

## MIHS Family Connection/Naviance

MIHS **SECURE** web based program for academic plans, career choices and college plans. Nobody, **including colleges**, can access this information from the web or any other source. Your information is secure as long as you don't share your user ID and password. This intuitive program was originally funded by a generous MI Foundation grant in 2004-2005. Since then, it has been paid for by a "user fee" attached to the \$5.00 transcript fee at the time of college applications.

### Accessing Family Connection

- <http://connection.naviance.com/mihs>
- Student Account: enter email address & password; Forgot Your Password?

### Home Page

- Welcome message. Please pardon the punctuation! Naviance knows there is a glitch here.
- Links to the left- most popular for MIHS families
- Updates on right- most recent information loaded by Mrs. Hillstrom
- Document Library- tailored to MIHS needs/interests

### About Me link to organize information

- Profile: here is where the student can add a parent email; My Inbox- catch up on emails sent by Mrs. Hillstrom
- My Account: ability to change username and password
- Test Scores: we will download as we receive them; Test scores are used to predict your chances of getting into individual colleges, using "scattergrams"
- Favorite Colleges & Favorite Careers: use for your own organization
- Personality Type: Do What You Are- similar to Myers Briggs (personality inventory which results in appropriate careers, according to personality type)
- Resume: Use Naviance template or MIHS model, found on MIHS website, counseling link (excel works best for MIHS model); resumes can be used for college applications, jobs, scholarships, awards, letters of recommendation
- Game Plan: reflective questions and topics for family discussion; use in preparation for choosing colleges
- Document Library: Information specific to MIHS, written and loaded by Mrs. Hillstrom
- Journal: Write notes to yourself, ideas for essays, anything you want to write!

- Checklist: allows you to select areas of interest and list your talents and accomplishments

### **Careers**

- Three different inventories for students to explore careers appropriate for them
- Suggested: 9<sup>th</sup> grade *Cluster Finder*, 10<sup>th</sup> *Career Interest* (Holland), 11<sup>th</sup> *Do What You Are*
- Explore Careers: type in the career, see types of job descriptions, knowledge & skills necessary, tasks and activities, wages by state

### **Colleges**

- Super Match (suggested for 11<sup>th</sup> grade): better way to do initial search for college; doesn't have ALL the criteria the student entered, but has many; college search can come up with "no results found" , Super Match will not
- College Search (suggested for 12<sup>th</sup> grade): Conduct your own extensive search. Start broadly, especially when using numbers; the more picky you are, the fewer the matches
- College Look-up: General Information, Admissions, Financial Aid, Majors (cross applies), Student Life, Link to college website; College Confidential
- My colleges: After using "College Search" and "College Look Up", My Colleges helps you manage your primary list of colleges. This list can be modified at any time.
- College Resources provide respectable websites
- Scattergrams: representing a SAMPLING of MIHS acceptances to individual colleges; graph with X axis representing the 1600 scale of SAT Reasoning (Critical Reading and Math scores combined, no Writing score used), the Y axis is GPA. Colleges that are blank have five or fewer acceptances and are blocked to sustain the confidentiality of those students.
- Upcoming College Visits: Most years we have over 140 college visits; This link houses schedule of representatives visiting MIHS and the surrounding area
- Scholarship List: Listed by name, deadline, amount; can sort by these three categories; click on name: should have contact information; if not, you will find a paper copy in the Career Center, "Scholarships" file drawer; BIG thanks to Ann Fenwick for help in managing these; National Scholarship Search (Sallie Mae) fill in three pages of criteria, scholarships matching criteria are sent to student
- Test preparation: for SAT Reasoning

### **FOR SENIORS ONLY**

- Colleges I'm interested in
- Colleges I'm applying to

