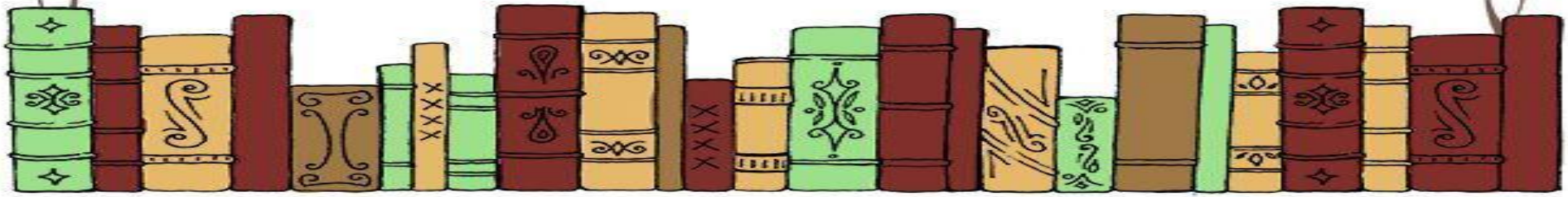
Senior College Parent Night

Peekskill High School
Counseling Department

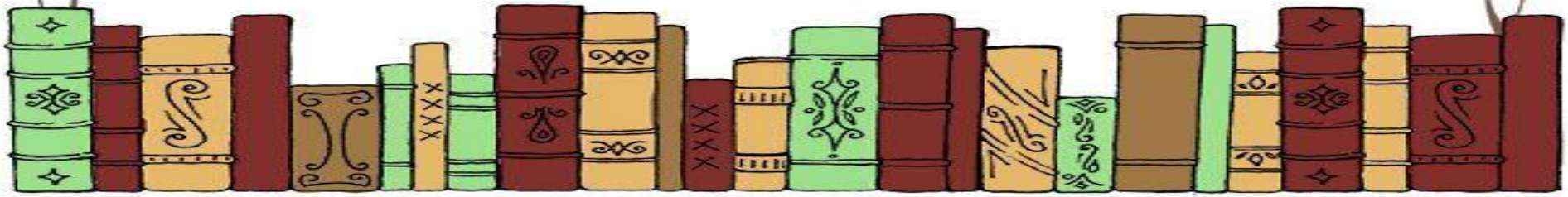
Rodney Arthur: Principal

Building Bridges of Excellence for Every Student, Every Day



PHS Overarching Goal 2019-2020 School Year:

To increase the overall High School graduation rate to 83% and improve students' performance on the New York State Regents Exams by 5%



School Counselor Assignments

Ms. Ellis: B-H (ext. 3516; MEllis@peekskillschools.org)

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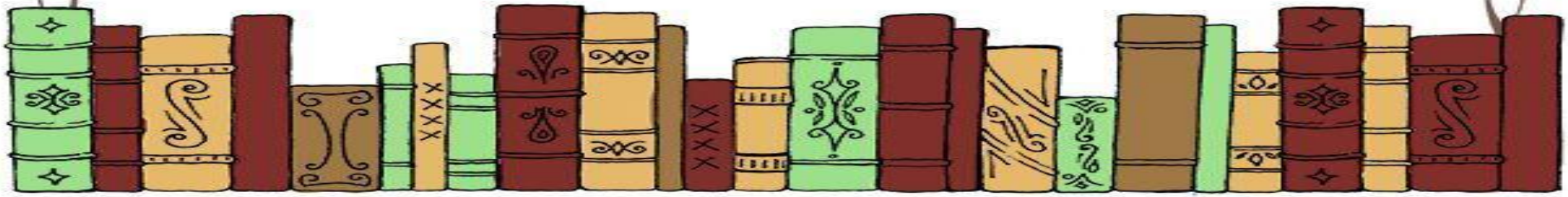
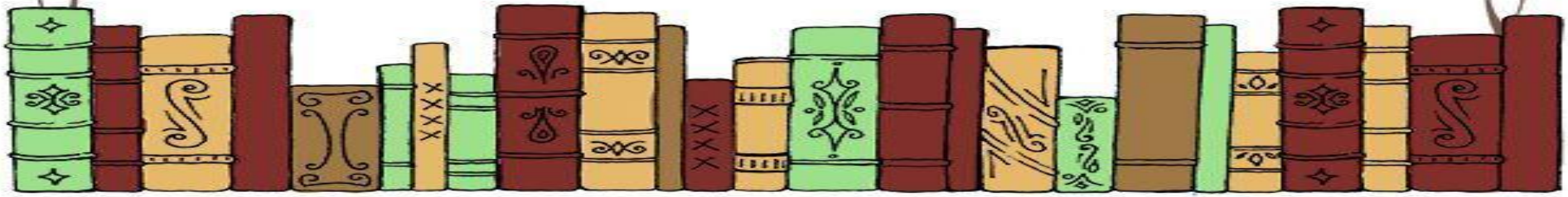


PHS Requirements for Seniors

All seniors are required to be enrolled in a **minimum of five (5)** instructional periods each semester.

