



Welcome!

# BMC Senior Parent Night

August 15, 2024

School Counselor and College & Career Teams



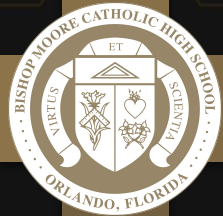
# Agenda

- Introductions
- Graduation Requirements
- Senior Year Expectations and Events
- College Application Process Highlights
- Q & A

# Prayer

## Mr. Bello





# Introductions

**Mr. Pavgouzas** - Principal  
**Mr. Bello** - Assistant Principal

**Ms. Lugaro** - Director of School Counseling / College & Career  
**Mrs. Mehlich** - Administrative Assistant

## School Counseling

- Ms. Doig
- Mrs. Gros
- Mr. Laegeler
- Ms. Robertson

## College & Career

Mrs. Belden  
Mrs. Etscorn  
Mr. Hennes  
Mrs. Mazanec  
Mrs. Straw



# Graduation Requirements

To receive a Bishop Moore Catholic H. S. diploma, students must:

- Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Earn 28 credits.
- Complete 25 hours of community service per year of attendance at BMC.
- Log community service hours electronically on the community service webpage.





# Senior Year Expectations

It is each student's responsibility to:

- Meet all of the Bishop Moore Catholic graduation requirements.
- Complete each step of the application process in a timely manner.
- Meet with his or her assigned School Counselor and College & Career Counselor for guidance.
- Take ownership of senior year activities.





# Senior Year Events...to mention a few

Senior Retreat= No fees

Awards Night =No fees

Homecoming = \$110

Prom= \$110

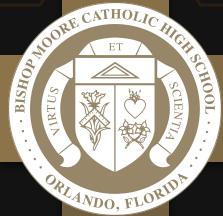
AP Testing = \$99

Yearbook Distribution= \$80

Baccalaureate= No fees

Graduation = No fees





# Senior CAP (College App. Planning) DAY

- When?
  - Friday, August 9, 2024
  - Lunchtime make-ups - 1 date per topic
    - Tues. 8/20 and Thurs. 8/22
    - Tues. 8/27 and Thurs. 8/29
- Session Topics
  - Recommendations and Essay Writing
  - The College Application
  - Organization and Timelines
  - Transcripts and SSAR/SRAR



Seniors will receive details via Schoology.





# Recommendations and Essay Writing

For Recommendations, Students Should :

- \*Add College Counselor
- \*Ask for recommendations from junior or senior year CORE teachers who can speak to the student's strengths, values, and interests
- \*Give teachers at least two weeks notice
- \*Ask in person and follow up with an email
- \*Complete the FERPA section of Common App with accuracy

The Main Personal Statement should:

- \*Be written in a student's voice and involve limited editors
- \*Provide additional information not elsewhere listed in the application
- \*Answer "So What?"
- \*Avoid commonly used subjects and "hot topics"
- \*Use tactics to create "Storytelling Gold" (Active verbs, sensory details, numbers and statistics, dialogue, figurative language, proper nouns, etc-)

\*Essay presentation & brainstorming exercises were saved to Naviance under "Documents"



# The Common Application

- **Common App vs. Institutional Applications**
- **Update all required areas accurately and completely**
  - For any questions, please see C&C Counselor directly
- **My Colleges Tab**
  - Various needs/expectations for the different schools
  - MUST submit (and pay) for each individual application
    - You cannot assume completing the Common App means you are done
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- **After applications are submitted...**
  - Check your email regularly
  - Submit SSAR/SPARK/etc
  - Submit Test Scores
  - Complete any other institutional requests ASAP



# Transcripts and SSAR/SRAR

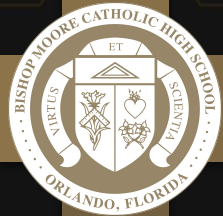
Types of transcripts: Unofficial, Official, SSAR/SRAR, SPARK

Official- Ordered through Parchment, contact Michelle Vazquez-Langan

- Required by some schools as part of application
- Will have to request official transcript at the end of the year

SSAR/SRAR (Self-Reported Student Academic Record)

- MUST complete with unofficial transcript (will be checked against official at end of year)
- 9 major FL Universities accept SSAR (including UF, FSU, USF, UNF)
- Each school has different requirements to link to application/deadlines



# Organization and Timelines

## Naviance Document Resource Library

- CAP Day folder - all docs/PPTs
- App Checklist, College Comparison / Fin. Aid Comparison Wkshts

## FAFSA and Bright Futures

- FSA ID now (parents + students)
- Bright Futures (November/December)

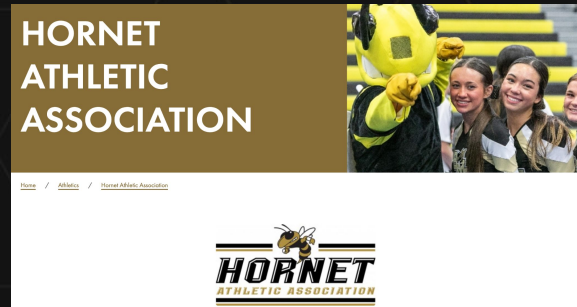
## Remember:

- Check messages...READ.
- Follow-up...ask for help.
- Nothing is automatic.
- Build in time.
- Be empowered to take responsibility for the process.



## Get Involved.....

- **The best way for you to show your support is through your membership in the Hornet Athletic Association. You can count on 100% of your generosity being marked for the sport(s) of your choice, and in return, catch all the 2024-2025 Hornet home game action you can handle, in addition to a plethora of membership perks.**





# Remember....

- Enjoy the time with your senior student!
- Utilize all BMC resources.
- Senior Coffee Chat **August 16, 2024 (tomorrow) at 8:00 am** in the Student Center
- We are here to partner with you throughout the senior year journey!



**Thank you!**