possible Decisions: Accepted, Denied, OR Deferred

## Rolling Admissions

- No deadline or cut off date.
- Decisions are based on a rolling date. First in – first out.

## Regular Admissions

- Deadlines run from 1/1, thru 3/15 and sometimes later.
- The admission decision letter will often not come until March or April.

## Open Admissions

- Open acceptance of students
- Ex: Monroe Community College



# INSIDER SCOOP as of this morning!

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Our sources at SUNY say that an announcement will be made on **MONDAY OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>** regarding **FREE SUNY APP WEEK!**

As soon as we get more information, we will be sure to send it along!!

# BHS Application Process- STUDENT

(Colleges, Jobs, Scholarships)

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YOU complete and submit your application at least 15 school days prior to the APP DEADLINE.  
**\*pay attention to registrar deadlines\***



You will need to hand in a Blue Transcript Request form (“Blue Sheet”) for EVERY college/job/scholarship you apply to.



**Make sure you choose the correct Admissions Plan & write in the right deadline dates on the sheet and in Naviance.**



Accurately reflect HOW you applied in Naviance (Common App or direct to institution)



List any/all teacher letters to be submitted- **MAKE SURE THIS IS ACCURATE**

**REGISTRAR'S OFFICE DEADLINES  
FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

**2023-2024  
SCHOOL YEAR**

**COLLEGE DEADLINE**

**REGISTRAR'S DEADLINE**

November 1

October 11

November 15

October 24

December 1

November 6

December 15

November 21

January 1

December 1

January 15

December 14

February 1

January 9

February 15

January 24

March 1

February 2

**YOU MUST ALLOW US**

**15 SCHOOL DAYS**

**TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATIONS**

**INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

# Registrar Deadlines

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# Blue Sheets

Hand in to Registrar's  
office IN PERSON or  
EMAIL to:

[Bhs\\_blusheets@bcasd.org](mailto:Bhs_blusheets@bcasd.org)

## BHS BLUE SHEET- Transcript Request Form \*\*WE REQUIRE 15 SCHOOL DAYS FOR PROCESSING\*\*

Student Name:  Counselor

Student Cell:  We will only call if we have questions about your application

College/Job/Scholarship:  Deadline:

Application Address:

I applied:  Regular Decision  Rolling  Early Action  Early Decision Date I submitted my application:

### IF APPLYING EARLY DECISION:

Both my parent/guardian and I have signed & submitted the electronic Common App ED Agreement

Initial Here:

I have requested (and qualify for) a Common App Fee Waiver (check below if applicable):

YES

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Please send the following letters of recommendation FOR THIS APPLICATION ONLY:

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I give permission for my counselor to complete and send all required parts of the application to the above college/job/scholarship:

- Check all that apply:
- Transcript (MID-YEAR GRADES ARE AUTOMATICALLY SENT AFTER MIDTERMS)
  - Unofficial Standardized Test Scores (ALL SAT, ACT, AP scores)
  - DO NOT SEND TEST SCORES

**\*TEST SCORES ARE NOT OFFICIAL.** If your institution requires "Official Scores", you MUST request and pay to have them sent directly from the testing agency. This can be done online: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (SAT/AP) [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT)

*If test scores are sent to one Common App college, they are sent to ALL Common App Colleges*



# Common App “One and Done”

MAKE SURE TO SAVE YOUR  
USERNAME AND PASSWORD

**DO NOT CREATE A 2<sup>nd</sup>  
COMMON APP  
ACCOUNT – THIS  
MESSES UP  
EVERYTHING!!**

## Naviance: "One and done" submission process

Beginning with 2021-2022 applications, Naviance's integration with Common App will move to a simplified one-and-done workflow. Going forward, this allows for only one submission per form type, including school reports, counselor recommendations, fee waivers, the optional and mid-year reports, and teacher evaluations. **After submission, these forms will be made available to all colleges to which a student has applied or subsequently applies:**

## Test Scores:

**If going test optional for ANY school, DO NOT HAVE BHS SEND TEST SCORES TO ANY SCHOOLS.**

BHS  
Application  
Process-  
OFFICE  
(Colleges,  
Jobs,  
Scholarships)

Once a Blue Sheet is handed in, the Registrar/Counseling Office submits the following directly to college/job/scholarship via Naviance or snail mail within 15 school days:

- Transcript
- Common App/NACAC Forms (School Report, Counselor Eval)
- Counselor Letter of Rec
- Teacher(s) Letter(s) of Rec as requested per Blue Sheet
- Test Scores (if requested- ALL or NOTHING)

**\*If a school requires OFFICIAL test scores you will need to request and send these through the College Board and/or ACT websites**



# BHS Faculty Letters of Rec

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You will request BHS teacher recommendations through NAVIANCE.

- **DO NOT REQUEST VIA COMMON APP!**

Select the teacher from the drop-down menu and select “General Request”

When you hand in the Blue Sheet, you will indicate which teacher(s) you would like to send a letter to that specific application ONLY.

**\*\*Make sure you check each college/job website or Common App carefully to see how many letters of recommendation are required and/or allowed!**

**REGISTRARS WILL SUBMIT ONLY THE TEACHER LETTERS YOU LIST ON THE BLUE SHEET.**

## Letters of recommendation

### Add new request

Here you can ask a teacher to write you a letter of recommendation. Make sure you give your teachers plenty of time to write your recommendations!

Cancel

Submit Request

#### 1. Who would you like to write this recommendation?\*

Baranowski, Alexis

#### 2. Select the recommendation request type:\*

General request  
*Select this if you are ready to request a recommendation without selecting a specific college*

Specific request  
*Select this if you are requesting a recommendation for specific colleges from your Colleges I'm Applying To list*

#### 3. Include a personal note to remind your recommender about your great qualities and any specifics about your request:

Mrs. Baranowski,  
Thank you so much for writing a letter on my behalf. My earliest deadline is November 15, the registrar deadline is October 29.



