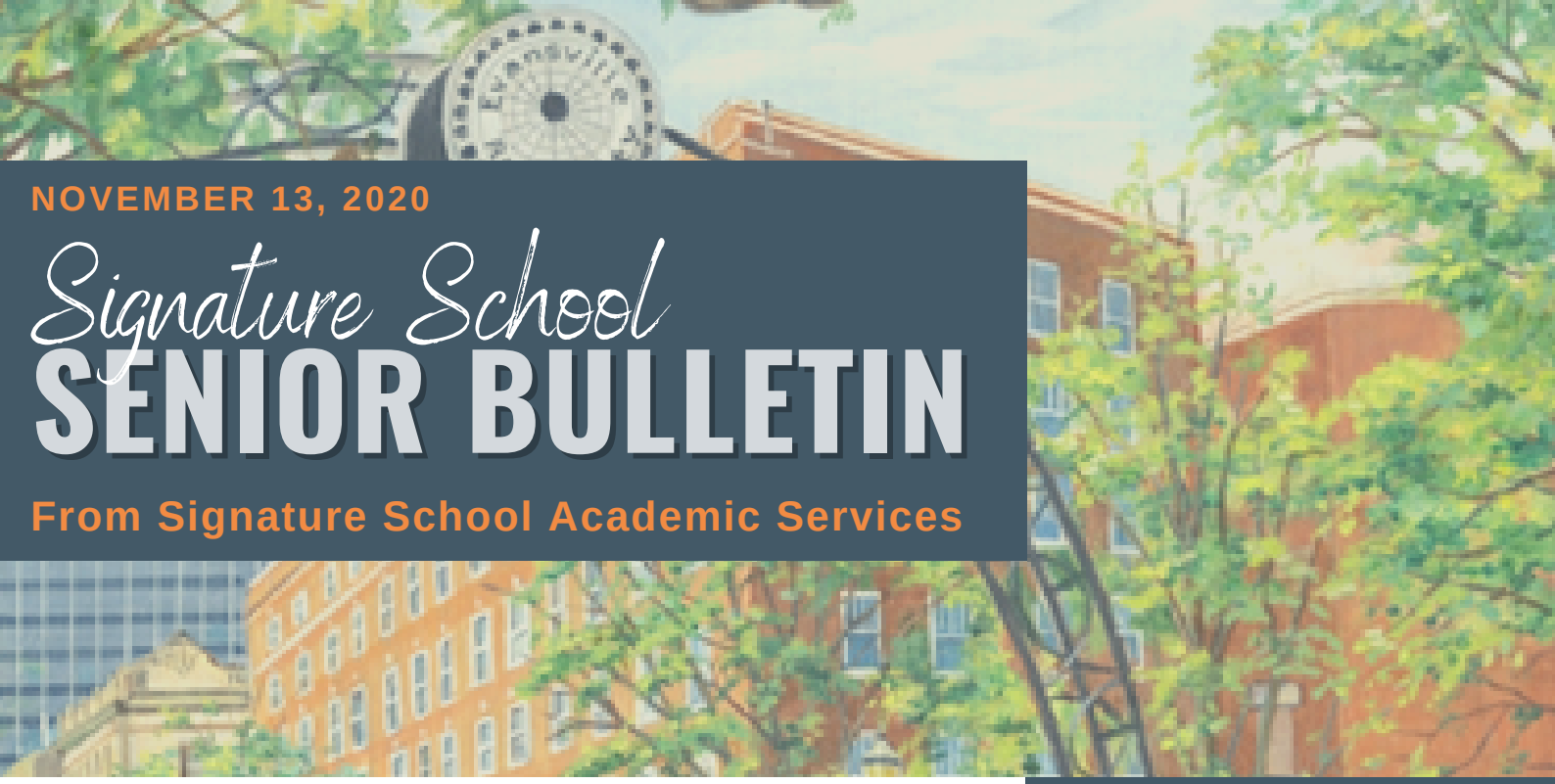

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Signature School SENIOR BULLETIN

From Signature School Academic Services

CLASS OF 2021

Our Senior Bulletin is published weekly and emailed to all seniors and their families, as well as posted on our Signature website. We will strive to keep you on track with information about important processes, deadlines, scholarship opportunities and events.

