



# Junior Parent College Night

## Class of 2022

“The future belongs to those who believe in the  
beauty of their dreams”

-Eleanor Roosevelt



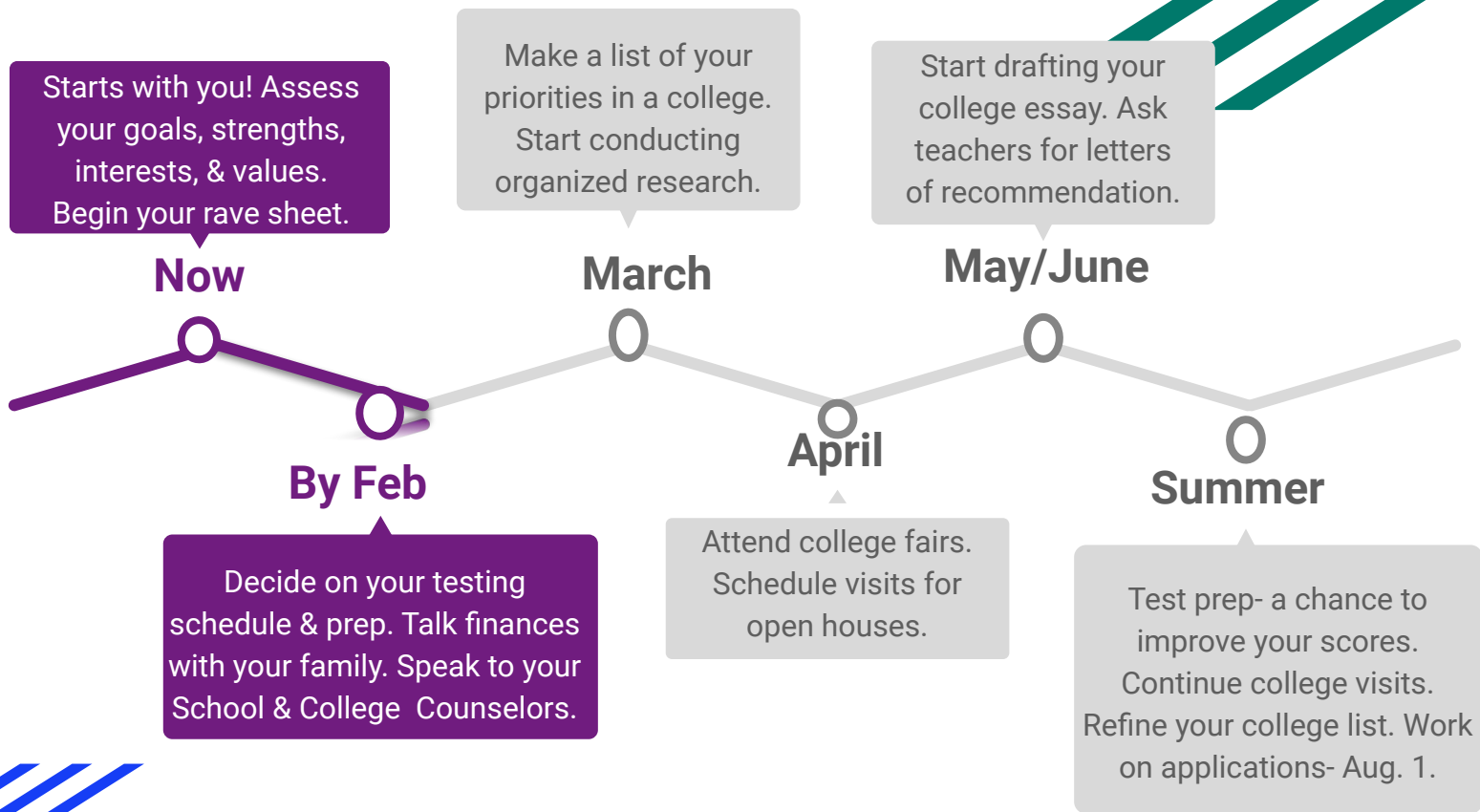
# The College Journey Begins

- The process takes place over many months!
- You and your child need to plan ahead. (By attending tonight's session, you are already off on a good foot!)

IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN,  
YOU ARE PLANNING  
TO FAIL.

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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Finish up your applications, have a teacher review your final essay, and submit!

**September**

Sign up for Instant Decision Days, first round of application deadlines are typically Nov. 1st, 15th.

**November**

Colleges will typically let you know by April 1st if you are accepted!

**April, 2022**

**December**

Another big round of deadlines tend to be December 1st, 15th.

**May 2022**

You typically have to commit to a college by May 1st by sending in your deposit. After you commit, you will take placement tests, get an academic advisor, and attend orientation!

Finish up any last standardized testing in Oct./November, send test scores, continue to submit applications. FAFSA opens Oct. 1st to apply for aid.

**October**

# What is part of a college application?

In most cases, colleges are going to look at:

- Transcript (seen in the Parent Portal)
- Senior year class rigor
- GPA
- Test Scores (if not test-optional)
- Extracurricular Activities/Leadership Positions
- Community Service
- Essay
- Teacher and Counselor Recommendations

# Standardized Testing

Features	SAT	ACT
Widely Accepted	All U.S. Colleges	All U.S. Colleges
Essay Optional	Yes	Yes
Testing Time	3 hours + 50-minute essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)
Number of Questions	154	215
Structure	3 tests + optional writing essay	4 tests + optional writing test
Score Range	Composite 400–1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2–8)	Composite 1–36 (writing domain scores: 2–12)
Test Components	Reading Test (65 mins, 52 questions) Writing and Language Test (35 mins, 44 questions) Math Test (80 mins, 58 questions)	Reading Test (65 mins, 52 questions) English Test (45 mins, 75 questions) Math Test (60 mins, 60 questions) Science Test (35 mins, 40 questions)

# Upcoming SAT Dates

SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests?	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (fees apply)
March 13, 2021	No SAT Subject Tests This Date	February 12, 2021	March 2, 2021
May 8, 2021	Yes, Subject Tests Offered	April 8, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	Yes, Subject Tests Offered	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021
Registration: <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register</a>			

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

## 2021-22 SAT Dates

### 2021-22 SAT Administration Dates (Anticipated)

SAT Date	SAT Subject Test Available?
August 28, 2021	Yes
October 2, 2021	Yes
November 6, 2021	Yes
December 4, 2021	Yes
March 12, 2022	No
May 7, 2022	Yes
June 4, 2022	Yes

# Upcoming ACT Dates

ACT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (fees apply)
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 15, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 25, 2021
Registration: <a href="http://www.actstudent.org/">http://www.actstudent.org/</a>		

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

# Test Optional Colleges

- Due to COVID-19, the majority of colleges and universities have gone test optional, meaning they are not requiring SAT/ACT scores. Some majors, programs, and scholarships may still require test scores even if the majority of the college is test optional. You should check with your colleges you are interested in before making a decision about taking standardized tests.
- Pre-COVID, there were still many colleges that have been test-optional all along. A list can be found at:  
<https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

# Scoir

- What's New/Messages
- College Match
- College Search
- College Compare
- Career Exploration
- <https://www.scoir.com/>

[College Search](#)[My Colleges](#)[My Profile](#)[Surprise Me!](#)[Advanced Search](#)

"Follow your passion, stay true to yourself, never follow someone else's; you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path then by all means, follow that."

- ELLEN DEGENERES

## Welcome to Your Scoir Account

See what Scoir can offer you, and learn how to get started no matter where you are in your college search process.

Your Next Step!

### Discover Your College Matches



We see you haven't entered your college must-haves yet. Enter some of your preferences to find colleges that match with your interests.

[Add your college preferences](#)

### Build Your List, Follow Colleges




Get your list started by adding colleges you are interested in. Adding a college to your My Colleges list allows the college to send you messages and updates.

[Start a College Search](#)

Students can set their preferences to help them find colleges that match what they are seeking.

