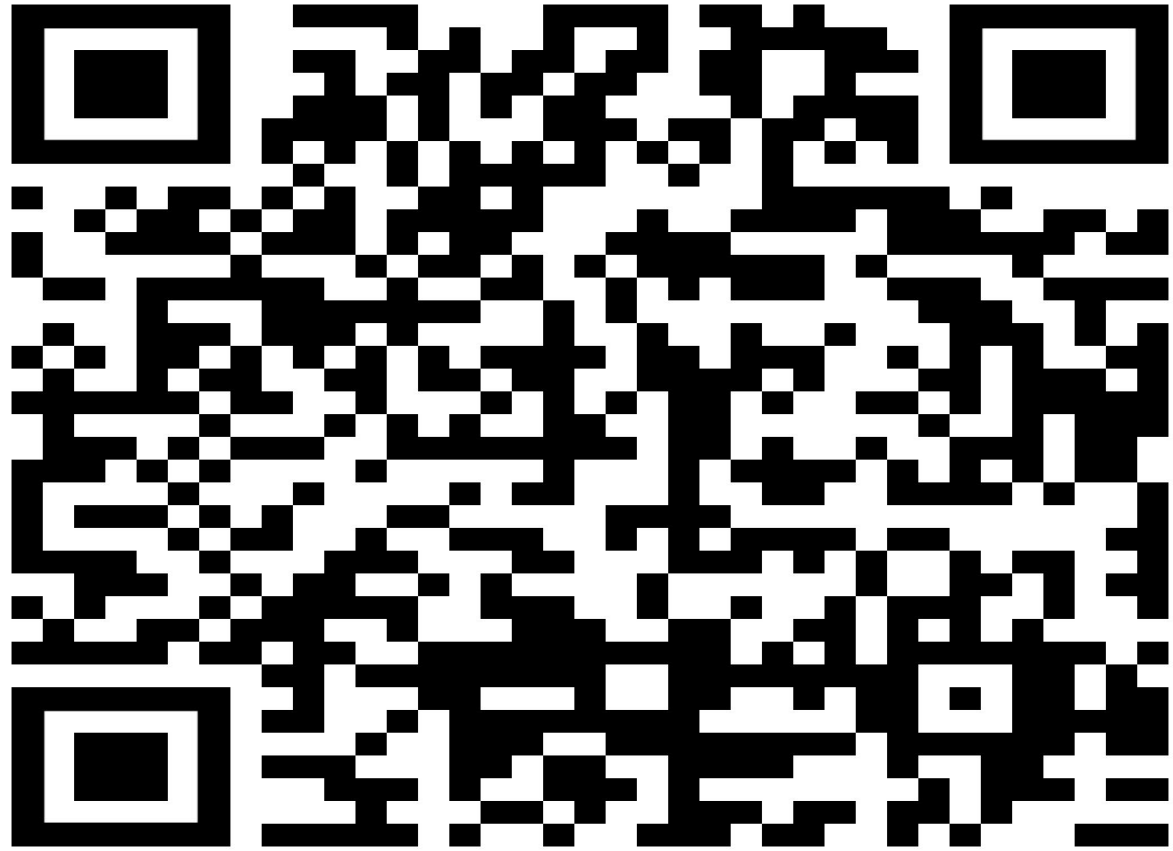


# Junior Summer Send-off

Class of 2025



# Attendance



# Scoir and the Common App

- Log into **Scoir** with your username and password
  - Use SCOIR to add schools you are researching
  - [Managing Your College List in SCOIR](#) (handout)
- Create a **common application** account ([commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org))
  - Use your school email when creating your account



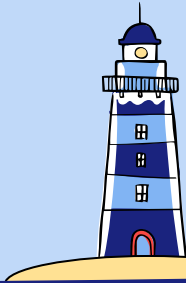
# Teacher Recommendations

- Ask a teacher for a letter of recommendation IN PERSON
  - 2 teachers max!!
  - Doesn't need to be an 11th grade teacher
  - Teacher recommendation questionnaires are in the counseling office- some teachers have their own!
  - Make sure you follow up via email!
- Invite the teacher(s) in SCOIR - this is where they will upload their letter and complete the teacher evaluation forms for the applications
  - [Recommendation Letters in Scoir](#) (handout)



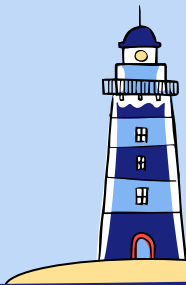
# Counselor Recommendation

- Your counselor will write you a letter of recommendation
  - Holistic representation of you during your high school career
  - Extenuating circumstances, etc.
  - Pick up a counselor questionnaire in the counseling office or on your way out today!
  - Pick up “Student Brag Sheet” - for your caregiver to complete
  - Counselors need **THREE weeks** to process



# To Do Over the Summer:

- Keep working on meaningful community service hours
- Work on the **common application** “profile” and “family” sections
- Schedule tours & visits to colleges
- Schedule a time to take the SAT/ACT in the summer/fall 2024
  - Grab a copy of the SAT/ACT schedule on your way out!



# To Do Over the Summer: Resume - Tips & Format

- Break into sections
  - Education,
  - Achievements,
  - Work experience
  - Community Service
- Should fit onto 1 page
  - Use bullet notes and specific language
- Google doc homepage has templates to use!
- Share your resume with your counselor to review
- Your counselor can use this for your letter of recommendation!!



# To Do Over the Summer: Resume-Tips & Format

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## Honors and Awards

- National Honor Society – Junior Year
- French National Honor Society – grades 11-12

## Leadership Roles

- President of French Club – grades 10-12
- Team Captain, softball – grades 11-12

## Extracurricular Activities

- Varsity Softball, grades 10-12
- French Club, grades 9-12
- Reporter for school newspaper, *The Scituation*, grades 9-12
- Students Against Destructive Decisions Member, grades 9-12
- Peer Mediation, grades 9, 10

## Community Service

- Social Service – Soup Kitchen, Grades 9, 10
- Habitat for Humanity, 50 hours on home construction crew, grades 9-10
- Appalachia Service Project – five days of home repair, grade 11

## Employment

- Scituate Parks & Recreation Department, Lifeguard and swimming instructor, grades 10-11
- Scituate Music Festival, Parking Attendant, Grades 10





# To Do: College Essay- Brainstorming & Examples

- 250-650 Words- common app has some prompts that you can use
- Gets copied & pasted into the “writing” section of the common app
- Something significant in your life or something that sets you apart
- Opportunity to showcase your writing skills
- Reach out to your counselor or an ELA teacher to edit/read your essay drafts



# Common App Essay Prompts:

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.



# What's Coming Up? - in September

- Senior Workshops to review next steps including:
- Add colleges you're applying to into **common app "My Colleges"**
- Move colleges in **SCOIR** from "I'm Following" to "I'm Applying to"
- Request your teachers to upload their letters of recommendation into Scoir (Fall)
- "Match" your common app and Scoir accounts (Fall)
  - Sign the FERPA waiver- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
- Transcript release forms signed & returned to counselors (Fall)
  - (see handout)
- College Rep visits in the library! Sign up on Scoir in the fall



**RELAX and Enjoy Your Summer!**