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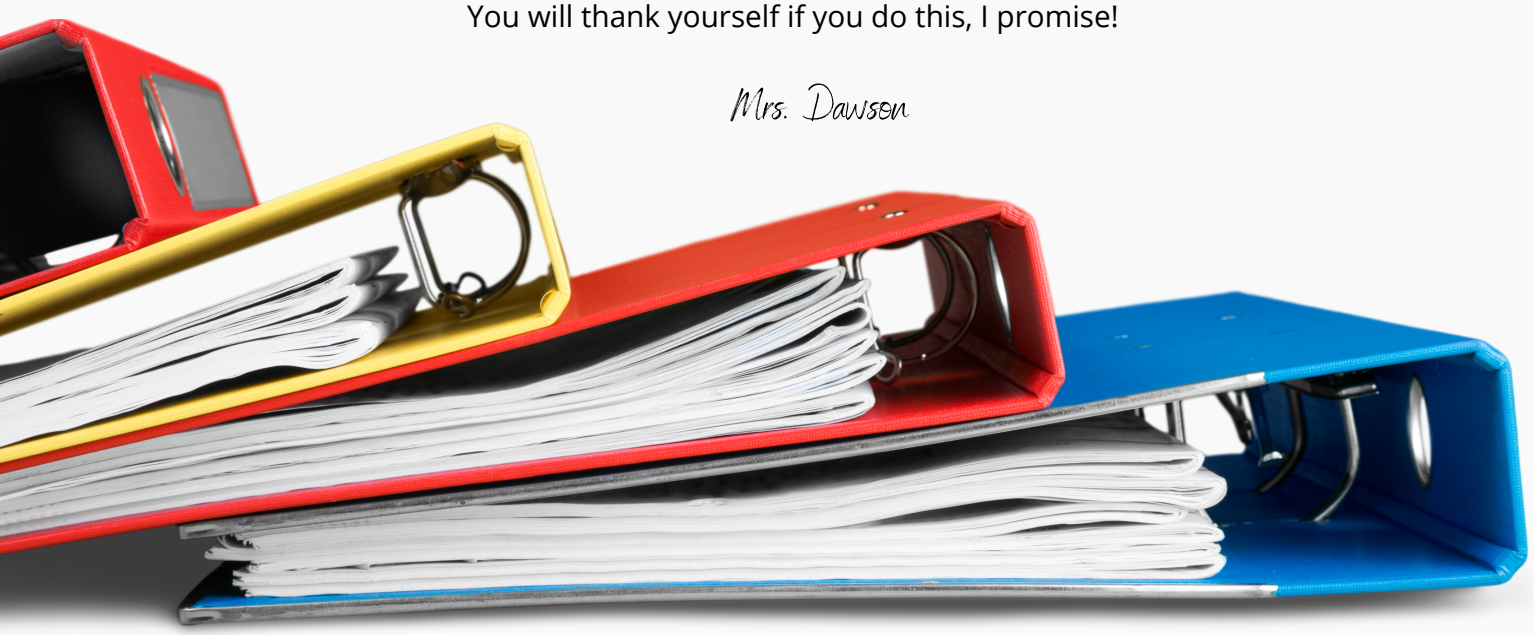
YOU'VE SUBMITTED COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.

Now Stay Organized!

Most of you used the CommonApp platform to streamline the completion and submission of your applications. However, after submission of your applications you must prepare for communication to come directly from the various colleges themselves. In some cases, you will also begin to receive specific instructions from each school about applying for merit-based scholarships and financial aid. To keep the barrage of communication straight, it will require a good organizational system on your part!

