



# Guidelines.....on important issues

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## **NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION IS HERE AND FUNCTIONAL!!!**

Family Connection is the ultimate college, career and scholarship online resource that is personalized for Bishop Foley students and parents. Go to:

<http://connection.naviance.com/bfchs>

and log in to see how it can help both students and parents streamline and personalize the three processes. View and sign up for college visits, explore thousands of careers and statistics from the US Department of Labor, perform a personalized national scholarship search and see the local scholarships that come to Bishop Foley. Juniors and seniors can keep track of the colleges they apply to or are considering, and can find pages of information about every college in the country to explore.

I am pleased to introduce Family Connection to you and your family. Family Connection

is a comprehensive website that you can use to help in making

plans about courses, colleges, and careers. Family Connection is linked with Naviance Succeed™, a service that we use in our office to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information that's specific to our school.

Family Connection will allow you to:

- **Get involved in the planning and advising process** – Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers
- **Research colleges** – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics
- pertaining to colleges across the country.
- **Research careers** – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments like the “Do What You Are” survey. Career info is from the US Department of Labor and

extremely current/updated.

- **Create plans for the future** – Build course plans, create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned to you by the school to better prepare yourself for your future college and career goals.

Students received their activation code in their classes, and parents received the codes at the launch meeting on September 22. If you still need a code, they will be distributed at parent conferences on October 12 and 13, or you can call Mrs. Chabot.

## **Attention Senior and Junior parents!!!!**

Upcoming dates of importance for you and your students:

**Many more college school visits, college fairs and informational lunch visits are on Naviance Family Connection.**

**Monday, Oct. 3:** John Carroll University informational table available during lunch B.

**Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 4**

**and 6:** Test Prep classes, senior college/career presentations.

**Wednesday, Oct. 12:** All school testing until 11:30 am for 9-11, seniors college visit day (no school). Parent/Teacher Conferences from 5-7:30 pm.

**Thursday, Oct. 13:** Parent/Teacher conferences 5-7:30 pm.

**Monday, Oct. 31:** All college applications should be submitted (ideal). Some colleges accept until Thanksgiving.

SENIORS/JUNIORS  
SHOULD CHECK THE TACK  
BOARD OUTSIDE OF  
GUIDANCE FOR  
IMPORTANT  
OPPORTUNITIES AND  
INFORMATION

**Individual counselor visits:**

Senior college individual counselor visits will take place during the 1st semester. Parents will receive a post card.

Freshmen individual counselor visits/4 year course plan will take place during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Parents will receive a copy of the 4 year plan and EXPLORE test career results in the mail.

**Counselor Class visits:** Mrs. Chabot presented a college application workshop to the senior English classes on Wednesday, September 7.

**TESTING:**

**ACT:** Next ACT test is **October 22, 2011**. Only late registration available now Go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for information and registration. Juniors should take ACT in the spring when they have completed more

Algebra 2 and Algebra 2/Trig. However, juniors who are in Pre-Calc, Honors Pre-Calc, or AP Calc can take the ACT test any time during junior year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Test Preparation:  
**MALLY ACT Tutoring:** Visit their website at [mallyact.com](http://mallyact.com) or call 248-78-TUTOR. Brochures available from Mrs. Chabot

**ACT and other Test Prep Classes:** Test Preparation Services, located at Oakland University, has a comprehensive ACT prep program. For more info, go online or get information from counselor. Website filled with info is at: [www.testpreparationservices.com](http://www.testpreparationservices.com).

See Mrs. Chabot for a flyer listing several **one-day ACT workshops** held at various hotels and schools

**COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES/COLLEGE NIGHTS/FOLEY VISITS:**

Go to <http://connection.naviance.com/bfchs> for our extensive list of in school college visits, lunch-time informational tables, open houses and college fairs. Students and parents were given passwords in school and at meetings. Log in with your password, both students and parents, and explore the many resources available on this website. Everything is unique to our school and students. If you need a password, contact Mrs. Chabot

**Some great college/scholarship websites:**

For more extensive links, including a personalized free national college and scholarship search program, log into <http://connection.naviance.com/bfchs>. This is Bishop Foley's unique and personalized college, career and scholarship resource online program!

- ✓ An interesting new website just started! [www.collegeportraits.org](http://www.collegeportraits.org) compares costs, majors, campus life, class size and more of colleges in America. Check it out!

**FAFSA form for financial aid from the government:**

[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Available January 1, 2011.

Personalized scholarship search at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (free)

New scholarship data base program: [www.usfirst.org/scholarships](http://www.usfirst.org/scholarships). (free) Check it out!

Thousands of scholarships available at [www.collegesoup.com](http://www.collegesoup.com) (free)

New scholarship and college search at [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com) (free) For many more scholarships go to <http://connection.naviance.com/bfchs>





**MOOLA \$ FOR \$  
SCHOOOLA \$**, valuable listings of scholarship opportunities for college, **for seniors only.**

**General Scholarships: can be used at any college:**

**Siemens Foundation Competition in Math, Science and Technology**—win up to \$100,000. Registration is available starting April 29 at [www.siemens-foundation.org](http://www.siemens-foundation.org). Deadline is October 3.

**AES Engineers Scholarship:** Must write essay that proves character. \$500. Scholarship, deadline October 7, 2011. Go to <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> for application and info.

**American Legion Scholarships:** Got to [www.michiganlegion.org](http://www.michiganlegion.org). There is a variety of scholarships of different amounts. Rules and deadlines are listed on this website.

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** Beginning with the November newsletter the guidelines information will be available through Naviance.