

A black panther is shown in profile, facing right. Its mouth is slightly open, and its pink tongue is extended. The panther's eyes are a striking yellow color. The background is dark, with a bright, warm light source on the left side, creating a strong contrast and highlighting the panther's fur. The overall mood is intense and dramatic.

**Senior/Parents Meeting**  
**September 17, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**



# Welcome to Your Senior Year!

- ⌘ Take an active role in your plans after high school – it's YOUR future!
- ⌘ Your parents aren't going to campus or work with you – learn to advocate!
- ⌘ Ask questions
- ⌘ Respect experience
- ⌘ Consider a variety of options
- ⌘ Seek help



# Senior Year Timeline



- ⌘ **September – November** : Apply to colleges
- ⌘ **November – May** : Scholarships, read NWHHS newsletter
- ⌘ **January - February**: Complete FAFSA and as many scholarship applications as you can
- ⌘ **May**: Respond to admission offers and **MAKE A DECISION!!!!**

MEMORIZE THIS

152495

NWHS

School Code

# What You Should Be Doing Now??



- & Finalize college selections – choose wisely!
- & Begin working on college applications
- & Update Academic Resume
- & Continue looking at possible majors
- & Go on college visits!
- & Register for the SAT / ACT
- & Meet with college reps when they visit







# Dual Credit

- ⌘ Earn college credits while in high school
- ⌘ One of the requirements to earn an Academic Honors Diploma or Technical Honors Diploma
- ⌘ Dual Credit Classes- (AP, ACP, CEP, PLTW, EACC)
- ⌘ For Academic Honors – 2 dual credit classes must be completed
  - ⌘ Any student can take a dual credit class
  - ⌘ Must meet qualifications to receive college credit

# Different Dual Credit options

& AP (Advanced Placement Program)

& ACP (Advance College Project - IU)

& CEP (Concurrent Enrollment Program - PU)

& PLTW (Project Lead The Way)

& EACC (Some classes at Elkhart Area Career Center)

# AP – Advanced Placement

- ⌘ AP Calculus, AP Art History, AP Economics, AP Stats
- ⌘ Another way to earn college credit
- ⌘ Rigorous coursework developed by College Board
- ⌘ Each course concludes with a standardized exam written and scored by college professors
- ⌘ Students usually need to score at least a 3, 4, or 5 out of 5 on test to receive college credit
- ⌘ Students pay for exam (\$89)
- ⌘ **Exams taken in MAY**



# ACP - Adv. College Project

- ⌘ ACP Composition, Speech, Literature, Spanish IV
- ⌘ Offered thru Indiana University
- ⌘ This means you have to pay IUSB for the credits

# CEP – Concurrent Enrollment

☞ CEP Chemistry (8 hrs), Composition (3 hrs) ,  
US History (6 hrs)

☞ Offered thru Purdue North Central

☞ This means you have to pay PNC for the credits



- & Cost of 3 credit hour course is now only \$75!
- & Billing will come directly from IUSB or PNC
- & **Unpaid students will be automatically withdrawn**  
(Be prepared – billed in January!)

# PLTW and EACC

## ⌘ PLTW

- ⌘ Intro to Engineering, Principles of Engineering
- ⌘ Three year process
- ⌘ Offered thru Rochester Inst. and Purdue

## ⌘ EACC

- ⌘ Some classes thru the Elkhart Area Career Center

# The Counselor's Role

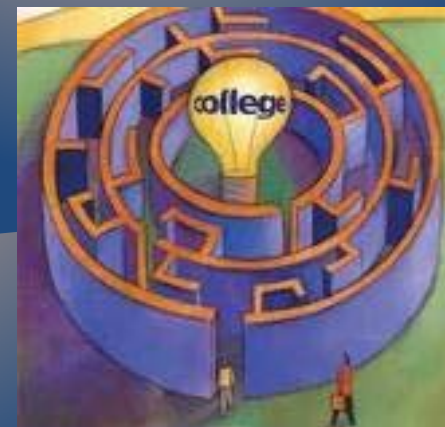
& We are here to help you!