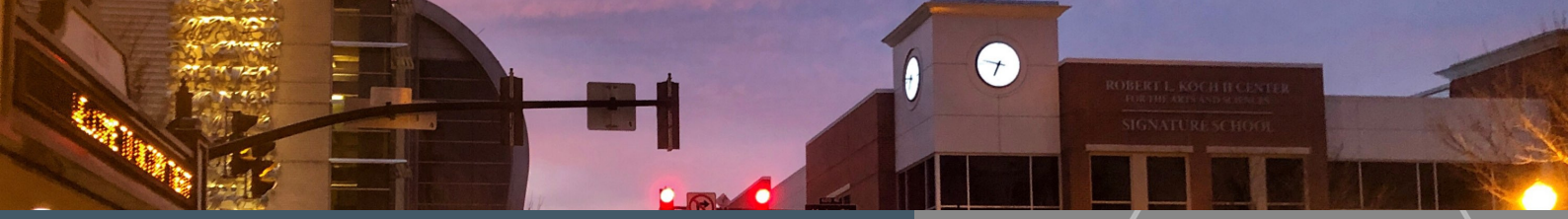
I recommend that you create BOTH an electronic and a paper system to keep it all straight. Ideally, you should make an email folder named for each college to store all communication from the college that you receive via email. In addition, make an old-fashioned paper folder for each college to store all communication you receive via postal mail or for items you choose to print off. You will thank yourself if you do this, I promise!

Mrs. Dawson



DECISIONS, DECISIONS...

There are resources found on the College Board's Big Future website for all stages of the college search, application, and selection process. **Here is an article** about decisions to be made after college acceptances start to roll in.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

You can find information about scholarships in our College Resources section in the Students area of the Signature website. We will update this area regularly so visit often. Most of the scholarships listed here will be from outside organizations, foundations, and civic groups.

The primary focus of your search for merit-based scholarships should be those offered from the colleges to which you apply. After October 1, you will also want to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), along with any other financial aid application required by your colleges to ensure that you will be considered for all potential forms of financial aid.

THE SIGNATURE SCHOLAR PROGRAMS (WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ST. LOUIS)

Students interested in Washington University St. Louis must first apply for admission to access the applications for the Danforth, Annika Rodriguez, and John B. Ervin Scholars Programs. Multiple full and partial-tuition scholarships are offered each year. The application deadline is January 2, 2021.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIP FROM UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE

The University of Evansville values the hard work of IB students over the last four years and their commitment to academics, their community, and their world. For that reason, UE offers a generous amount of IB credit and a $1,500 annual scholarship ($6,000 value over 4 years) to all IB diploma candidates in addition to regular merit scholarships.

THE BONNER PROGRAM

You may have already applied to a Bonner Partner College! This program provides a scholarship to students in exchange for weekly commitment to intensive and meaningful service with a local community organization over the four years as an undergraduate student with our campus partners. http://www.bonner.org/apply

MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NEW

JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION (JRF)

The online application for the Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship is available starting on November 1, 2020, at jackierobinson.org. Through the JRF application, more than 4,000 talented young minority high school students apply to become JRF Scholars and carry on the civic-minded legacy of the foundation's namesake, Jackie Robinson. The deadline to submit the application for a JRF Scholarship is February 1, 2021.

IUPUI HONORS COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING - NOVEMBER 15

Are you interested in IUPUI in Indianapolis? Check out this program for scholars.
https://honors.iupui.edu/

NEW

EMORY UNIVERSITY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE – NOVEMBER 15, 2020

- Applicants do not need to be nominated by their high school counselor.
- There is no separate application or additional Scholars essay.
- All students, regardless of citizenship, can be considered.
- Selection as an Emory Scholar is nonbinding.

https://apply.emory.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholar-program.html

NEW

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTERS

Congratulations, seniors! Your hard work at Signature has paid off! College acceptance letters are starting to roll in. Please give us a copy of each acceptance letter that you receive. If you aren't able to make a copy, please let us know and we will make a copy for you. With your permission, we will proudly display the letters on the second floor. Please give your letters to Mrs. Cirino in Academic Services as they come in.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL VISITS

ONLY 2 VISITS LEFT!

From College Representatives

Steps to attend:

- *All virtual college visits take place during the lunch period.*
- *ALL Seniors and Juniors will be sent a Zoom link 24-48 hours before the virtual visit. This will allow for our online students to attend from home, and any interested juniors to attend from their personal devices (headphones recommended) at their usual lunch location.*
- *Seniors may sign up to attend an in-person broadcast of the virtual visit or attend on their personal devices.*
- *Seniors interested in attending the presentation in room 303 should sign up here in advance.*