All students are required to complete **four years (4)** of mathematics.



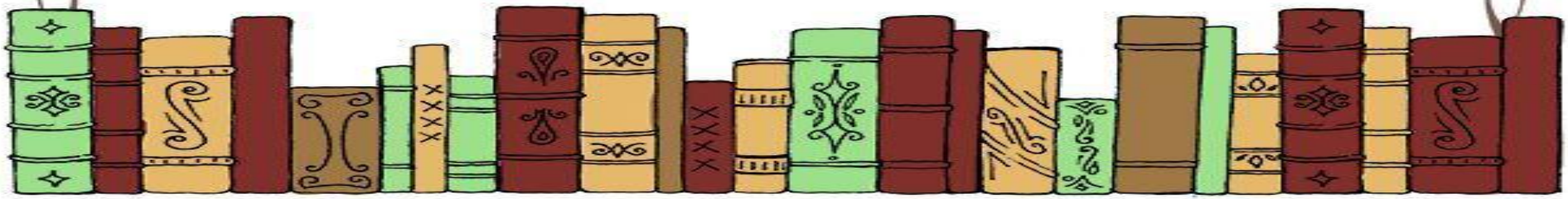
Counseling Office Staff

Ms. Smith Moore - Assistant Principal (ext. 3524; NSmithMoore@peekskillschools.org)

Ms. Gordineer - Scholarship Coordinator (ext. 3644; MGordineer@peekskillschools.org)

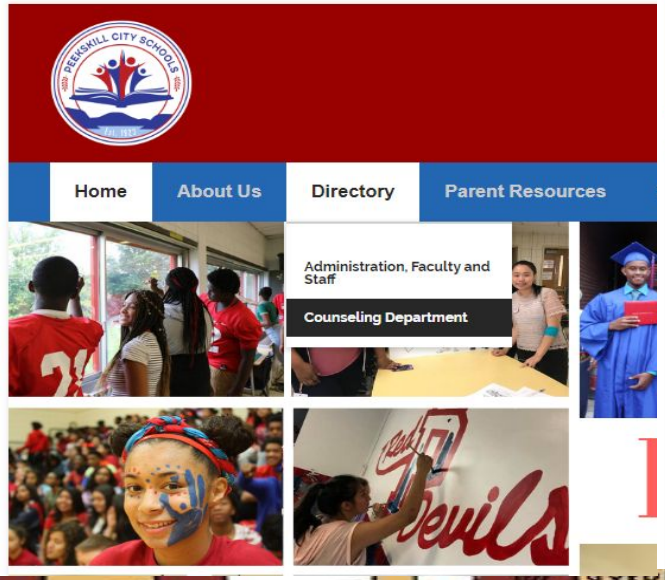
Ms. Khan - Counseling Secretary (ext. 3519; GKhan@peekskillschools.org)

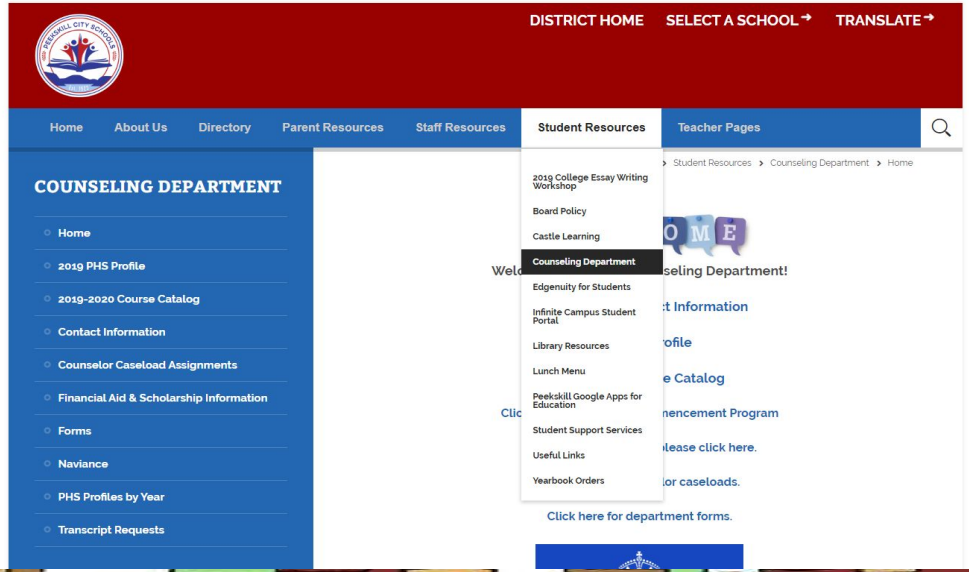
Ms. Burns - Attendance Secretary (ext. 3520; JBurns@peekskillschools.org)



