



# SYOSSET HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

# PARENT BRAG SHEET

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please help your counselor prepare your child's letter of recommendation by responding to the following:

1. If you had the opportunity to write to admissions about your child, what makes them stand out amongst their peers? Please share a paragraph to support this.
2. What strengths and/or personality traits does your child possess? Please share examples of when they demonstrated this.
3. Describe specific events from high school that have made you particularly proud of your child.
4. If applicable, provide an explanation of any family, health or other circumstance that has affected your child or their secondary school performance.

**Please type your responses and return to me via email.**

Thank you,  
Your School Counselor

# STUDENT BRAG SHEET

Dear Student,

Please help your counselor prepare your letter of recommendation by responding to the following questions with great detail. Please only include information you want your counselor to disclose to a college.

1. What are you most proud of (personal or academic) from high school?
2. What are your possible future career goals/college majors? What have you done outside of class to pursue them, i.e., internships, part-time jobs, community service, etc.?
3. Which extracurricular activities/community activities have been most meaningful to you and why? Have you assumed a leadership position?
4. Is there anything you would like me to communicate to a college on your behalf? Extenuating circumstances, things I don't know about you, special talents.

**Please type your responses and return them to me via email.**

Thank you,  
Your School Counselor

# EXTRACURRICULAR PROFILE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HONORS/AWARDS	SCHOOL YEAR				SIGNATURE OF ADVISOR	POSITIONS HELD HONORS WON DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY
	9	10	11	12		

  

ACTIVITIES: SCHOOL RELATED	SCHOOL YEAR				SIGNATURE OF ADVISOR	POSITIONS HELD HONORS WON DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY
	9	10	11	12		

  

SERVICE: SCHOOL, COMMUNITY	SCHOOL YEAR				SIGNATURE OF ADVISOR	POSITIONS HELD HONORS WON DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY
	9	10	11	12		

  

WORK ACTIVITIES	SCHOOL YEAR				SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR	POSITIONS HELD HONORS WON DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY
	9	10	11	12		

I CERTIFY THAT I PARTICIPATED IN ALL ACTIVITIES LISTED ABOVE.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT FORM

**STUDENT:** This form can be given to the **Elective Teacher, Advisor, Employer or Coach** of your choice.

**STUDENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNSELOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER/ADVISOR/COACH** \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE/ACTIVITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE WHEN TAUGHT** \_\_\_\_\_

- *Please provide any anecdotes or examples that demonstrate the student's strengths, achievements or notable qualities. Thank you.*

EMAILED RESPONSES ARE WELCOME! THANK YOU.

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# 2024-2025 ESSAY PROMPTS

## COMMON APPLICATION

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Choose one essay question which will go to every school (650 words maximum). Individual colleges may require additional supplements of similar length.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

“Through the Common App essay prompts, we want to give all applicants, regardless of background or access to counseling, the opportunity to share their voice with colleges. Every applicant has a unique story. The essay helps bring that story to life.”

Meredith Lombardi, Associate Director,  
Outreach and Education for The Common Application

# SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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## STEP 1: PREPARATION AND RESEARCH:

- ☐ Supplemental Comment Forms
- ☐ Parent Brag Sheet
- ☐ Student Brag Sheet
- ☐ Extracurricular Activity Sheet
- ☐ Typed Activity Resume
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Attend college information sessions
- ☐ Sign up for college on-site evaluations (to be announced)

## STEP 2: THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- ☐ Create a Common Application account using the 2024-25 version.  
Complete all sections up to and including Education section:  
<https://www.commonapp.org>
- ☐ List all schools in "My Colleges"
  - **This list should match "Colleges I'm Applying To" list in Naviance.**  
**Please update regularly as your list may change.**
- ☐ Complete FERPA waiver form through Common Application
- ☐ Review applications and supplements with your counselor
- ☐ Be aware of application deadlines
- ☐ Let your counselor know ASAP if you have a deadline of November 1 or earlier (applying Early Decision/Early Action.)

## STEP 3: FORMALTEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Invite 1-2 **academic content teachers** in your Naviance account:  
Click on College Tab ► Under "Apply To College" click on Letters of Recommendation  
    ► Click Add Request ► Scroll to Teacher ► Personal Note Box  
(include a personal thank you and a reminder of application deadline dates)

## STEP 4: SEND OFFICIAL SCORE REPORTS \*If required

- ☐ Send SAT scores via collegeboard.org and ACT scores via act.org

## STEP 5: SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

- ☐ Monitor college's requirements and deadlines
- ☐ Make a full period appointment: SHS Website-Guidance Appointment Form
- ☐ Complete **Transcript Request Form** prior to appointment (Guidance Website)  
**The Transcript Request Form should be submitted no later than December 1.**

## STEP 6: FOLLOW UP

- ☐ Check to make sure that colleges have received your completed application.
- ☐ Midyear grades will be sent to each of your colleges after second quarter.
- ☐ **\*\*Colleges want to see you are the same student you were when you first applied.**