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY

Monday, November 16

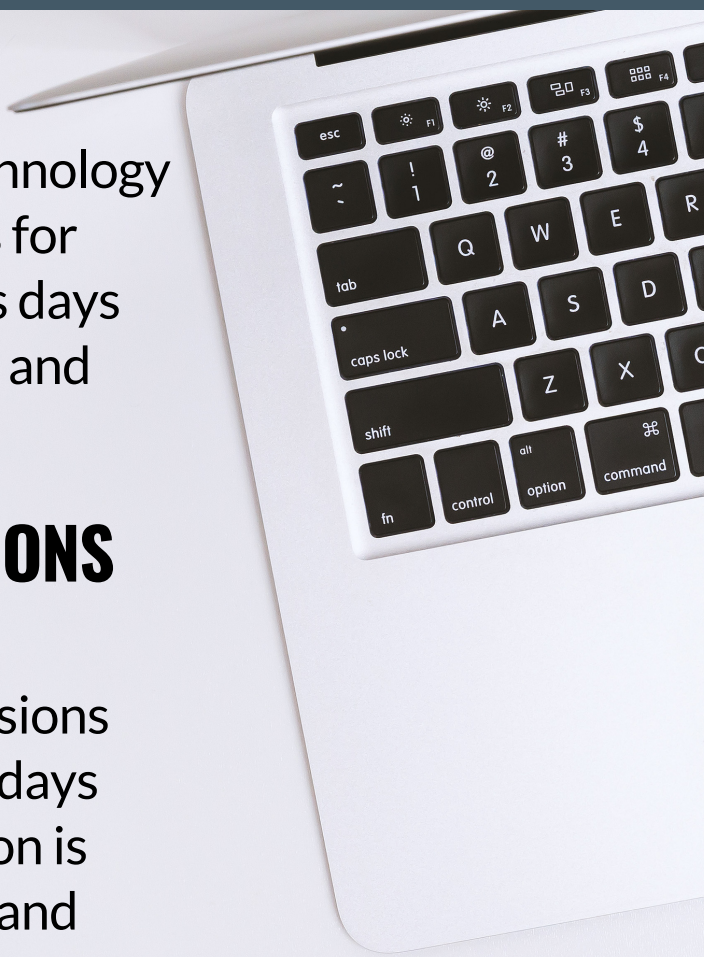
EMORY UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, November 18

COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSIONS & EVENTS

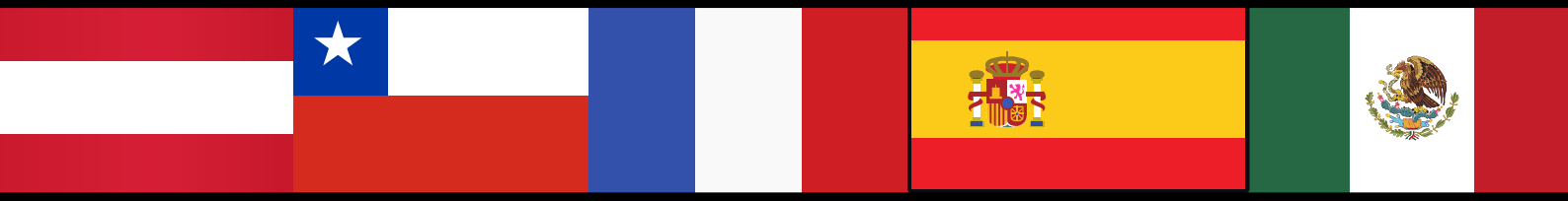
MIT INFO SESSIONS

Massachusetts Institute of Technology is offering information sessions for students and parents at various days and times. Explore the sessions and sign up here.



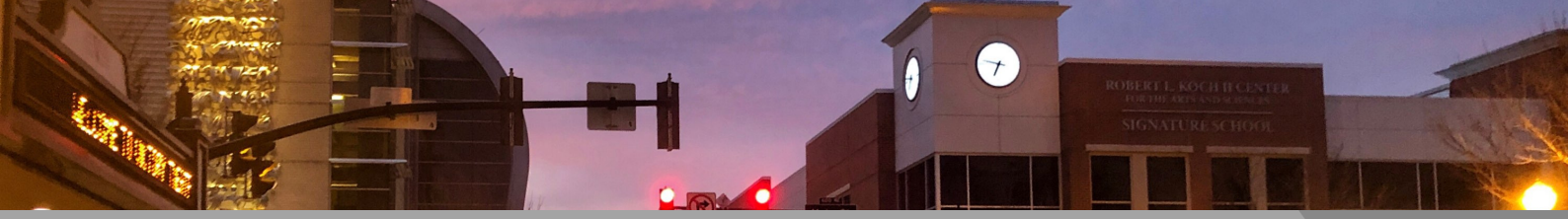
YALE VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS AND STUDENT FORUMS

Yale is offering information sessions and student forums on various days and times. Advanced registration is required. Explore the sessions and sign up here.