What is important to you? You are investing your time and money into the next 4 years, you need to make sure you are finding the right fit and not just getting swayed by a “name”.



College Search

Preference Search

Advanced Search

★ Must Have

+ Add


👍 Nice to Have

+ Add


👎 No Thanks

+ Add


★ Must Have




Personal Interests & Activities




Academic Focus




Degrees




Distance/Location




No. Undergraduates




Athletics




Test Scores / Acceptance Rate



School Type / Religious Affiliation



Campus Setting



ROTC Programs Offered


[Preference Search](#)
[Advanced Search](#)

### ★ Must Have

Academic Focus

Psychology



Degrees

Four-year bachelor's



Distance/Location

New Jersey



Athletics

NCAA I, NCAA II, NCAA III, NAIA  
Softball



+ Add

### 👍 Nice to Have

+ Add

## 25 Colleges



### Caldwell University

Caldwell, NJ



Compare



My Colleges

Average SAT Score

1045

Average ACT Score

21

Acceptance Rate

64%

No. Undergrads

1,595



Meets all preferences!



### Georgian Court University

Lakewood, NJ



Compare



My Colleges

Average SAT Score

1015

Average ACT Score

20

Acceptance Rate

69%

No. Undergrads

1,528



Meets all preferences!



### New Jersey City University

Jersey City, NJ



Compare



My Colleges

Average SAT Score

975

Average ACT Score

Unavailable

Acceptance Rate

92%

No. Undergrads

6,317



# College Compare Example



College Search

My Colleges

My Profile

The College of New Jersey  
Ewing, NJ



Monmouth University  
West Long Branch, NJ

## Cost & Financial Aid

Tuition

In-State

\$12,632

Out-of-State

\$24,061

Room & Board

\$13,201

Average Net Price

\$22,894

Students Receiving Financial Aid



Average Student Debt Upon  
Graduation

\$23,250

Tuition

In-State

\$36,032

Out-of-State

\$36,032

Room & Board

\$13,451

Average Net Price

\$31,300

Students Receiving Financial Aid



Average Student Debt Upon  
Graduation

\$26,250



College Search

My Colleges

My Profile



The College of New Jersey  
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West Long Branch, NJ