Show Me How

# Letters from outside BHS


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They will need to MAIL their letter to the college/job/scholarship

OR

you can add them to “Other Recommender” in Common App (if the college allows other recommendations)

## • Teacher

Your school is using Naviance eDocs for transcripts, school reports, and teacher recommendations. Please contact your counselor directly and they will provide instructions specific to your school regarding these documents. Once your teachers submit their recommendations online you will see the status below. If your teacher(s) wish to submit forms via mail, you can download printable forms that can be completed on paper and mailed to each institution to which you apply. [PDF Form](#) 

**Required: 1**

**Optional: 3**

**Total: 4**

## ✓ Other Recommender

Please select and assign the Other Recommender(s) below whose recommendation(s) will be submitted to this college on your behalf. You must invite an Other Recommender using the 'Invite Other Recommender' link before you can assign them for this college.

### Recommender types accepted by this college:

- Arts Teacher
- Clergy
- Coach
- College Access Counselor
- Employer
- Family Member
- Peer
- Other

**Required: 0**

**Optional: 3**

**Total: 3**

# Application Fee Waivers



If you qualify for a fee waiver to pay for your applications, **MAKE SURE TO INDICATE THIS ON YOUR COMMON APPLICATION AND ON THE BLUE SHEET.**



This will initiate the process for us to sign off on it.



# Working with outside college advisors

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A few tips to make sure things transition smoothly:

- ❑ Make sure you are doing the work – colleges can tell when you are not in charge!
- ❑ Make sure you are following the BHS APPLICATION PROCESS. We will be the ones submitting your official documents, so you need to make sure you meet our deadlines.
- ❑ If outside college advisors have any questions on our process, please have them call us so we can work together.

# Instant Decision Days

12-3:30pm, 15-minute meetings

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Sign up on BHS Counseling Website-

Senior Information Page:

<https://www.bcsd.org/Page/2085>

Monday, October 2, 2023	<b>Keuka College</b>
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	<b>Roberts Wesleyan University</b>
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	<b>SUNY Fredonia</b>
Monday, October 16, 2023	<b>Alfred University</b>
Monday, October 23, 2023	<b>Monroe Community College</b>
	<b>Golisano Institute for Business and Entrepreneurship</b>
Monday, October 30, 2023	
Monday, November 6, 2023	<b>SUNY Brockport</b>
Tuesday, November 7, 2023	<b>Finger Lakes Community College</b>
Monday, November 13, 2023	<b>St. Bonaventure University</b>
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	<b>Nazareth University</b>
Monday, November 20, 2023	<b>Canisius College</b>
Monday, November 27, 2023	<b>SUNY Geneseo – INTERVIEW ONLY</b>
Monday, December 4, 2023	<b>Niagara University</b>
Monday, December 11, 2023	<b>St. John Fisher University</b>
Monday, February 12, 2024	<b>Monroe Community College</b>



Now through December Break!

Come for 5 minutes or a whole period!

Great place and time to dedicate to your post-secondary planning.

# SENIOR OFFICE HOURS

**TUES**

11am-3pm

**THURS**

8am-11:30am

Rm 255

**MON & WED**

3pm-4:30pm

Career Center

Get help planning your life  
after HS with your favorite  
BHS counselors this fall!

# BHS Counseling Website- Senior Information Page

EVERYTHING you will need in relation to senior year/application process will be accessible here- including SEMINAR PACKETS!

[www.bcsd.org/domain/122](http://www.bcsd.org/domain/122)



promoting physical and mental health, aiding students with high school scheduling, college applications, post-secondary options and much more, our team of dedicated professionals is ready to assist students in any way possible.

CONTACT US

NEWSLETTERS/EVENTS

Please use these icons regarding additional services offered by the district and the community.  
We offer this information to better assist you and your family.



COLLEGE PROCESS



POST-HIGH SCHOOL  
OPTIONS



COLLEGE VISITS



SENIOR INFORMATION

**\*Remember to read our  
WEEKLY SENIOR NEWSLETTER!**

# Save the date!

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**Senior Parent Night Session 2: Financial Aid 101**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, BHS Aud.**

Join our special guest Jerome St. Croix, Director of Financial Aid Compliance at Monroe Community College. He will provide an in-depth session reviewing the cost of college, the types and sources of financial aid, how and when to apply for aid, explaining the Free Application Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and NYS TAP Applications and will provide strategies and tools to help support you through this process.



# We are here for you!

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## Senior Office Hours

Tuesday

11am-3pm, 255

Thursday

8am-11:30am, 255

Monday & Wednesday

3pm-4:30pm, Career Center

Now through December Break!

## 1:1 Appointments

See Mrs. Ingle or Mrs. Hellman in the  
Counseling Office

Booking links coming soon!

# How to best support your child

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## Yes please!

- Support their choices
- Discuss your parameters (geographic, financial, etc.)
- Support them through the application process
- Show sensitivity in their struggle between dependence and independence
- Remind them to enjoy their senior year while managing their responsibilities

## Not so much.

- Encourage them to apply to all reach schools “to see if they can get in”
- Take over their application
- Write their essay
- Speak for them, call colleges for them, etc.
- Live vicariously through their process
- Allow them to slip into senioritis



We're all in  
this  
together



We appreciate  
your  
feedback!

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Any questions for the greater  
good?

Thank you for coming tonight!

## Senior Parent Night #1- BHS Application Process Post-Feedback

