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Hello my name is Mrs. Ankoviak, I am the Career/College Resource Center Advisor and I would like to introduce myself. I am here to address questions and concerns posed by many of our students with respect to the college application timeline and process.

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April 20, 2016 @ MOTT HS
Will be sponsoring a College & Financial Aid Night 6-8pm
Over 40 colleges and there representatives will be represented to talk to.

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The summer months are a good time for upcoming Seniors (2017) to start thinking about colleges and universities they may want to attend by checking out various websites (including each college's homepage) and gathering as much information about each college as possible.

Things to do:

BEGIN YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH:
- E-mailing schools and requesting information about programs or college representative visits to our area is a great way to get on mailing lists and show interest.

- Update your Career Cruising profile at www.careercruising.com Make sure your email address is correct within career cruising.

- **6 Questions To Ask Yourself When Choosing a College**

    1. **Where is my ideal location?**
    2. **What size school is best for me?**
    3. **Wait, how much is this going to cost?**
    4. **Does the school serve my academic and professional interests?**
    5. **What kind of social life are you looking for?**
    6. **Can I see myself happy here?**

VISIT COLLEGES:
- The best way to know if a college is a good fit is to visit the campus and sit in on some classes. Look around, go into dorms, talk to students, eat in the cafeteria, and walk the campus. How far is it from home? Can you drive there? Is it near an airport? If you plan on majoring in engineering, does the school have an engineering department? Do you enjoy the school's emphasis on sports or Greek life? Call before you visit and set up appointments with the financial aid and admissions offices. You will be able to get answers to many of your questions and may even have the opportunity to go on a guided tour.

APPLICATIONS:

- College applications for most schools will be available online during August. Colleges no longer send shipments of applications to high schools, as most colleges prefer students download applications or apply electronically. For those students who still prefer paper applications, please e-mail or call the admissions offices of each college directly to see if that is a viable option. Please use the common APP for the multiple schools A sample can be found at www.commonapp.org.

WHEN TO APPLY:

- Colleges do not encourage students to submit applications for admission prior to the start of the fall semester senior year. Applications are not reviewed by admissions offices until all paper work is received, including transcripts, test scores, and letters of recommendation (if necessary). Our secretaries who process the transcripts are not back in school until September and, therefore, it does not make sense for a student to send his application in prior to that time period.

PREPARE FOR THE SAT or ACT:

- SAT and ACT test scores could have a significant impact on acceptance or denial to many colleges. While we do not promote expensive courses or private tutors for SAT or ACT preparation, we strongly encourage students to visit websites where useful information, test-taking strategies, word-of-the day lessons, and free practice tests can be found. You may want to purchase test preparation books or software available at local book stores. In addition, Kettering has been offering SAT help during students AC prep hours.

The ACT website is www.act.org and the **SAT** website is https://sat.collegeboard.org//home
You will be taking the State mandated SAT Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

PLAN AHEAD FOR A SUCCESSFUL SENIOR YEAR

Review your high school records and think about the classes you are taking. Keep in mind that colleges look for challenging coursework and successful completion of senior year.

Good Luck and if you need any assistance please stop by and see me,
My office is in the "T" and behind the "junior" bench

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