

Junior Parents/Guardians... Welcome to Naviance!

Tonight we achieve the following:

- 1) Introduce and Explore Naviance with your new account
- 2) Explore Financial Aid Websites
- 3) Complete a survey to help assess college planning needs

What is Naviance/Family Connection? Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness on-line program for middle and high school students that helps connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals. Through Naviance/Family Connection students can take career cluster finder assessments to determine which careers best fit their interests and abilities, which college majors link up with that career, and which colleges offer those majors.

1. In Google Chrome visit www.naviance.com
2. Click on Sign In for Students and Families
3. Enter 21219 for postal code
4. Click on Sparrows Point High
5. If you are new- click on I need to register and enter the assigned information from the counselor
6. Once in Naviance update your email address in Profile

Explore the features of Naviance

- Scholarship List- Scholarships posted by BCPS and SPHS
- Scholarship Search Engine- several links to search for scholarships
- College Resources: SuperMatch- how to find college that match your student's needs and interests
- Explore Colleges (your scores vs. accepted student scores)
- Colleges- Sign up to meet with visiting colleges
- Add colleges to list of interest
- Link up with Common Ap
- Request transcripts and letters of recommendations
- Career Searches
- Personality Assessments
- Receive emails through Naviance

Financial Aid Information (Please refer to the other handout- Planning Ahead for College)

- *FAFSA4caster* is a free financial aid calculator that gives you an early estimate of your eligibility for **federal student aid**. This information helps families plan ahead for college. You must use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid(FAFSA[®]) to apply for aid once you've decided to apply for admission and attend college.

FAFSA4caster will help you understand your options for paying for college. Provide some basic information and **we'll estimate your eligibility for federal student aid**. Your estimate will be shown in the "College Cost Worksheet" where **you can also provide estimated amounts of other student aid and savings** that can go towards your college education. Go ahead and get started now! If you need help for a question, read the Help and Hints on the right.

- FAFSA www.fafsa.gov Federal Student Aid, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation.
- College Net Price Calculator- The Net Price Calculator is a tool that students can use to estimate their "net price" to attend a particular college or university. Net price is the difference between the "sticker" price (full cost) to attend a specific college, minus any grants and scholarships for which students may be eligible. Sticker price includes direct charges (tuition and fees, room and board) and indirect costs (books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses).
- MeritAid- A comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships from colleges across the country.
- MHEC MHEC is the State of Maryland's higher education coordinating board responsible for establishing statewide policies for Maryland public and private colleges and universities and for-profit career schools. MHEC also administers state financial aid programs that affect students on a statewide basis.