PHS Counseling Website

www.peekskillcsd.org





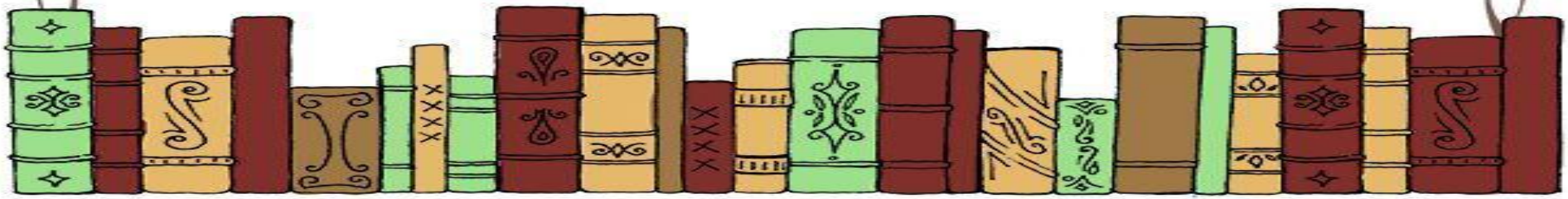
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. College Application Requirements

2. College Search Process

3. College Application Process

4. Financial Aid



COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. **GPA (Grade Point Average)/Transcript**

   -GPA

   -Class rank

   -Senior Course Selection

   a. Course Weighting

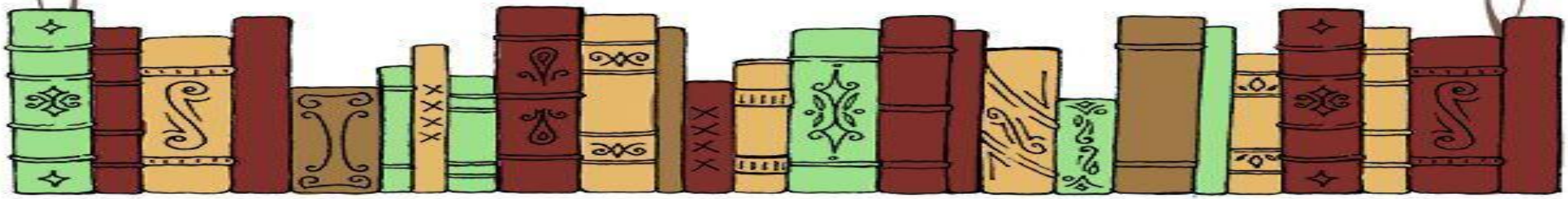
      i. Electives/Regents Courses: 1.0

      ii. Honors Courses: 1.05

      iii. AP/College Courses: 1.1

2. **Standardized Test Scores**

   -SAT with Writing/SAT Subject Tests OR ACT with Writing



COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

3. **Letters of Recommendation :**

-At least TWO (2) from core subject teachers and ONE (1) from your Counselor.

-Request the letters **NOW!**

-Counselor College of Recommendation Form can be found on Naviance under the “About Me” tab.

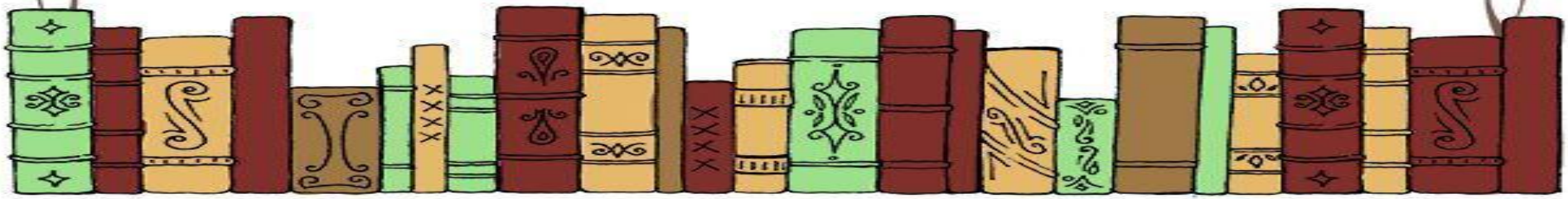
a. Students should login to Naviance daily for important information.