& Please allow us a 24 hour time frame to respond to you.

& Don't wait until the last minute!!!



# College Application Process



# Before Applying!!!

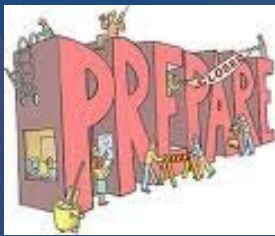


## ⌘ Update Academic Resume

- ⌘ What happened over summer you should add?
- ⌘ Can you add from senior year already?

## ⌘ Collect Letters of Recommendation (2-4)

- ⌘ Variety of people (i.e. teacher, coach, minister, counselor, sponsor, principal, etc)
- ⌘ Ask early and give enough time / specify directions
- ⌘ Write a Thank You note! 😊



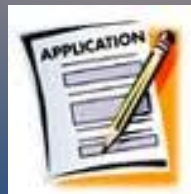
# College Application Process

## Where do I apply?

- Most applications are online
- Some are free if done online
- Some WILL be free during College Go! Week
- Apply to a variety of schools
- At least 1 in-state
- 1 Public and 1 private, etc
- Apply to those you are serious about attending
- 1 “safety” school

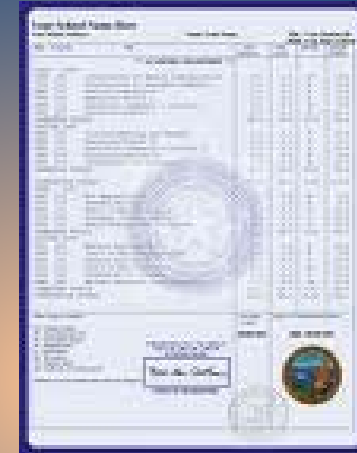
## Then What?

- Use Parchment to let the Guidance Office know to send a transcript
- Send your counselor an email with copies of your academic resume & recommendation letters





**Parchment: what is it?**



- & Access 24 / 7!
- & It's safe and secure
- & Transcript delivery to all colleges nationwide is free!
- & Create an account (should have already done)
- & If you DON'T have an account, you can set one up at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)
- & I can also send resume and rec letters this way!

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# College Application Do's and Don'ts

- ⌘ DO Start Early!
- ⌘ DO Apply to 1 public, 1 private, and at least one college in State.
- ⌘ DO Apply to 1 “safety” school.
- ⌘ Don't let \$\$\$ scare you.
- ⌘ Don't be afraid to talk to the Admissions Office at the school
- ⌘ Don't be afraid to talk to the Financial Aid Office





- ⌘ Not all colleges are participating
- ⌘ Goal: Every senior complete a college application (using Docufide if possible)
- ⌘ Goals for other grade levels as well
- ⌘ Goals for middle school students too!

**September 24 – 28, 2012**

# Questions to ask All Schools

- ⌘ Ask about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar Programs
  - ⌘ Indiana Covenant
  - ⌘ Purdue Promise
  - ⌘ Other in state schools also honor it
- ⌘ Ask about College Application Waivers
- ⌘ Ask about SAT / ACT Waivers
- ⌘ Ask about help if you have an IEP



# IUSB On-Site Admissions

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 10:30-12:30 p.m.

