



Interactive and comprehensive approach to the College Planning process beginning in the Freshman year. Focused student interaction between students and experienced counselors, integrative Parent Education Seminars, Summer Enrichment Opportunities, and various College Admission activities will assist students in getting an early start in the College Planning Process.

**How is this achieved?**

## **THROUGH STUDENT INTERACTION**

### **GRADE 9**

In Grade 9, college planning activities with the guidance of the College & Guidance Counseling teams will include the creation of an interactive activity and academic resume that both the student, parent and counselor can access. Counselors will introduce how to use Naviance for college planning, and career goal identification purposes. Students should also begin developing goals to participate in each area of concentration: academic, athletic or extra-curricular activities, community service based experiences and creating a dynamic summer filled with varied experiences. Counselors will meet with freshmen throughout the year to ensure all college preparation goals are met.

### **GRADE 10**

In Grade 10, college preparation will resume as students continue building an outstanding academic profile that will reflect all of the student's accolades. He will be encouraged to start attending college fairs and college campus visits, take the PSATs, learn with BC teachers in an SAT/ACT prep course, attend a Crusader Mission based summer trip, and volunteer locally in their community.

### **GRADE 11**

In Grade 11, the College Planning process comes to the forefront as Juniors take PSAT/ACT practice tests, take the SAT/ACT/SAT II, receive counsel on scores, attend Junior parent/student meetings to develop individualized list of schools to apply, participate in AP testing program, attend college open houses, attend the JET tour at BC, attend the BC sponsored College Bus Tour, College Admission Panel and organized College Fairs.

### **GRADE 12**

The Grade 12 College application process assistance will be provided to all students by way of creating, preparing and sending a common and coalition application, assisting with teacher recommendation letter procurement, resume building and essay and supplement completion. We assist parents with the Financial Aid process, scholarships and making their college choice.

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## **BY PROVIDING PARENT EDUCATION SEMINARS**

**Freshman Sophomore Roundtable Seminar** Seminar offered for parents ninth and tenth grade students who wish to gain insight on the College Admissions Process and the necessary preparation needed.

**Junior College Planning & Scheduling Seminar** Seminar held in the Winter of Junior year to assist parents and students about the College Planning and Application process. Information on how, when and where to apply will be discussed as well as how and when to take the SAT and ACT. The Director of Scheduling will also present on the options for courses as a Senior and what that timeline looks like.

**Junior Year Consultation** Tailored, student specific college list of schools identified, test preparation and test analysis provided collectively to the student and his parents. By appointment during the Winter/Spring of the Junior year.

**Senior Parent College Application Seminar** College Application Process information to be provided by the College Counseling department to aid students and parents with the demands and expectations facing them as they begin the Senior year.

**NCAA Presentation for Athletes** In conjunction with the BC Athletic department, typically two presentations are provided on the NCAA eligibility process and guest speakers to assist in clarifying the link between Collegiate Athletics and the College Admissions Process.

**Financial Aid Process Seminars** Parents are able to receive information from College or University Directors of Financial Aid and private Financial Management firms on both Merit based and Need based Financial Aid. The FAFSA, CSS Profile, saving for college, 529 accounts all to be discussed. Typically held twice per year.

**College Admissions Panel** College representatives from universities such as Columbia University, Fordham University, NYU, Marist College, Iona College, Siena College, Rutgers University and Bucknell University visit BC in the spring and provide a Q&A panel for all BC students and parents to attend.



**IN OFFERING VARIOUS COLLEGE COUNSELING PROGRAMS**

**Princeton Review Partnership** Under the terms of the recently signed agreement, Bergen Catholic High School (BCHS) students will have access to a wide range of digital and print resources from The Princeton Review for SAT test preparation. BCHS students will receive a selection of The Princeton Review’s SAT course books, be able to take as many as four of The Princeton Review’s practice SAT tests with diagnostic reviews, and have a full year of access to the company’s online student portal. The students will also have access to curated college planning resources from The Princeton Review to research colleges and make informed decisions about their college selections and school applications.

**College Essay Writing Seminars** Deans of Admission from schools like Duke University, Fordham University and Babson College provides interactive seminars for students on writing the most effective college admissions essay. Spring of Junior and Fall of Senior year.

**Summer @ BC** College Application workshops, College Essay Writing workshops, Summer SAT/ACT Bootcamp.

**JET Tour (Jesuit Excellence Tour)** Jesuit colleges from all over the country come together to visit BC and hold a college fair for our students to meet with the college representatives.

**Dual Enrollment Courses** BC students will have the opportunity to take courses at Bergen Catholic in various disciplines while

earning college credits from Seton Hall University, University of Delaware (Horn School of Entrepreneurship,) and Iona College that can be transferred to their choice of college or university.

**Common Application/Coalition Application/Essay Writing and Supplement Assistance** Multiple workshops arranged for Seniors through the Fall and Winter to assist students in completing their College Applications.

**Colleges Visit BC** Over 100 colleges visit BC each fall. Opportunity for students to meet admissions representatives from select schools on an individual basis.

**Regional College Visits** BC Faculty to bring students to the regional college fair so students may gain valuable insight by speaking with College representatives about their prospective schools.

**College Visit Bus Tour** Annual overnight bus tour to colleges to visit the Admissions Office and take a tour of the school. For students in their junior year. Escorted by BC faculty. Juniors of 2019 visited Yale, Boston College, Boston University and Northeastern. Spring of 2022, BC will visit the D.C. area: Loyola University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, Georgetown, American and George Washington University.

**2022 COLLEGES ACCEPTANCE/ATTENDING OF BERGEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS**

**100%**

College placement rate of Bergen Catholic students

**\$31 M**

scholarships and grants awarded to Class of 2022

**91%**

of Class of 2022 students received scholarships and grants

Arizona State University  
Baylor University  
Bentley University  
Boston College  
Bowdoin College  
Bridgewater State University  
Brown University  
Bucknell University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve  
Clemson University  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Colorado State University  
Connecticut College  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
DeSales University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Eastern University  
Emerson College  
Emory University

Endicott College  
Elizabethtown College  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Fairfield University  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Harvard University  
Haverford College  
Hofstra University  
Howard University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Indiana University  
Ithaca College  
Iona College  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University  
Lasell College  
LeMoyn College  
Loyola University of Maryland

Manhattan College  
Marist College  
Middlebury College  
Michigan State University  
Monmouth University  
Montclair State University  
Morehouse College  
Muhlenberg College  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
North Carolina State University  
Pace University  
Parsons University;  
The New School  
Pennsylvania State University  
Providence College  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Quinnipiac University  
Ramapo College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rowan University – 7 year Medical Program  
Rutgers University  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Leo University  
Salve Regina University  
Saint Joseph’s University  
Seton Hall University  
Southern Methodist University  
Stetson University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stonehill College  
Syracuse University  
SUNY Albany  
The College of New Jersey  
The Citadel  
The Ohio State University  
Texas A&M University  
Trinity College  
Tufts University

University of Alabama  
UCLA  
University of Connecticut  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Hartford  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Massachusetts – Amherst  
University of Maryland  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
University of Nebraska  
University of Oklahoma  
University of North Carolina  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Oregon  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester

University of Scranton  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California (USC)  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee  
University of Virginia  
US Naval Academy  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Virginia Polytechnical Institute (Virginia Tech)  
Wagner College  
Washington University in Saint Louis  
Wesleyan University  
Wake Forest University  
William & Mary University  
West Virginia University  
Xavier University