4. **College Essay :**

-Summer English 12 assignment was to write a first draft of your College Essay

-Tells a personal story

-Provides the admissions counselors an insight into who you are, how you think, what makes you different from others, etc.



COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

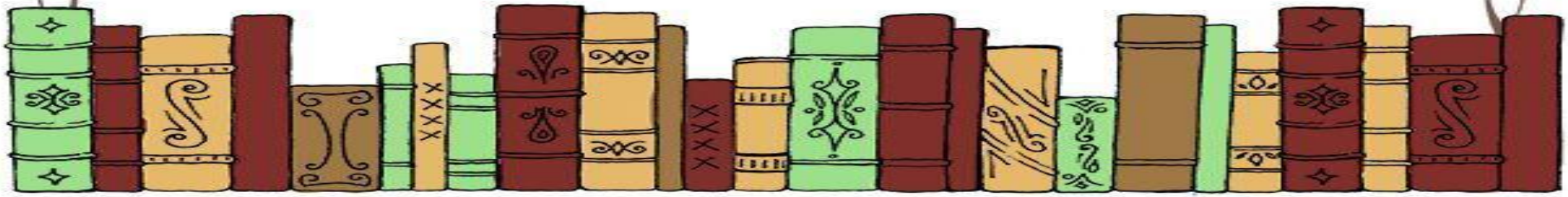
5. **Resume:**

   -Should Includes what you have done outside the classroom: jobs, sports, community service, leadership positions, honors or awards.

6. **Interview:**

   -Helps the admissions counselor get to know you as a person outside of your application. If colleges offer interviews, it is highly recommended that you take advantage of this.

7. **Demonstrated Interest**

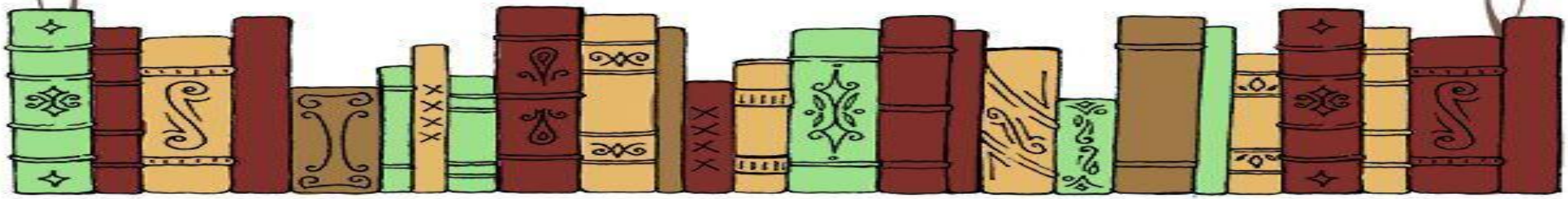


FALL 2019 SAT/ACT DATES

SAT Test Date (Register on College Board)	Deadline
October 5th	September 24th (Late Registration)
November 2nd	October 3rd
December 7th	November 8th

ACT Test Dates (Register on ACT Student.org)	Deadline
October 26th	September 20th
December 14th	November 8th

*Fee Waivers Available - Ms. Khan in the Counseling Office



COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

Academic Fit:

- What are the admission requirements?
- Average GPA/SAT/ACT Scores?
- Are SAT II's required?
- Portfolio?

Environmental Fit:

- In what geographical area do I want the college to be?
- Urban/Suburban/Rural?
- How far do I want to be from home?
- How will I commute to school?
- How many students attend the school?

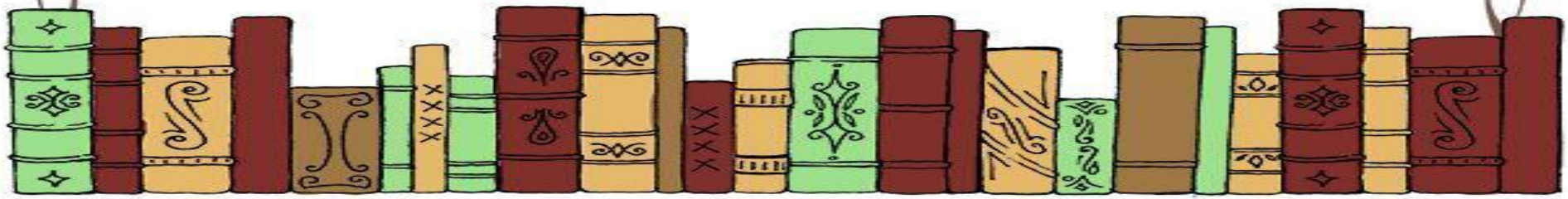
Affordability:

- What are the costs?
  - Tuition, Room & Board, Books, Fees, etc.

