



Scholarship Navigator

How do you start the College Search process?

With a wish list and a gazillion questions.

Choosing a college can be a mind boggling process, especially when you have no idea of where to start, what you want to accomplish at a college and where you want your future career to take you. So how can you possibly narrow down your options to a manageable level?

Start with a **list** of your ideas for the future. Come up with some career options that seem intriguing and research the requirements for getting into those fields.

Got a few ideas? Good. Next step - **Google** colleges that train people for those careers. Every college has a specialty. Look for the schools that match your interests.

Is your list still too big? Visit **college fairs** where representatives from colleges, universities and technical training programs, both public and private, from all across the country gather to meet with prospective students and tout the benefits of their programs. Anne Arundel Community College and Broadneck High School both host fairs in the fall (*dates will be posted when available*).

You will want to take advantage of **in school visits**. Meet with some of the admissions counselors who come to South River. These are usually the same people who will be reviewing your application, which means that if it is a school you are looking to get into, they can tell you how.

Your opportunity to meet with multiple college representatives will be limited this year, in order to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum. Students will be restricted to **6 meetings for the year**, so choose wisely the schools you really want to talk to. For a list of colleges expected to visit South River, check out the home page of **FamilyConnection** at southriverhigh.org.

Still not sure? **Take a trip** to visit the campus. There is no better way to see if a school will fit your personality than walking around and talking to the members of the student body. For the most realistic picture of what it might be like, try to schedule a visit when classes are in session. Arrangements can be made through Admissions offices.

College Application Night Sept 21

Simplify the mysterious process of applying to colleges...

Know where to go to ask for transcripts and letters of recommendation...

Learn how to track the progress of your materials...

Join the SRHS Guidance Department for the

College Application Information Night

Wednesday, September 21

6:30pm

In the school Auditorium

For more information, call 410-956-5600, ext 210



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College Visits Coming Up

Representatives from the following schools have set appointments to meet with SRHS students:

Salem College	9/14	Methodist University	10/18
University of Delaware	9/19	University of Maryland - Baltimore County	10/18
Washington & Jefferson College	9/19	Stonehill College	10/19
George Mason University	9/20	Lynchburg College	10/19
University of Scranton	9/20	Monmouth University	10/20
University of Southern California	9/21	James Madison University	10/20
University of Maryland - College Park	9/21	Mount St Mary's University	10/20
Virginia Tech	9/22	Arcadia University	10/26
Hood College	9/26	Frostburg State University	10/26
Towson University	9/28	Hofstra University	11/1
Notre Dame of MD University	9/28	Susquehanna University	11/9
Salisbury University	10/3	Coastal Carolina University	11/9
Christopher Newport University	10/11	York College of Pennsylvania	11/9
McDaniel College	10/11	Longwood University	11/11
University of Rochester	10/14	Radford University	11/11
West Virginia Wesleyan University	10/17	University of South Carolina	11/15
St Mary's College of MD	10/17		

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To register, log on to **FamilyConnection** at southriverhigh.org, select Colleges tab, click on the visit you wish to attend and hit "Sign Me Up." Only electronic registrations will be accepted. To be excused from class, print out the confirmation notice from your email. Students without access to **FamilyConnection** should visit the Guidance Office to register.

Scholarship Information

For more information about these and many other scholarship opportunities, visit the sponsoring organization's website or check out **FamilyConnection** at southriverhigh.org.

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship

\$60,000 grand prize award; deadline November 29, 2011

Applications in Guidance Only www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Meyerhoff Scholarship at UMBC

Pays up to full tuition to UMBC for Science, Technology, Engineering majors; deadline October 14, 2011

<http://www.umbc.edu/meyerhoff/>

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

By Nomination Only; in recognition of community service; \$1,000; deadline October 29, 2011

<http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship

In recognition of ambition, drive and determination to succeed; \$25,000; deadline December 15, 2011

www.axa-achievement.com

The SAT Exams

The **SAT** is the nation's most widely used college admissions test, a distinction that it has held for more than seven decades. It is taken by more than two million students every year and is accepted by virtually all colleges and universities. **SAT** tests measure knowledge of subjects learned in the classroom, including reading, writing, and math, and how that knowledge can be applied inside and outside of school. It helps colleges get to know a student better by giving them insight into how the student thinks, solves problems, and communicates. Applications for the **SAT** are available on-line at www.collegeboard.com.

Mail-In forms for the exam are also available in the Guidance Office.

Use the South River High School Code 210494 when applying.

New for 2011/2012!

South River High School is now an SAT Test Administration Center

When filling out your test application, be sure to mark the SRHS code **21267** to register to take the SAT exam at SRHS.

To send **SAT** scores to colleges, the scores must be requested directly from the host - www.collegeboard.com. If requesting scores after tests have been administered, payment of a fee is required (you may request free score reports to be sent to the schools of your choice at time of test registration).

SAT Exam Dates 2011/2012

SAT Date	SAT Subject Tests™ Available	Register-By Date	Late Registration
			Mail
Oct 1	SAT and Subject Tests	Sept 9	Sept 21
Nov 5	SAT and Subject Tests	Oct 7	Oct 21
Dec 3	SAT and Subject Tests	Nov 8	Nov 20
Jan 28	SAT and Subject Tests	Dec 30	Jan 13
Mar 10	SAT Only	Feb 10	Feb 24
May 5	SAT and Subject Tests	Apr 6	Apr 20
Jun 2	SAT and Subject Tests	May 8	May 22

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The South River High School Mission

South River High School offers an enriching and rigorous academic program where students will become self-directed individuals able to thrive in an ever changing technological world. South river provides a safe and stimulating learning environment with opportunities to engage in school and community service. South River emphasizes integrity, respect for diversity and pride in education to prepare students for success in the 21st century.

Planning for the Future

Oh the Questions You Should Ask...

At every meeting, with every admissions counselor, you will get pretty much the same information about a college, university or tech school on the planet. They will happily tell you about their campus and the area around it, their degree programs, majors and course options, housing, extracurricular activities, sports, and whether you can have your car by the dorm. But there is more to the college experience than just the basics. Will you know what to ask about?

It will help to have some idea of what you are trying to accomplish by going to college and what you are looking to get from the experience. Keep in mind that you are looking for a home for at least the next four years. You want those years to be memorable in a good way, right?

Some things to think about when you are talking to admissions reps and visiting schools include:

- Each college has a personality, which is reflected in the student body. Will it be a good match for your own?
- Every school is unique. What makes this particular one different from the crowd?
- Some schools are easier to pay for than others. What are the ultimate costs and are there any opportunities for financial assistance, work-study or employment off-campus?
- How about the professors? How accessible are they? What about department advisors and counselors? Will you be able to get help when you need it? Are there supplemental services available, like a writing or math lab where you can access tutors? How good is the school library and media services?
- Are you going to stay close to home and commute, live on campus or find a place of your own?
If you are away from home, will there be things to do when you are not in class or studying?
Thinking about dorm life? How are the accommodations, the food, the social scene?

Making the right choice should be as simple as connecting the dots.

Start drawing the lines by asking the right questions.