INDIANA UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (IUHPFL)

If you are in a World Language level 3 or higher and want to spend 5-6 weeks of summer 2021 in Austria, France, Chile, Mexico or Spain, check out the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages. IUHPFL is a language-intensive summer study abroad programs for Indiana high school students. The application process begins in September. If you'd like more information, get in touch with Profe Boyle in room 310 before or after school. You can read more information about the program on their website.



TRANSCRIPTS

For CommonApp Schools:
First, you need to have completed your Profile in CommonApp and invited Mrs. Dawson (angela.dawson@signature.edu) to be a "Recommender" as your Counselor. Then you need to make an account or sign into your existing account on parchment.com and follow these instructions: https://parchmentsupport.force.com/s/article/Common-Application?language=en_US

Your transcript will then be connected to all the colleges you are applying to via CommonApp.

Other Colleges that are not on CommonApp:
You will need to request your transcript on a college-by-college basis for those colleges that are not on CommonApp. BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE COLLEGE'S SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS for sending your transcript. Many will accept your transcript from Parchment.

If you are unsure about how to proceed, please complete a paper Transcript Request Form (found in the bins in College Corner) and return to Mrs. Dawson.

THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

The FAFSA assesses and establishes eligibility for all forms of need-based financial aid, including grants (gift-assistance that is not repaid), student loans (repaid by the student after college), and federal work-study (employment on campus). In addition to federal aid, the FAFSA is also the vehicle to apply for aid from the state of Indiana.

When completing the FAFSA, be sure to select the 2021-2022 FAFSA year, which represents the upcoming academic year when you will be a first-year college student. The student and one parent must create FSA IDs, which serve as electronic signatures.

Check with all of the colleges to which you plan to apply to determine if an additional need-based financial aid application is required, such as the CSS Profile.

UE OFFERING ACT RESIDUAL EXAM – January 13, 2021

The ACT Residual is available to seniors who have submitted an application to UE. It is just like the national ACT test with the following exceptions:

- **Campus-Based – the ACT Residual scores are only good at UE and cannot be transferred.**
- **Small Test Groups – no large cafeterias or gymnasiums with hundreds of test takers.**
- **Quicker Scoring – UE will score your test within 10 business days.**
- **Costs – the ACT Residual costs $55 and must be paid online when registering.**

Learn more and/or register here.

SAT/ACT TESTING DATES 2020-2021

ACT Test Date (link)	Registration Deadline	M.C. Scores Available #
September 12, 2020	Aug. 28	Sept. 25
September 13, 2020 *	Aug. 28	Sept. 25
September 19, 2020	Aug. 28	Oct. 2
October 10, 2020	Oct. 5	Oct. 23
October 17, 2020	Oct. 5	Oct. 30
October 24, 2020	Oct. 5	Nov. 6
October 25, 2020*	Oct. 5	Nov. 6
December 12, 2020	Nov. 6	Dec. 25
February 6, 2021	Jan. 8	Feb. 19
April 17, 2021	March 12	April 30
June 12, 2021	May 7	June 25
July 17, 2021	June 18	July 30

**Sunday*

SAT Test Date (link)	Registration Deadline	M.C. Scores Available #
August 29, 2020	July 31	Sept. 21
September 26, 2020	Aug. 26	Oct. 9
October 3, 2020	Sept. 4	Oct. 16
November 7, 2020	Oct. 7	Nov. 20
December 5, 2020	Nov. 5	Dec. 18
March 13, 2021	Feb. 12	Mar. 26
May 8, 2021	Apr. 8	May 21
June 5, 2021	May 6	July 14

 # Multiple Choice scores available online. Essay scores follow.