

Family Connection by Naviance for Marist Catholic High School the Essential College Career Planning Tool

We invite you to explore Family Connection by Naviance, our website that allows students and families to investigate, research, track, and plan for the college admission process. Naviance provides on-line college search, linked with our school's application history.

To begin using Family Connection, go to <http://www.marisths.org/> and follow these steps:

- Click on Students on the left hand menu bar.
- Click on Naviance Family Connection
- On the Naviance home page, enter the code that was printed on your personal access card (sent to students and parents by mail) in the "New User" box and click "Register."
- Fill out the registration page including your e-mail address and a private password. At the bottom of the page, check the box that you agree to the terms of use and click "Complete Registration."
- **NOTE:** When you log-in in the future, your user name is your e-mail address and your password is the one you established when registering. Students and parents have separate access codes and should register with different emails. If you change your e-mail address at any point, remember to update it in Family Connection.
- The Welcome page will appear when your registration is accepted. Announcements and other important information are posted on the Welcome page. Check it often!

There are a few sections of the Naviance Family Connection with which we urge you to become familiar: "About Me" and "About College".

About Me

These are sections you might find useful: Students have more ability to edit the information stored in Naviance than parents.

My Profile - Includes basic biographical data and grade point averages. Students have the ability to edit information.

My Resume - By completing this resume with information about your accomplishments and talents, you can help the counseling staff get a better

understanding of how to help you effectively describe yourself to colleges. It may also help match you with local and state scholarship opportunities.

My Game Plan - Is a list of questions to help students to develop a plan for achieving their goals after graduation.

My Colleges - As you find colleges that interest you, we recommend that you add them to your list of "Colleges That I'm Considering". If one of your colleges of interest visits Marist, you will automatically receive an e-mail alerting you to the date and time of their visit. Also, as you apply to colleges, you will track the status of your application under "Colleges to which I'm Applying".

My Journal - As you investigate colleges and start to develop or refine your college list, this is an excellent place to chronicle your thoughts and questions.

My Account - If you would like to change your password, you can do so here.

My Personality Type Do What You Know - This survey helps student's focus on who they are and what educational path is best for them. The self-discovery assessment takes approximately 30 - 45 minutes and students receive useful personality type information as well as individual suggestions for careers and college majors. The results of the assessment include personality profile, student evaluation of the profile's accuracy, tips for effective career and college searching, student strengths and blind spots, and recommended careers and college majors.

My Learning Style Inventory - This innovative learning style inventory gives students, parents, and counselors important insights about how students learn. The on-line tool assesses how each of the following dimensions affects your student's learning: immediate environment, emotionality, sociological needs, and physical needs. The inventory takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and provides instant feedback.

About College

College Search - This feature allow students to select numerous categories to help narrow down a list of colleges that match your interests. At the end of each page, you can either click "Show Matches" to generate a list OR click "Next" to continue to pick more factors. (NOTE: You will notice that the number of schools that matches your criteria constantly appears near the top of the page as you move through the selections.) If you end up with too many schools on your list and you need to narrow your list, simply select more factors. You should use the "Previous"

button at the bottom of the page if you want to go back to earlier pages/factors. On the other hand, if you end up with too few schools go back and deselect some of your factors. Again, use the "Previous" button. Once you have completed your search, click "Show Matches." Scroll down toward the bottom of the new page. The list of schools that matches your criteria will appear. At this point, you will see three pull-down menus. You now have the option to select criteria to compare three different factors for each school on your list.

College Lookup - Start here to research a specific college. We always recommend that students visit the college's individual website for the most up-to-date information. There is a direct link to the website on each college's Naviance homepage.

College Match - This tool will allow you to use historical G.P.A. and test score information about students from Marist Catholic High School and their college applications to match you with colleges that you may want to consider adding to your list. Please note that there are many factors which can affect admissions decisions and the results of this search do NOT guarantee in any way whether or not you will be accepted at a particular college. If a particular college never appears in the results, it may be because no one from Marist has ever applied to it.

College Compare - This tool allows you to compare average grade point averages and test scores for accepted students from Marist. Students can compare up to ten colleges. School averages are displayed in green when your number is higher and in red when your number is lower. Your PSAT score, if available, has been converted to the equivalent SAT score and compared to the average single SAT score of an accepted student. The column labeled "Accept" shows the number of students accepted out of the number of students that applied.

Acceptance History - To see how many Marist students have applied and enrolled at all colleges click [here](#).

Visit Schedule - College admission representatives visit Marist throughout the school year, especially in the fall, to meet directly with interested students. To see what colleges have scheduled visits to Marist, click [here](#). Students may click on "sign up" next to the college name to receive an email that reminds them of the upcoming visit.

Scholarship List - Click [here](#) for a complete listing of scholarships of which we receive notice. Many of these scholarships are from local, community, or state organizations.

Scholarship Match - Based on information in your profile, your resume, or your game plan, scholarships are matched with your qualifications. The more information you complete in Family Connection, the better the matches.

You may also want to explore the resources under "From Your School":

- Under "resources" you will find links to a variety of websites related to the college process.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED:

Don't forget to click "Sign Out" in the menu on the left-hand side of the screen.

THIS IS JUST AN INTRODUCTION TO SEVERAL OF THE USEFUL FEATURES OF NAVIANCE. WE HOPE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HELPFUL. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE MENU AND EXPLORE ALL OF THE OTHER OPTIONS.

