



College Counseling Parent Coffee "Planning Ahead for College Visits"



January 2018



College Visits

1. WHY?

2. HOW?

3. WHEN?





Visiting Colleges – WHY?

- Importance of research, families becoming informed consumers
- Benefits of looking at a range of colleges
- Students Demonstrate Interest




Visiting Colleges – HOW?

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Campus Visit Opportunities
Select a date to view all available campus visits
Please note: The visit calendar is in Monday-Sunday format.

February

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

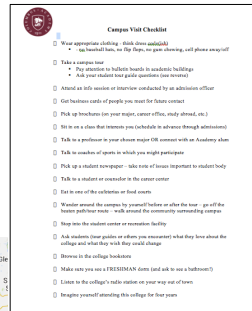
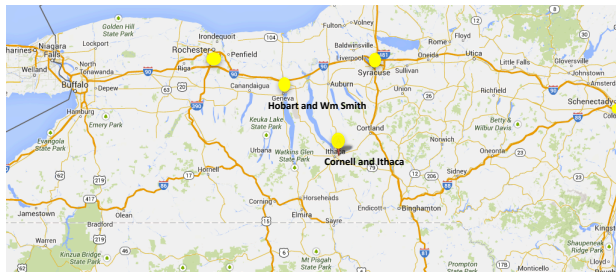
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Click on your preferred date, and the options for on-line registration will appear.
Other option = call the undergraduate admission office



Visiting Colleges – HOW?

- Logistics & Planning
- While You're There →
- Geo Region Idea



Handout provided to students in CC class

- Follow up and Parent Role



Visiting Colleges – WHEN?

- Days off from school
 - MLK weekend, President's Day, Fall Break, Teacher PD days
 - Spring Break of Grade 11
 - Summer
- Open Houses vs. Tour/Info Session
- Interviews?
- Missing School = unexcused absence
 - Please note the limit on these days





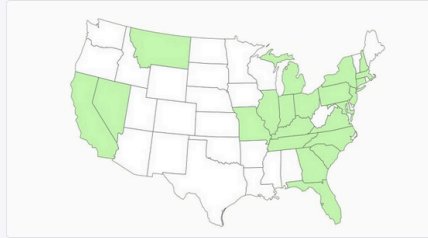
Where do kids go?

Follow Flat Viking this Spring Break



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Over spring break, our juniors took #CAFlatViking to 23 states & 48 colleges. It was fun to follow along!



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#CAFlatViking finished his whirlwind tour in the great state of SC @FurmanU @ClemsonUniv and @UofSCAdmissions



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Lessons Learned

- If you are visiting any colleges before Grade 11, visit colleges with **50%+** admit rates
 - Do not start by visiting colleges that will be difficult for any child to get into. Look up admit rates.
- “We” are not visiting colleges; students are
 - Allow child to drive the visit with introductions, questions on tour, etc.
 - Your mini career as a Chauffeur/Travel Agent
- Sometimes your child’s reactions will not make sense
- When should you share your opinion and impression as a parent?
- Do not visit your child’s dream school first
- Do not visit a college that you will not allow your child to attend
 - Cost
 - Distance
 - Environment





From “The Onion”

5 Months Of College Research Outweighed By Weekend Visiting Friend At Penn State

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Pince, pictured in the midst of dismissing nearly a half-year's worth of analysis into which colleges best align with his preferences and career goals.

HAGERSTOWN, MD—Noting that the large public university had suddenly emerged as the high school student's top choice for the fall, sources confirmed Wednesday that a single weekend spent with a friend who attends Penn State completely superseded all of graduating senior Tyler Pince's college research over the past five months.