NAVIANCE
Family Connection

CollegeBoard

The Princeton Review

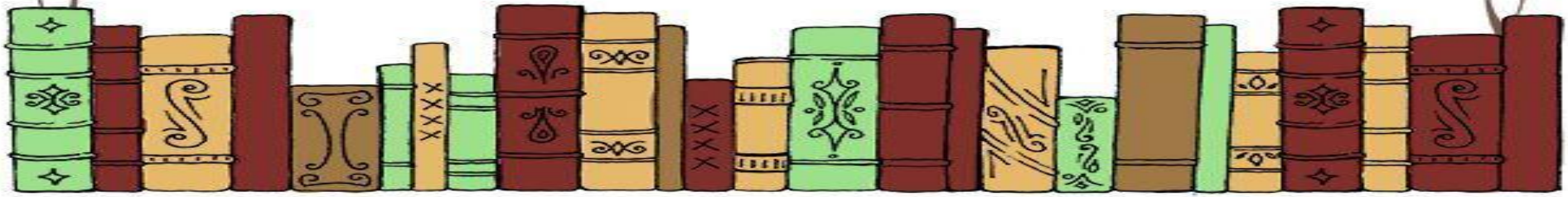


COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

Safety Schools:
A school you will certainly get into. Your GPA & SAT/ACT Scores are higher than what the school is looking for.

Target School:
A school you have a good chance of getting into. Your GPA & SAT/ACT Scores are within the range of what the school is looking for.

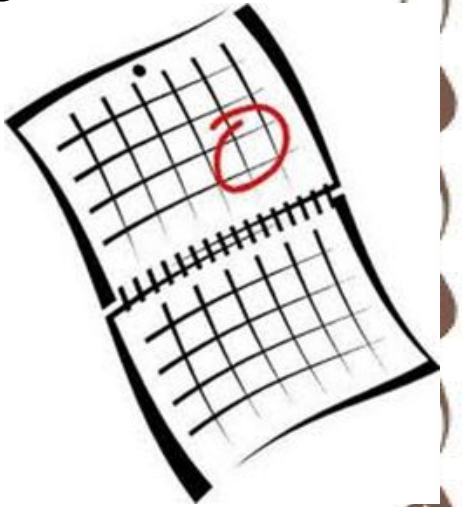
Reach School:
Your GPA & SAT/ACT Scores are lower compared to the schools requirements.



COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Early Decision:

-Binding Contract - If a student is accepted, they must attend.



Early Action*:

-Non-Binding

-Students receive a decision letter beginning of January, if not sooner

Rolling Admissions:

-Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis

-Decision letters are sent out 3 - 4 weeks after application is reviewed

Regular Decision:

-Generally, the deadline is around **January 1st.** Differs depending on the school.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- **The Common Application (CommonApp.org)**
  - With instant access to more than 700 colleges and universities around the world, **the Common App** is the most seamless way to manage the application process.
  - All supporting documents are sent out by the Counseling Office electronically through Naviance(ex. Transcript, Letters of Recommendation, School Profile, etc.).
- **The SUNY Application**
  - applySUNY is the **application** portal that allows you to complete an application for admissions
  - Many SUNY schools are also available to apply to through the Common Application
- **The CUNY Application**
  - The CUNY Portal is the application you MUST use if you plan to apply to a CUNY school.
  - Students can apply to up to 6 CUNY schools for the same application fee of $70.
- **Institutional Applications**

