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Dear Pine View Senior and Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Senior Year and the upcoming college application process! We look forward to supporting you and your family as you navigate the college application landscape and its many challenges and rewards.

To assist you the Pine View College Counseling website was recently updated (www.pvscollegecounseling.com). This site is an invaluable resource providing detailed information on the application process, including timelines, pdfs of required forms, links to relevant sites, financial aid resources, and much more. Please note that all previous class presentations, correspondence, and requests for information appear on the website under the Class of 2024 banner.

You each have a *Naviance* account which we encourage you to fully leverage in the college search process. This is also the system through which official transcripts, teacher recommendations, school profile, and counselor evaluations are requested by you and then submitted to colleges. You may access *Naviance* directly through your school-based *MySCS* account using your Pine View log-in credentials. Once in *MySCS* click on the *Naviance* tab which will automatically open your student account. Please make sure to keep your account updated with the colleges to which you intend to apply.

Soon you will be completing one or more different applications. This will depend on the combination of colleges to which you are applying and their respective deadlines. Briefly:

- For most colleges you will be using what is known as the Common Application. This is a single platform used by over 900 in-state, out-of-state, public and private colleges/universities (including all in-state public universities). Instructions for completing Pine View specific questions on the Common Application, and how to match your Common Application and Naviance accounts are enclosed. Please note that a select number of colleges use their own online application.*
- UF, FSU and most Florida public universities also require you to complete and submit what is known as the SSAR
 (Student Self-Reported Academic Record). You will use the enclosed Academic Involvement Report to complete
 the SSAR. You must complete both the Common Application and the SSAR by deadline to be considered for
 admission. Please refer to each college admissions website for admissions requirements/checklists.

^{*} We advise use of the Common Application in **all** case where it is accepted. We recommend against using the Coalition Application. If you choose to apply using the Coalition App, you must manually enter each college into Naviance **and** enter each college on your transcript request form. Please also notify Mr. Bergman via email once you have applied to assure timely delivery of transcripts and letters of recommendations.

Enclosed are items critical to the completion of your application(s) and the forwarding of Pine View materials to your respective college admissions' offices. They are:

- 1. Instructions for Completing and "Matching" the Common Application When applying to colleges that use the Common Application please follow these instructions. At a point you will be prompted to electronically sign what is known as the FERPA waiver (a description of this can be found on the PVS counseling website). Once signed you will be directed to 'match' your Common Application and Naviance accounts (link to tutorial included). Please do so as soon as possible. This allows Pine View transcript materials to reach all Common Application destinations. Once your accounts are 'synced' you may electronically request Teacher Recommenders through Naviance (if letters are required by your college).
- 2. Your Academic Involvement Report A record of your coursework is needed to complete the Student Self-Reported Academic Record (SSAR). The SSAR is required by the University of Florida, Florida State University, and most other public universities in Florida. Please make certain your AIR accurately reflects the coursework you have taken. Alert our School Registrar Susan Manders to any errors in your academic report. You may also use the Student Portal in your MySCS account. Click on Transcript and select Bright Futures. What appears is a current record of your completed coursework. Do NOT use CrossPointe to complete the SSAR as it reports numerical not letter grades. SSAR instructions may be found on the SSAR website and on the admissions website for each college.
- 3. **Authorization for Release of Transcripts*** (aka the "green form") Submission of this form grants Pine View permission to send your transcript and other supporting materials to colleges. Requests must be made by the following deadlines: All Early Admissions Plans October 2nd/Regular Admissions December 4th. Please meet these dates to assure timely submission of your transcript and full support of your application.
- 4. Instructions for completing Teacher Letter of Recommendation requests. Note that Florida public universities do not accept letters of recommendation. If you are only applying to in-state universities do not request letters.

If we have not met to discuss your college plans (and wish to), please schedule an appointment with me. It is especially important to meet if you are applying Early Action or Early Decision to a private university. For those of you with whom I have already met and/or simply need to "check in" or ask a question, you may schedule a short appointment via Zoom. My youcanbook.me calendar will open on August 15th. Of course, you or your parents may email me questions anytime.

Finally, please note that I will be meeting in August and September with all Seniors by English class. In these presentations I will review the above information and answer any remaining questions you might have related to the application process. All content covered will appear on the counseling website as well.

I look forward to working with and supporting you this year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Bergman, College Resource Adviser Pine View School for the Gifted