## Student Life

Number of Undergrads

6,758

Total Number of Students

7,406

Full-Time Undergrads



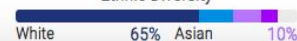
Retention



Gender Diversity



Ethnic Diversity



## Student Life

Number of Undergrads

4,693

Total Number of Students

6,394

Full-Time Undergrads



Retention



Gender Diversity

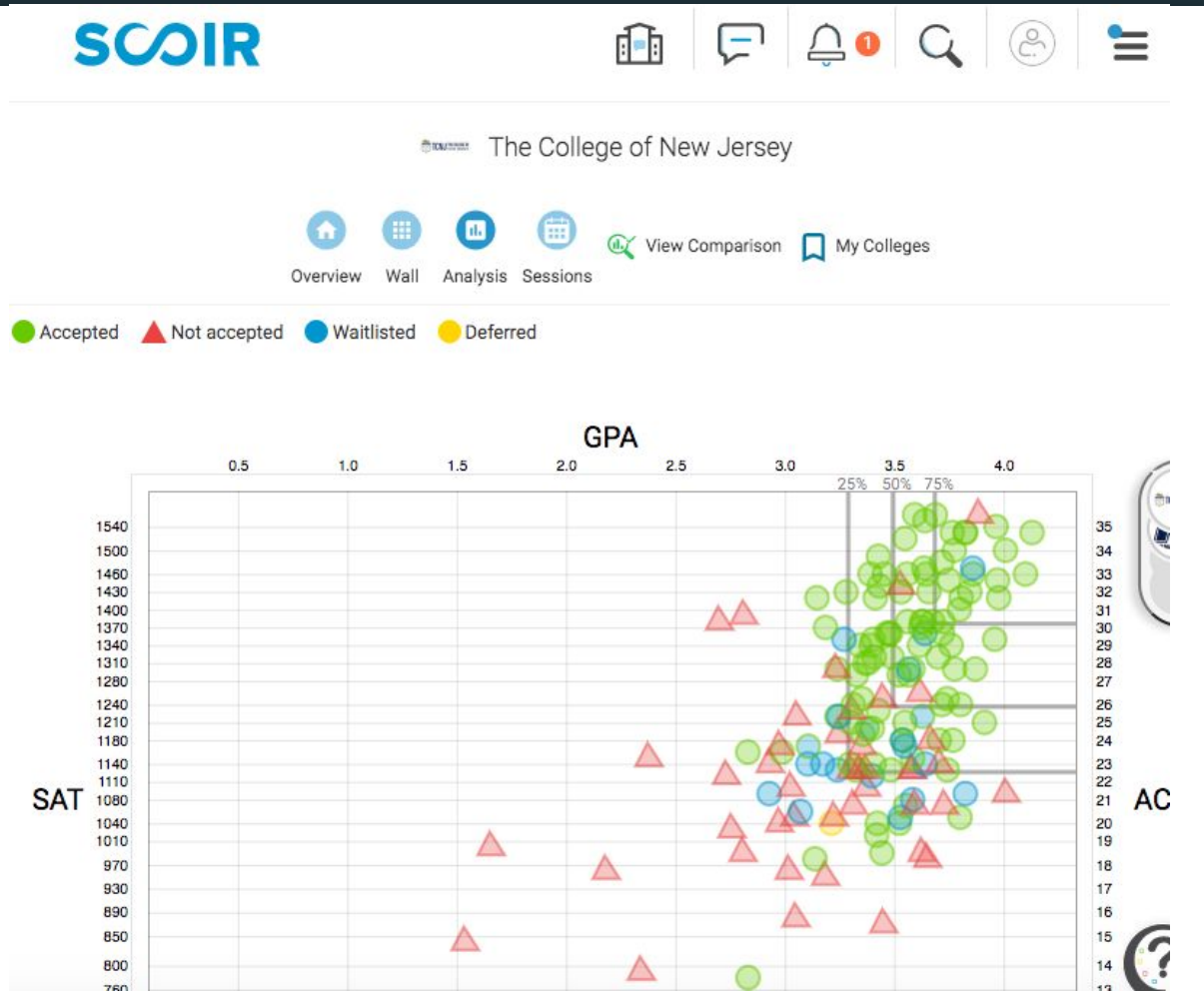


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# Analysis Feature

- Based on EHS data from 2015-2020.
- Allows students to see where they realistically fall in Admissions.
- Allows students to determine safety, target, and reach schools.





## Career Profile

### Get Started on your Career and Aptitude Assessment.

College isn't the destination; it's a step towards a destination. Create a free YouScience account to explore interesting careers, then we'll help you find colleges that will put you on a path towards those careers. You might even discover a little bit about yourself in the process! YouScience provides...



- Insights about your innate strengths and abilities
- Personalized career matching
- In-depth career information
- Majors related to your saved careers to guide your college search

Already have a YouScience account?



Stay tuned! You'll be able to link your pre-existing YouScience account with your Scoir account later this summer.

New to YouScience?

[Get Started](#)

# Recommendation Letters

- Most colleges, but not all, will require letters of recommendation from a teacher and/or a counselor. Some noteworthy exceptions: Rutgers and Middlesex County College do not require any recommendation letters.
- Teacher letters
  - You should think about asking 2-3 teachers who you have a good relationship with if they are willing to write you a letter of recommendation. You should ask them before the end of Junior year if they are willing to write you a letter. If they agree, ask them if they need anything from you (some teachers have their own forms they want completed). The earlier you ask, the better; do not wait until last minute Senior year to do this, as you may get told no. Teachers write these letters on their own time and appreciate lots of notice.
- Counselor Letter
  - Rave Sheet, Activity Sheet, Parent Brag Sheet
  - Think of this as one of the most important assignments of your high school career! The more information you give us, the stronger the letter we can write on your behalf!