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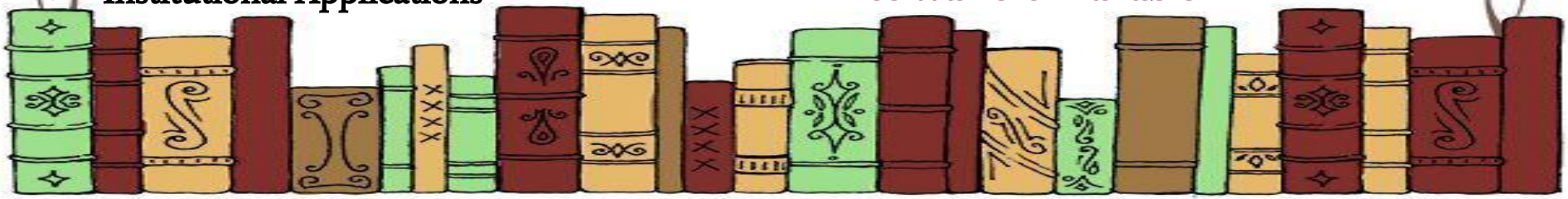

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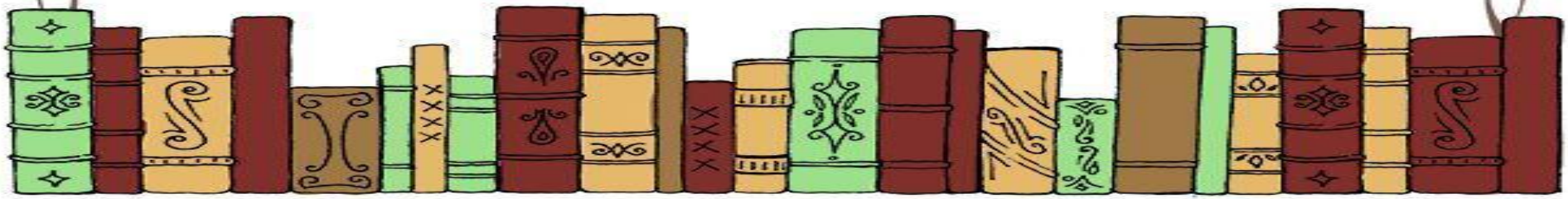
3 Steps to Submitting a College Application:

1. Fill out and submit your application;

2. Students need to send their official test scores (SAT or ACT) through either collegeboard.org or ACTstudent.org;

3. Students need to inform their Counselor which schools they applied to so that they can send their supporting documents (Transcript, Letters of Recommendations, Resume, School Profile, etc.)

Reminder: Students need to ensure their Common App and Naviance are synced



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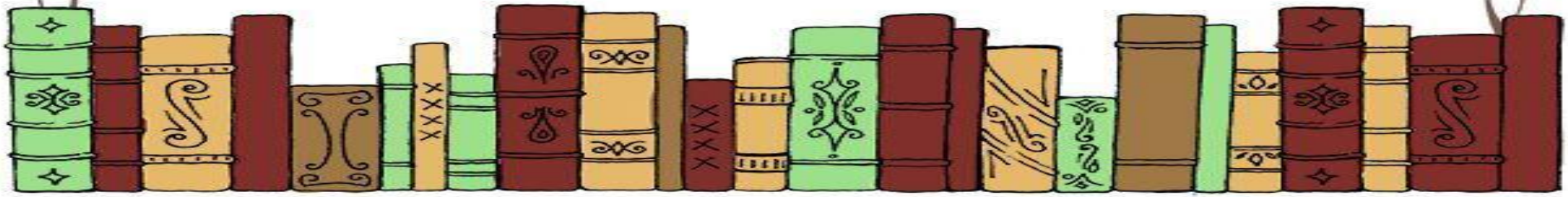
PHS DEADLINES:

Early Decision/Early Action: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15th

Regular Decision: MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd



National Collegiate Athletic Association

NCAA

STEP 1

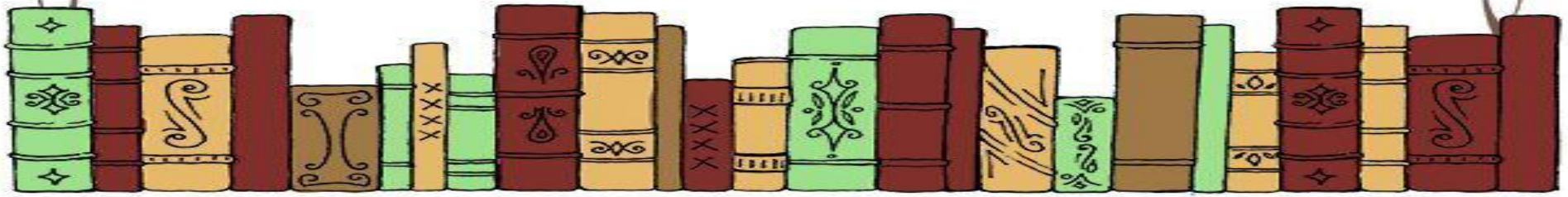
High School Course Selection, Grades, SAT or ACT scores

