

Archbishop Stepinac Junior College Kickoff Session

Spring 2026



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**You should have received an email
with the following information:**

- Transcript
- Resource sheets

Miscellaneous:

- Please get accustomed to **checking emails regularly: at LEAST 2X week**
- We suggest students create inappropriate, personal email address for their college correspondence. -AND CHECK THAT EMAIL PLEASE!
- College planning appointments with the counselor for student with parent/guardian
 - Preferably spring of junior year after first set of test scores are in, to outline individual planning and college suggestions

Colleges

- **Naviance**
- **Research**
- **Visits**

[Demo Naviance Student](#)



The Admissions Process

Testing **STEPINAC CEEB CODE: 335940**



•SAT/ACT

- Recommendations
- Testing dates (see handouts)

•Test-Optional Schools

[www.Fairtest.org](#)

2000 + schools

- We strongly encourage the students to take a practice tests for **both** the SAT and the ACT to determine which test works best for them
- Whenever possible, we advise students to complete their testing before the beginning of their Senior year

SAT Superscoring

	ERW (Evidence Based Reading & Writing)	Math	Total
March 2023	530	580	1110
May 2023	640	560	1200
Super Score	640	580	1220

ACT Superscoring

Deadlines **MUST** be adhered to !

- Early Action : Early Nov.
- Early Decision : Early Nov.
- Regular Decision : Jan. - Feb.
- Rolling Admission : Until Filled

*Student must apply in advance of the actual college deadline (2-3 weeks) to allow everything to be received by the college in time.

Reach-Match-Safety

Students apply to approximately 6-10 schools

- Two or so '**Reach**' schools, where the admission criteria exceed the student's credentials
- Two or so '**Match**' schools where the admissions criteria resemble the student's credentials
- Two or so '**Safety**' schools, where the admissions criteria are lower than the student's credentials

The 'safety' school should be one the student would attend if admitted.

Resumes/ Essays

Resume - students should have initial document completed



The Essay - rough draft started in spring

Juniors will begin drafts of their college essay writing for the Spring.



What is it?

- A standardized application to be used instead of an individual school application

Who uses it?

- Approximately 1100 Colleges and Universities with more every year
- Many schools require supplemental information

When?

- Start in class in late Spring

The Common Application

Why use it?

- More efficient, easier, neater, saves time, aligns with Naviance for electronic document submission.

Where can it be found?

- <https://www.commonapp.org>

- Two teacher letters of recommendation unless a College/University instructs otherwise

- Who to ask?
- Why?
- Thank you!!

Recommendation Letters

NCAA Eligibility

- Who?
- Where?
- Why ?
- Coach Richardson or Ms. Cappiello



Student & Family Responsibilities

1. Register for the SAT/ACT
2. Resume (initial one already complete)
3. College Visits
4. Essay and Supplemental Essays
5. Request teacher letters of recommendation
6. **Submission of Common Application and Fee**
7. Transcript request
8. NCAA Registration
9. **Sending Standardized Test Scores**

Stepinac is Responsible for:

1. Educate and advise students and their families on the college process
2. Prepare various school documents
3. Counselor Report
4. Counselor recommendation letter
5. Send official transcripts
6. School Profile
7. Process all other supporting documents
8. Review students' entire application before submission

Checklist: Spring Semester 2026

- Register for SAT and ACT
- Sign up for test prep
- Generate a list of prospective colleges (should have 10-15 already)
- Meet with your counselor
- Research colleges
- Look at admissions requirements for each school
- Begin college visits

Dates to Remember:

- [Staten Island HBCU Experience College Fair](#) - Curtis High School
Saturday, January 24th 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- [The Admission Game](#) - Stepinac Auditorium
Thursday, February 26th, 9:30 a.m -11:00 a.m
- [College and Beyond](#) - via Zoom
Thursday, February 26th, 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.
- [New York National College Fair](#) - Jacobs Javits Center
Sunday, April 19th, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- [Latino College Expo](#) Borough of Manhattan Community College
(Not announced yet)
- [Southern Westchester College Fair](#) - Westchester County Center
Wednesday, April 29th, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- [Northern Westchester College Fair](#) Northern West. BOCES, Yorktown Hts.
Thursday, April 30th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- [Stepinac Spring College Fair](#) : Stepinac Gym : Parents/guardians invited
Friday, May 1st, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

IN SCHOOL SAT

[Check Naviance for Stepinac visits](#)

Q & A