# How to find the Rave Sheet in Scoir



College Search

My Colleges

My Profile



Edgar Sieminski

Personal Details

Academic Overview

Personal Bio

Activities & Achievements

College Preferences

Career Profile

My Drive

## Personal Details

Edgar Sieminski



Mar 17, 2003

**Sex:** Not specified

**Race:** Not specified

**Ethnicity:** Not Specified

**Citizenship:** Not specified



lauriesieminski@gmail.com  
(Primary)

+ Add Alternate Email

Parents

+ Invite a Parent

I will be a first-generation college student.

☒ Yes

☐ No

You are a first-generation student if neither parent or guardian has received a 4-year college degree.

FERPA

Release Authorization

Signed by Edgar Sieminski on

Waiver of Rights

Granted

Signed by Edgar Sieminski on 12/14/2020

Application ID

Common App ID: —

Coalition App ID: —

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## Academic Overview



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Edgar Sieminski

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## FERPA

Release Author

Signed by Edgar S

Waiver of Right

Signed by Edgar S

Common App

Coalition App

Go to  
Surveys

## Edgar Sieminski

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# Surveys

sorted by **Status**

## Rave Sheet

Not Started

Closed on Oct 05, 2020

## Gameplan Survey

Not Started

## Imported Graduation Survey copy

Not Started

## Rave Sheet

### Rave Sheet

*Your responses are visible to your counselors.*

**Q1** Tell me a story about you that is not revealed anywhere else in your college application.

**Q2** List at least two adjectives which you, your family or friends would use to describe you. Please give an example that supports each adjective.

**Q3** Reflecting on your time at EHS, provide a significant quote or inspirational song lyric that motivates you. Provide an explanation or description of what it means to you and why you chose. Include an example of why/how it helped you.

**Q4** What language do you speak at home? What other languages are you fluent in?



# College Visits- Food for Thought

In addition to admission requirements, academic programs, and financial aid, here are some suggestions for questions while you are on college visits: *(Most of this can still be evaluated by a virtual campus tour! Otherwise, schedule a virtual meeting with an Admissions Counselor.)*

- What are some unique/popular majors at your school?
- What would my freshman year course load look like?
- What is your average class size for frosh/soph level classes?
- Study abroad
- Describe dorm life
- What percentage of students live on campus?
- Do students stay on campus all four years?
- Can freshman have a car on campus?
- Describe your available student organizations (i.e. greek life, student government, clubs, athletics, etc)
- What is the surrounding community like?

# How do students apply?

- Check on a college's website how they accept applications
- Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))
  - Most common way to apply, most colleges accept it (two notable exceptions- Rutgers and Middlesex)
  - Essay topics typically announced for following school year at the end of January
  - Can start working on the application now, information will save until next year
  - Fill out one application and can submit it to any college that takes it!
- Institutional Application
  - Specific to a college, will be on a college's website
    - Ex: Rutgers, MCC
- Coalition Application
  - <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

# Financial Aid & Scholarships

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Opens on October 1st, 2021
  - You will need a FSA ID, you can register here: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
  - FAFSA: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
  - EHS will host a Financial Aid Information Session (Sept 30, 2021) and a Financial Aid Workshop (October 14, 2021). HESAA and local colleges (MCC) also often host free workshops.
- Scholarships
  - Merit, Need-Based (grants), Scholarships
  - EHS website, EHS Senior Scholarship Application (January 2022), Collegeboard, Fastweb, etc.
  - Senior Scholarship Workshops held
  - Check with parents' employers, unions, the college's websites as well

# Takeaways

- Start your research now!
- Be proactive and plan ahead.
- Deadlines matter!
- Complete your Rave Sheet early and any information your teachers ask for in order to write your letter of recommendation. You may only be asking 2-3 teachers, but they are receiving lots of requests!
- Start your essay and applications as soon as they are available. The early bird gets the worm!
- Read all emails/communication from counselors and colleges.
- Athletes- talk to your coach and register on NCAA Clearinghouse's website!
- Attend workshops, take advantage of information sessions.
- Use your resources.
- Planning starts now, not Senior year.