STEP 2

Registering with the NCAA online

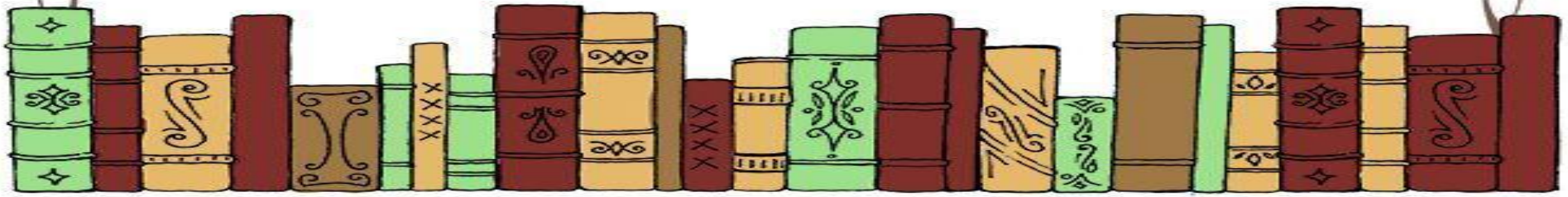
STEP 3

The Recruiting Process, Signing and Graduating



Financial Aid: Application Types

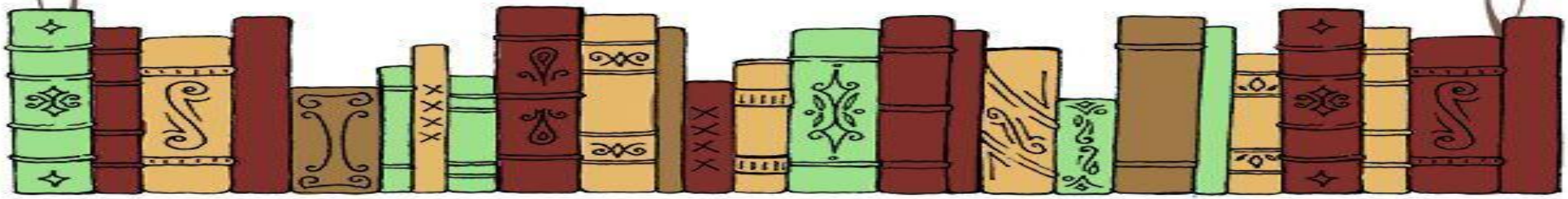
1. **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**
   a. Must complete this online form in order to receive federal student aid.
   b. Application is available on **October 1, 2019.**
2. **TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)**
   a. Helps eligible New York State residents pay tuition at New York State schools.
   b. Application is available on **October 1, 2019**
3. **CSS Profile**
   a. Some colleges use this College Board sponsored form to determine who will receive their institutional aid.
   b. If the schools you are applying to require this form, you will not receive financial aid if you have not completed this online form.
   c. Application is available on **October 1, 2019**



Financial Aid

Types of Financial Aid:

1. **Grants**
   a. Does not need to be paid back
   b. Ex. Pell Grant, TAP Grant, SEOG, Institutional Grants
2. **Work Study**
   a. A work program through which you earn money to help you pay for school
3. **Loans**
   a. Borrowed money. Must be paid back, usually with interest
   b. Government Loans
      i. Ex. Perkins, Direct Loan Program (Subsidized/Unsubsidized Direct Stafford Loans, Parent PLUS Loan)



