

The background is a collage of four quadrants. The top-left quadrant is purple and shows a stack of white papers. The top-right quadrant is pink and shows a close-up of a clock face. The bottom-left quadrant is green and shows a stack of books. The bottom-right quadrant is yellow and shows a close-up of a clock face. A large black-bordered box is centered in the top half, and a smaller black-bordered box is centered in the bottom half.

Class of 2009

North Point High School

Post High School Transition

Objectives

- The parents will receive an overview on class rank, GPA, transcripts, letters of recommendations, and the dangers of failing.
- Parents will receive information on how to best assist their child(ren) with preparing for post high school transition.



12th Grade Administrator & School Counselors

Ms. Linton
Grade 12 Administrator
Counselors:

- *Mrs. Kinard* *School Counselor* **A - Cn**
- *Mr. Richie* *School Counselor* **Co - Gq**
- *Mrs. Stocks* *School Counselor* **Gr - K**
- *Ms. Johnson-Ford* *School Counselor* **L - O**
- *Ms. Ford-Becton* *School Counselor* **P - Ss**
- *Ms. Stordeur* *School Counselor* **St - Z**



Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Is presented as both:
 - Unweighted, on a 4.0 scale
 - Weighted (extra recognition given for higher levels of challenge in courses - Honors & AP)
 - Used for Class Rank



Class Rank

- Calculation is based on all final grades from grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.
- Your student's class rank will be provided twice a year.
- Your student's senior grades will affect their final GPA rank, which will be calculated once final grades are issued.



Transcripts

- Fill out a transcript request form for each school to which your student applies.
 - The request must be submitted **at least 10 working days** before the deadline.
 - There is a \$3 fee.



Transcripts

- Students must download forms (college, military, scholarships, tech schools, NCAA, etc.) and attach the forms to the transcript request form.
- E-mails regarding these sources are unacceptable.



Transcripts

- Transcripts may be official or unofficial
- The transcript contains:
 - Final grades, levels from grades 9, 10, 11
 - Unweighted and weighted grade point average
 - Class rank



Transcripts

- It is *your child's* responsibility to pick up the transcripts from the School Counseling Office *and* send it to the appropriate schools of your child's choice.
- Be sure to check the high school transcript for accuracy.



Letters of Recommendations

- Fill out a letter of recommendation request form for each school to which your child applies.
 - The request must be submitted **at least 10 working days** before the deadline.
 - Provide a resume with your child's request.
- It is *your child's* responsibility to pick up the letters of recommendation from the School Counseling Office *and* send it to the appropriate schools of your child's choice.



SAT and ACT

- Nearly every college and university in the United States accepts and uses the SAT and/or ACT as part of its admissions process. The SAT / ACT scores can help your child get connected to the right colleges and help him/her identify opportunities for scholarships.



SAT

- The SAT measures the skills your child has learned in and outside of the classroom and how well he/she can apply that knowledge. It tests how your child thinks, solves problems, and communicates. The test is composed of three sections:
 - **Critical reading**, which has sentence completion and passage-based reading questions
 - **Mathematics**, which is based on the math that college-bound students typically learn during their first three years of high school
 - **Writing**, which has multiple-choice questions and a written essay

For more info, log on to www.collegeboard.com .



ACT

- The ACT (No Writing) consists of four multiple-choice tests:
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Reading
 - Science
- The ACT Plus Writing includes the four multiple-choice tests and a **Writing Test**.

For more info, log on to www.actstudent.org .



The Dangers of Failing

- Semester and final grades will be computed by averaging quarterly numerical grades. To graduate, your child must earn passing final grades in courses needed to fulfill the state requirements for graduation.
- **The SSL (Student Service Learning) requirement must be completed.** Any senior who has not completed SSL by May 1, 2009, will not participate in graduation exercises. If your child has a question or concern regarding this, please contact the main office and leave a message for Mr. Rivenburg.
- **Your child must pass all 4 HSAs:**
 - L/S/N Government
 - Biology
 - *Algebra
 - *English 10



The Dangers of Failing

- If requirements are not met, some students may need to take additional classes through NOVEL or Summer School to graduate.
- If all graduation requirements are met by appropriate summer deadlines, students who participate in the summer graduation program will receive their diploma on July 30th.



College Code for NPHS

■ 21 1061

■ www.collegeboard.com



How to Guide and Advise Your Senior

- Continue to monitor academic progress.
- Help your child set up a calendar for the year.
- Have your son/daughter sign up for the first ACT or SAT, if necessary.



How to Guide and Advise Your Senior

- **Oversee completion of college applications in the fall.**
 - Make sure that applications are completely accurate.
 - Provide information for recommendations.
 - Make sure all applications are sent well before the deadlines.
- **Complete financial aid and scholarship application forms.**



How to Guide and Advise Your Senior

- **Help** your child make the decision but *do not* make the decision for them. This is the first big decision in their life that your child will make for themselves. They need help and guidance, but this is a big step for them on the way to adulthood.
- Make the decision.
 - Do not choose a college before making a college visit.



Helpful College and Financial Aid Websites

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.princetonreview.com/college
- www.petersons.com
- www.act.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.finaid.org
- www.students.gov



Other Career and Educational Options

- Community and Technical Colleges
- Career and Trade Schools
- The Military
- Apprenticeships

Helpful Websites

- www.bls.gov/oco/
- www.military.gov
- www.mapping-you-future.org
- <http://online.onetcenter.org>
- www.self-directed-search.com



College & Career Center

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