- ⌘ Short meeting / transcript review at NWHS with admissions counselor from IUSB
- ⌘ Students will know admission status on the spot: admitted, pending, or deferred to Ivy Tech
- ⌘ **Application Fee waived !!!**
- ⌘ **Admitted students with Core 40 or above, "B" average, SAT or ACT scores above state average, and ranking in top ½ of class, are eligible to receive a \$500 Titan Scholarship!**





- ⌘ Follow up with college if you get a rejection letter – sometimes they reconsider
- ⌘ If test scores or grades are low, send in application with a letter of explanation
- ⌘ Apply to at least one private and one public school

## Additional Tips







Admission Tests Needed



# SAT vs. ACT

## SAT (2400)

- ⌘ Math (800)
- ⌘ Critical Reading (800)
- ⌘ Writing (800)
- ⌘ Essay included in Writing
- ⌘  $\frac{1}{4}$  pt taken off for wrong answer
- ⌘ All scores reported
- ⌘ Some math questions and essays are not MC



## ACT (36)

- ⌘ Math
- ⌘ Reading
- ⌘ English
- ⌘ Science
- ⌘ Writing (Optional)
- ⌘ No penalty for guessing
- ⌘ Only MC questions



# Admission Info from Indiana Colleges and Universities





# College Visits



- & Call Admissions Office in advance to set up appt.
- & Research the school and think about questions ahead of time
- & Talk to the students on campus and go to class if possible.
- & Visit a dorm / cafeteria if you can
- & Schedule an interview
- & Tour the campus on your own
- & Keep notes / observations while there
- & Write thank-you notes to appropriate people







# How Do I Pay?



# SCHOLARSHIPS

- ⌘ Usually begin around November
- ⌘ We list all that come through NWHS
- ⌘ Most applications are on-line now
- ⌘ Fill them out completely! Keep track of usernames and passwords 😊
- ⌘ Check out websites!
- ⌘ MEET DEADLINES / WATCH MAILING DATES!




# Avoid Scholarship Scams!

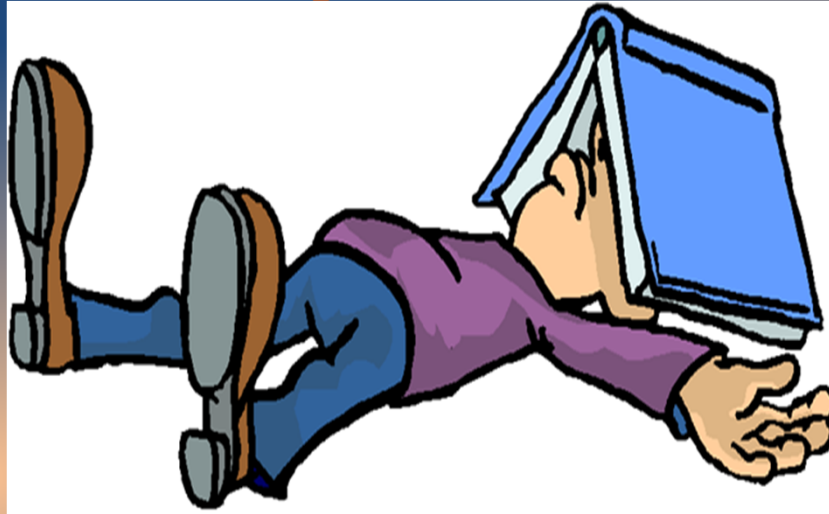
- ⌘ “This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back” – No one can guarantee a scholarship!
- ⌘ “You can’t get this information anywhere else” – Do your research, don’t pay anyone!
- ⌘ “I just need your credit card...” – NO!
- ⌘ “We’ll do all the work” – Wrong again. You have to fill out the paperwork!
- ⌘ “You’ve been selected by a ‘national foundation’ ...” – Chances are they want \$

# Resources for Help

- ↳ FREE Math and Science Help!
  - ↳ Rose-Hulman Homework Hotline
  - ↳ [www.AskRose.org](http://www.AskRose.org) or 1.877.ASK.ROSE
- ↳ Math tutorial website
  - ↳ <http://www.khanacademy.org/>
- ↳ Purdue OWL site (Online Writing Lab)
  - ↳ <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>
- ↳ Ask your teacher!

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Financial Aid Night  
NWHHS High School Auditorium  
January 17, 2013 @ 7:00 P.m.



**HAVE A GREAT SENIOR YEAR!**