## SHS TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM 2024-2025

**Prior to Submitting this form, please complete the following steps:**

- Sign the FERPA Waiver found on the Common Application AND **match** your Naviance and Common Application accounts
- Officially submit your SAT and/or ACT scores to your colleges **(if required!)**
- Testing procedures have changed at many colleges. Please be thorough, complete and careful in your research to understand what each college is expecting of you in the application process
- Add all schools you are applying to through Common App to your "Colleges" tab on Common App

Application Deadline	Application & Transcript Request Forms Due Date
OCTOBER 15	SEPTEMBER 23
NOVEMBER 1	OCTOBER 2
NOVEMBER 15	OCTOBER 23
DECEMBER 1	NOVEMBER 4
DECEMBER 15	NOVEMBER 18
JANUARY 1	DECEMBER 2
JANUARY 15	DECEMBER 16

**\*This form must be submitted to your counselor in person during your scheduled appointment. This form will not be accepted via email.**

Your Name:

Your Counselor:

Today's Date:

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Name, City & State of College:

Deadline:

Application Option:

Application Type:

Ex.: SUNY Cortland, Cortland, NY	11/15	Early Action	Common App
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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# College Admissions

## Representative Visits



### How To Register:

- Log into your Naviance account.
- Scroll over to “Colleges”
- Click on “College Visits”
- Then click “Register Now” to register.

### Research Colleges

♥ Colleges I'm Thinking About

College Visits

College Compare

Acceptance History

College Maps

### Apply to College

Colleges I'm Applying to

Letters of Recommendation

Test Scores

### What's New



Dartmouth College will be visiting your school on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 Tuesday at 8:27am.



Colgate University will be visiting your school on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 Tuesday at 12:12pm.



University of Chicago will be visiting your school on Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at 12:12pm.



Stevens Institute of Technology will be visiting your school on Friday, September 22nd, 2023 at 12:57pm.



Hofstra University will be visiting your school on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 at 12:12pm.

\*Students will receive a notification in their Naviance account when a school signs up for a visit **IF** that school is listed in their “Colleges I’m Thinking About” tab.

\*Check weekly for updates!

**SYOSSET HIGH SCHOOL  
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

**COLLEGE TESTING CALENDAR**  
**2024-2025**

IT IS ADVISABLE TO REGISTER WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE REGULAR REGISTRATION TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO YOUR FIRST CHOICE TEST CENTER.

<u>TEST</u>	<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u>
SAT *	August 24	Aug 9
ACT & Writing Option *	September 14	August 9
SAT	October 5	September 20
PSAT	October 26	Info coming in September
ACT & Writing Option *	October 26	September 20
SAT *	November 2	October 18
SAT *	December 7	November 22
ACT & Writing Option *	December 14	November 8
ACT & Writing Option *	February 8	January 3
SAT *	March 8	February 21
ACT & Writing Option	April 5	Feb 28
SAT	May 3	April 18
SAT	June 7	May 22
ACT & Writing Option	June 14	May 9
ACT & Writing Option*	July 12	June 6

\* THESE TESTS ARE NOT GIVEN AT SYOSSET HIGH SCHOOL

Syosset School Code.....335-443  
SAT Test Center Number.....33-906  
ACT Test Center Number.....199590

Apply online at: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

Students must report to the Test Center at 7:30 a.m. with an admissions ticket, photo I.D., calculator and #2 pencils.

# **September College Visits**

## **Thursday September 12th**

Period 7- Emory University

## **Monday September 16th**

Period 3- Savannah College of Art  
and Design

Period 4- Stony Brook University

Period 8- College of Charleston

## **Tuesday September 17th**

Period 2- University of California-  
Davis

Period 6- The George Washington  
University

Period 8- Union College

## **Wednesday September 18th**

Period 2- University of Wisconsin-  
Madison

Period 5- University of South  
Carolina- Columbia

Period 6- Pace University

## **Thursday September 19th**

Period 3-University of Dayton

Period 4- University of  
Massachusetts- Amherst

Period 8- York College of  
Pennsylvania

## **Friday September 20th**

Period 2- Elon University

Period 3- Pennsylvania College of  
Technology

Period 4- University of Chicago

## **Monday September 23rd**

Period 2- Mount Saint Mary College

Period 3- Syracuse University

Period 6- University of Michigan

Period 8- Utica University

## **Tuesday September 24th**

Period 3- University of Scranton

Period 4- New York Institute of  
Technology

Period 6- Muhlenberg College

Period 8- University of Florida

## **Wednesday September 25th**

Period 3- Bucknell University

Period 6- University of Delaware

Period 7- Dartmouth University

Period 8- Drew University

## **Thursday September 26th**

Period 2- Brandeis University

Period 4- Sacred Heart University

Period 7- Case Western University

Period 8- Roger Williams University

## **Friday September 27th**

Period 5- Binghamton University

Period 6- Johnson & Wales  
University- Providence

Period 8- SUNY Polytechnic Institute

## **Monday September 30th**

Period 5- SUNY College at Geneseo

Period 6- Worcester Polytechnic  
Institute

Period 8- Rutgers University- New  
Brunswick