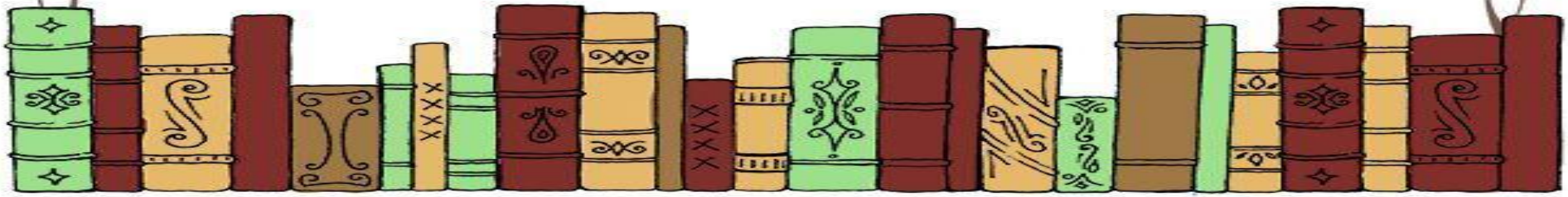
Financial Aid

Financial Aid Night

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

6:30 PM

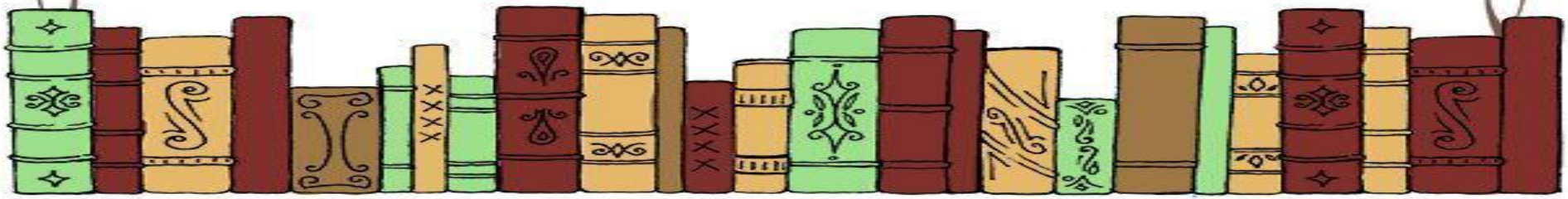
Presenter: Michael Turner from HESC



Important Peekskill High School Resources

- *Ms. Gordineer:*
  - Financial Aid Assistance: 3 - 5pm by Appointment only
  - Scholarship Coordinator

- 2 Volunteers at the High School to help students with the College Application Assistance
  - ***Mary Ann George and Nancy Costa***
  - **Tuesdays**: 11:30 - 3:00pm
  - Available **after school on Tuesdays** in the Library Computer Lab from 3 - 4:30pm
  - **Wednesdays**: 8:30am - 12:30pm



Important Announcements

PHS Back to School Night: **Wednesday, September 25, 2019 @ 6:30pm**

Senior College Workshops: **Wednesday, October 16, 2019 (9AM - 12 Noon)**

Northern Westchester College Fair (Yorktown HS): **Thursday, October 24, 2019**
-Permission Slips Available: FREE Transportation for Students and Parents **@ 6:30pm**

Peekskill High School Mini-College Fair: **Thursday, October 24, 2019**
-2nd and 3rd periods

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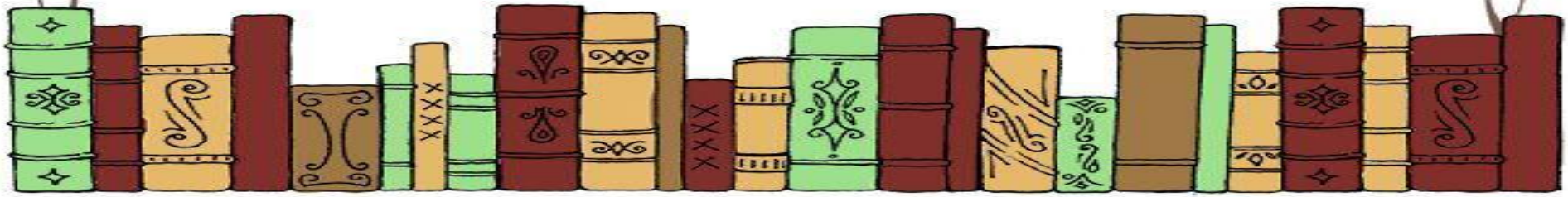
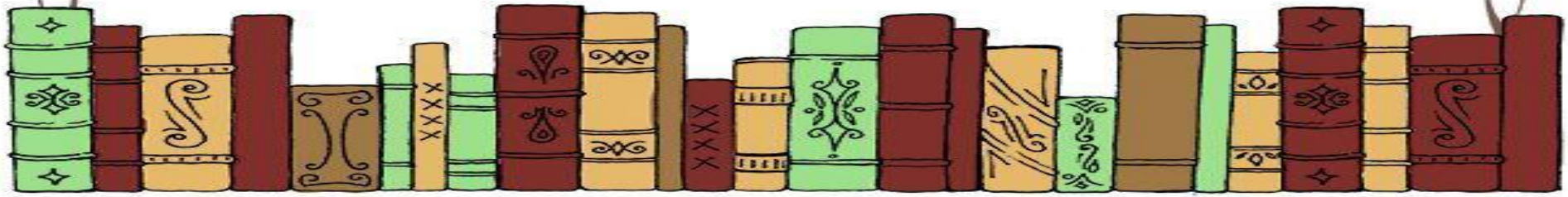
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