

Guidance Office

Counselors

- Ms. Hamak
- Ms. Quick

A-L

M-Z

Schedule a
Senior
Conference

Books

Handouts

College Reps ?

sign up with Ms. Hess

nextSTEP
your life, after high school™ 

College Visits



MEA - Thursday and Friday,

October 20th & 21st

Weekends/Spring Break?

- Okay to Apply First!
- Sit in on Classes??
- Schedule Appointment
- Take Tour

College Fairs - National College Fair

October 5th and 6th - Minneapolis Convention Center



Choosing a College

***Size of the School** - where do you see yourself?

***Cost** - be realistic and discuss with your parents

***Admission Requirements** - know the gpa and ACT score range of the current freshman class (academic profile) - where do you fit?

Application Process

Applying On-Line - Preferred

Individual school website - may take less time

Common Application - may be best for multiple schools

Request Transcripts:

- electronically (e-mail will be sent to counselor)
- paper transcripts - request in counseling, time to process
- senior schedule included

ACT/SAT Scores - send from testing company - many now test optional [-what does that mean for admission and scholarships?](#)

Accuplacer - Technical Colleges, some programs fill early

Be Aware of Deadlines!

- Early Action
- Early Decision - binding

Application Process (continued)

Resume

- Use “fill in” sheet or
- Create your own (sample)
- Copy will be kept in counseling office

Essay -Proofread!! Ask a teacher or counselor
-Keep copies of best writing

Johns Hopkins - [Essays that Worked](#) - visit for examples

Recommendation letters

- Teachers
 - Coaches
 - Service Organizations
- *Allow Two Weeks Notice*

Application Deadlines!



University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Early Action Deadline and Nursing Program **November 1st** - for admission, University Honors Program, and scholarships (receive admission decision by January 31st)

Early Action II - **December 1st**, decision by Feb 15th

Regular Deadline - **January 1st** full consideration for admission (receive decision by March 31st), Honors Program, and scholarships

Financial Aid - FAFSA Priority deadline **March 1st** - strongly encouraged to complete soon after October 1st. Financial aid award notices sent to admitted students in early February

Financial Aid

FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)

Federal Financial Aid Form -

Determines:

- Grants - Loans - Work Study

*You must use 2021 tax data when completing

* Can set up account [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

Can complete starting October 1st - Earlier the better!!



CSS Profile

Information available on collegeboard.org

Financial aid form used by some private colleges to award institutional aid.

Scholarships

* Check Counseling Office and CHS Website for current information. (limited scholarship info now, but check back)

* Ask Colleges where you are applying
special applications, deadlines, ACT score requirements?

[CSB/SJU Scholarships](#)

* Check community agencies and parent's employers.

* Be cautious about paying for scholarship services.

* Local scholarship program in spring.

Information handed out to all SENIORS!!



Rotary and Kiwanis

Both are service organizations in St. Cloud whose members are current and retired professionals in the community.

Kiwanis -meets Mondays at the Kelly Inn

Rotary - meets Tuesdays at Courtyard downtown

Each of the area schools selects a student representative for one month during the year. Students who participate are eligible to apply for a scholarship. If interested, please sign up on the sheet.

Johns Hopkins University
Holistic Review Process for Applications

Macalester College Information Workshops

Samples of Essays that Worked

Class of 2022 Cathedral Graduates

College/University Attending	# Atten	College/University Attending	# Atten
Bemidji State University	1	Rollins College	1
Bethel Univeristy	1	St. Cloud State University	5
Carroll College	1	Southwest MN State University	1
Cathage College	1	St. John's University	12
College of St. Benedict	3	St. Mary's University	1
College of St. Scholastic, Duluth	1	University of Arizona	1
Colorado University, Boulder	1	University of California, Berkeley	1
Concordia College, Moorhead	2	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	1
Creighton University	1	University of Minnesota, Duluth	5
Dakota State University	1	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	10
Gonzaga University	1	University of Northwestern	1
Grand Canyon University	1	University of St. Thomas	7
Gustavus Adolphus College	1	University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire	1
Hamline University	1	University of Wisconsin - Madison	2
Iowa State	2	University of Wisconsin - River Falls	1
Minnesota State University Mankato	7	University of Wisconsin - Stout	
Minnesota State University, Moorhead	1		
North Dakota State University	2	Community College, Trade School, Other	
Northern State Univeristy	1	Alexandria Technical & Community College	1
		Saint Cloud Technical & Community College	12
		Study Abroad	1
		Junior Hockey	1
		Gap Year	1
		Undecided	6