



Somerville High School presents
College and Career Day 2017

April 1, 2017



Welcome to our annual College and Career Day! With workshops for students & families in grades 6-12, we aim to provide the information and resources students need to be successful in high school and beyond.

Agenda

<i>9:00 AM – 9:15 AM</i>	Family and Student registration and packet pick-up	Location: SHS Main Entrance
<i>9:15 AM – 10:00 AM</i>	Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Keynote Speech by SHS Alumnus • Explanation of workshop offerings 	Location: SHS Auditorium
<i>10:10 AM – 11:00 AM</i>	Session 1 Workshops <i>See below for workshop choices</i>	Location: Various (see below)

Session 1 Workshop Choices:

College Knowledge Trivia *For students and families in grades 6, 7, and 8.*

Come to this interactive workshop to show off what you know about college – and learn even more about it! There will be prizes given out at this fun and informative activity!

Location: TBD

What Matters in High School? *For students and families in grade 9 and 10.*

When applying to college, students need to know how to stand out in high school. Get the answers from the experts including current college students and college admissions counselors (College reps TBD)!

Location: TBD

Alternatives to a Four Year Degree *For students and families in grades 9, 10, and 11.*

Many students may choose to not attend a four year college immediately after high school. In this workshop, you'll hear about other paths from the experts: Alison Handy from Middlesex Community College and a representative from Job Corps.

Location: TBD

SAT, ACT, & Test-Optional Schools *For students and families in grades 10 and 11.*

What will the Redesigned SAT look like? What resources are available to help you prepare? Do all schools require the SAT or ACT? In this workshop, you'll get the answers to all of these questions and more!

Location: TBD

College Application Process *For students and families in grade 11.*

Believe it or not, the college application process begins now for Juniors! Led by an expert SHS counselor, this workshop will explain what students and families need to do this year – and how to do it!

Location: TBD

Financial Aid Award Review *For students and families in grade 12.*

Financial Aid awards can be complicated and they can look different at every school! Before you make a final decision about where you'll attend next year, come to this workshop where a representative from uAspire will help you understand your award letters to determine a good financial fit for you.

Location: TBD

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM Break: Light snacks and water provided

Location: Hallway
outside SHS Library

11:25 AM – 12:15 PM Session 2 Workshops

Location: Various
(see below)

Session 2 Workshop Choices:

Career Scavenger Hunt *For students in grades 6, 7, and 8.*

In this interactive workshop, students will ask Somerville community volunteers about their career paths in an information scavenger hunt. Prizes will be awarded for students that learn the most about careers!

Location: TBD

How to Save and Pay for College *For families of students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9.*

College can be affordable if you start planning early! In this workshop, families will hear from Jonathan Hughes from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority about how to save and pay for college.

Location: TBD

Financial Aid 101 *For students and families in grades 9, 10, and 11.*

In this workshop, experts from uAspire (our financial aid partner) will explain the basics of financial aid. After, you'll be prepared to create college plans with a full understanding of how financial aid works!

Location: TBD

Financial Aid 101 (in Spanish) *For Spanish-speaking students or families in grades 9, 10, and 11.*

(in Spanish) In this workshop, you'll learn everything you need to do to apply for financial aid and how SHS will help. The workshop will be led by a representative from uAspire, our partner in financial aid!

Location: TBD

Online College Planning Tools *For students and families in grade 11.*

There are many college planning tools available online and we want to help you use them! In this workshop, we will demonstrate how to use Naviance, College Board, and the Common Application.

Location: TBD

Common App and the College Essay *For students in grade 11*

You'll leave this workshop with a Common Application account, a start to your college essay, and awesome advice from an expert college admissions counselor.

Location: TBD

World of Work Panel *For students and families in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.*

College is not the only path to a successful career! In this workshop, you'll hear from people about working in fields like the fire department, advanced manufacturing, culinary, small business, and more!

Location: TBD

Life after SHS *For students in grade 12*

What should you expect after graduation? Come to this workshop with SHS alum to talk about what it is like to be a college student or work full time.

Location: TBD

Senior Family Forum *For families of students in grade 12*

Transitioning to life after SHS can be difficult for everyone, including families of graduating students! Come discuss the exciting upcoming changes for your student – and you!

Location: TBD

12:15 PM – 12:30 PM Conclusion, Prize Give-Away, and Recognitions

Location: SHS
Auditorium