# Save the Date!

Scoir Parent's Workshop  
Hosted by Ms. Sieminski, College Counselor

Thursday, January 21, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/94182323690?pwd=MEtBRzU2OFJWQUIU4VTQweHINSFJ1UT09>

Meeting ID: 941 8232 3690  
Passcode: 845932

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL  
COUNSELING  
DEPARTMENT



## SCOIR PARENT'S WORKSHOP



Learn about how best to use our SCOIR, a web-based service designed especially for students and parents. The program tracks and analyzes data about college and career plans to provide up-to-date information that is specific to Edison High School.



SCOIR



# Save the Date!

Middlesex County Virtual College Fair  
Presented by Edison Township Schools &  
Strivescan

Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021  
5:00 p.m.- 7:45 p.m

EDISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS & STRIVESCAN

# THIS IS WHERE IT STARTS.

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Middlesex County Virtual College Fair



Wednesday, February 3, 2021 5:00pm-7:45 pm

# Save the Date!

## EHS Career Speaker Series

February 8th-11th, 2021

Students can hear from professionals, including some EHS alumni, in careers such as a physician assistant, scientist, architect, real estate developer, I.T., and accounting!

Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/EHSCAREERSPEAKERSERIES>



Professionals and EHS Alumni will visit virtual classrooms to *share stories of the unique paths* they took to **build their careers!**  
*Explore & build your future career by attending a presentation!*

### MONDAY 2/8: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Mandy Yi-Schneider, PA  
Envision Physician Services (EHS Alum)

### TUESDAY 2/9: SPORTS INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS

Patrick Duffy, Assistant Director Sports Information,  
Montclair Athletics (EHS Alum)

### REAL ESTATE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Construction/Architecture)

Yasmine Doumi, Developer, Innovation & Planning,  
Weller Development, Maryland (EHS Alum)

### WEDNESDAY 2/10: TECHNOLOGY CAREERS

Lori Watrous (Distinguished Faculty, NJIT)

### THURSDAY 2/11: ACCOUNTANT (Public and Private)

Karen Lee, Aerie Pharmaceuticals (former Deloitte, EHS Alum)

### GENE CELL THERAPIST & BIOTECHNOLOGY

Jeffrey Lazaro, Gene Cell Therapist, NOVARTIS (EHS Alum)

**OPEN TO ALL GRADES! REGISTER TODAY:**

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/EHSCAREERSPEAKERSERIES](https://tinyurl.com/EHSCAREERSPEAKERSERIES)

QUESTIONS? Contact School  
Counselor Mrs. Muglia at  
Sinyee.muglia@edison.k12.nj.us

# Save the Date!

Coffee with the College Counselors,  
Ms. Sieminski & Ms. Agmana

March 24th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (with Keynote  
Speaker from Fordham University)

Or

March 25th, 2021 at 8:15 a.m.

Register here (1 per family):

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf\\_gPgO9Q9szY1m0ZcsljAP5LMnpQA0Wxx2eQwSF\\_Pqj1uvHIA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScf_gPgO9Q9szY1m0ZcsljAP5LMnpQA0Wxx2eQwSF_Pqj1uvHIA/viewform)

THE EHS SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS...

*Coffee*

WITH THE COLLEGE  
COUNSELORS

**MARCH 24, 2021 @ 6:00 PM**  
- or -  
**MARCH 25, 2021 @ 8:15 AM**

*Join us as we discuss social and emotional learning,  
strategies to assist your child through these stressful and  
uncertain times, and the current landscape of college  
admissions.*

**3/24 Keynote Speaker**  
Dr. Vincent Alfonso  
Consultant, Fordham University  
Center for Educational Partnerships

**REGISTER HERE**  
*Limit one registration per family.*

# Questions???

*Thank you and enjoy the Admission Panel portion of the evening!*

Join Admission Panel Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83379938525?pwd=ZzhGREpFYIFPQjVTOVVLUEt0czhGQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 7993 8525

Passcode: 524187