



Dear Parents,

I am pleased to introduce Naviance Student – a comprehensive website that you and your student can use to make college and career plans after graduation from Springwood School. At the All School Meeting last January we introduced Naviance as a new tool to enhance the Springwood School experience especially concerning our College and Career Prep. Naviance Student is a software service we are now using in the College and Career office to track and analyze data about our students' college and career plans. It provides real time, up-to-date information that's specific to Springwood School. It is also the NEW tool that our community is going to use for electronic processing of college application documentation (transcripts + letters of recommendation) and for matching our students to careers that suit their interests and aptitudes.

Naviance Student allows your student to:

- **Get involved in the planning process** – Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about post-secondary options and careers
- **Research colleges** – Compare GPAs, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past
- **Research careers** – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments
- **Create plans for the future** – Create four-year plans, goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned by the school to better prepare for future post-secondary and career goals
- **Request college application documents electronically** – Through integration with the Common App, students will be able to request transcripts and letters of recommendation in Naviance for all the schools they apply to. All the requests will then be tracked in Naviance, so your student is always able to view the progress of their requests

Naviance Student is the Springwood School solution for keeping your student on track to pursue their potential after graduation especially during this time of response to COVID 19. Because of the pandemic, more and more colleges are only accepting applications electronically. Naviance helps us make sure all of the information is submitted on time, securely, and to the right people. This year Seniors and Sophomores are receiving training and help with Naviance. Juniors have the opportunity to sign up on Naviance individually by coordinating with the College and Career Counselor.

Naviance Student also lets us share information with you and your student about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities, and other post-secondary resources. Since this is a unique fall, we wanted to ensure we outlined the introduction of the Naviance platform.



Now everyone is aware of the process and the tools available to aid seniors in the college application process.

You can get more information and see a tour and overview of Naviance Student here:

<http://www.screencast.com/t/tbcYt9eUkKg>

We understand this is a NEW exciting tool and there will be a lot of questions. We will be sending additional information in the future. However if you have immediate questions please contact:

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We are looking forward to getting started on this Naviance journey together and, with your support, seeing the positive impact Naviance has on our students.

Sincerely,

Lowrie B. McCown,

Head of School

P.S. We are blessed to have Dr. David Judd serving as our interim College and Career Counselor. And, we would appreciate your prayers as we continue interviewing potential candidates to fill this role.