## **Looking Ahead: The College Application Process**

Please Note: The following are components of the application process which you might be interested in now. Please encourage your student to adhere to any deadlines we provide.

## Senior Profile Survey

The Senior Profile Survey is required in order to obtain letters of recommendation from your teachers and counselor. The purpose of the Senior Profile is to assist those who will be writing college and scholarship recommendations for you. It includes information about your college choices, future goals, academics, activities, personal development and values. The effort you put into answering the questions and the insight you provide will help your recommenders to highlight your strengths and the qualities that distinguish you from other students.

IMPORTANT: The more developed and in-depth your Senior Profile is, the better your letters of recommendation can be! Please take your time with this.

## **Contact Two Teachers**

This spring or early next fall, you will begin the process by personally asking *two* teachers to write recommendations for you. On the Senior Profile Survey, you will be required to fill in their names and the required course information including your semester grades in courses you took from each teacher. This does not have to be a class that you received an A in. It is a good idea to choose a class that shows growth.

## How to locate and work on the Senior Profile Survey

(Student Instructions)

- \* Parents and students have separate Naviance accounts. If you and/or your student have not yet registered for an account, please contact your student's counselor. There will be a registration process before you can access the Senior Profile.
  - 1. Go to: https://student.naviance.com/am-hs
    - You may also access the AMHS Naviance page by going to am-hs.org
    - click "Academics," then "Counseling." You will then see a "Naviance" tab.
  - 2. Type in your email address and password.
  - 3. From your homepage, click on the "About Me" label.
  - 4. In the drop down menu , under "Surveys," click "Surveys Not Started," then click "Senior Profile Survey"

\*Students can edit their Senior Profile anytime. Click "Save & Return Later" at the bottom of the page. Do not click "Save & Submit" until you are ready. Once you click submit, you will no longer be able to edit your profile.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your Senior Profile Survey must be complete by **September 16th**. No letters of recommendation will be completed for you until you submit your Senior Profile.

Although not all colleges require letter of recommendation (particularly 2-year colleges and most 4-year public colleges/universities), almost all seniors will need letters of recommendation for at least one college or scholarship, so plan to complete the Senior Profile Survey by September 16<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to meet all necessary application deadlines by taking this approach.