# MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### **COVID-19 & COLLEGE PLANNING**

#### FOR SENIORS

## Tips for Navigating College Planning During This Time & How Colleges Are Responding

#### • GPA & Transcript with Pass / Fail

- MHS will communicate to colleges when sending the end of the year transcript on how MHS handled the grading in response to the closure.
- Colleges are honoring P/F, will emphasize a holistic review of the application & will be flexible.
  - Colleges encourage that you reach out to your colleges to explain if/how this situation has severely impacted your life. The more context the better in helping them understand your personal situation as it relates to your financial/college admission.

#### • SAT/ACT/AP

- o College Board canceled the May 2, 2020, SAT and SAT Subject Test administration.
  - Link: https://pages.collegeboard.org/sat-covid-19-updates
- Please reach out to your college about any changes to their policy. Requirement of these and any changes is school dependent.
- AP- At-Home Testing- Please follow up with your teacher for more information.
  - Link: https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org
  - ACT Dates canceled through June. Link: https://www.act.org/content/act/en/covid-19.html

#### VIRTUAL ACCEPTANCE DAYS/VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS

- Colleges are urging students to "attend."
- Pay attention to how the schools you have applied to are responding to this situation. What are they doing to support their community? To keep their students connected? This will be an indication of the school's character.

#### • FINANCIAL AID

- Financial Aid Offices are working with students & families on their specific needs. Please reach out to your schools' financial aid offices to go over any changes in your needs.
- Ask for extensions in paying the deposits if needed.
- Inquire about **Merit and/or Loss of Income Appeals-** Each school will be different in if and how they handle these appeals.
- Update decisions in Naviance, Complete "Graduation Survey" & Set attending College in Naviance for final transcript to be sent.
- Questions? Help? Email your counselor!