

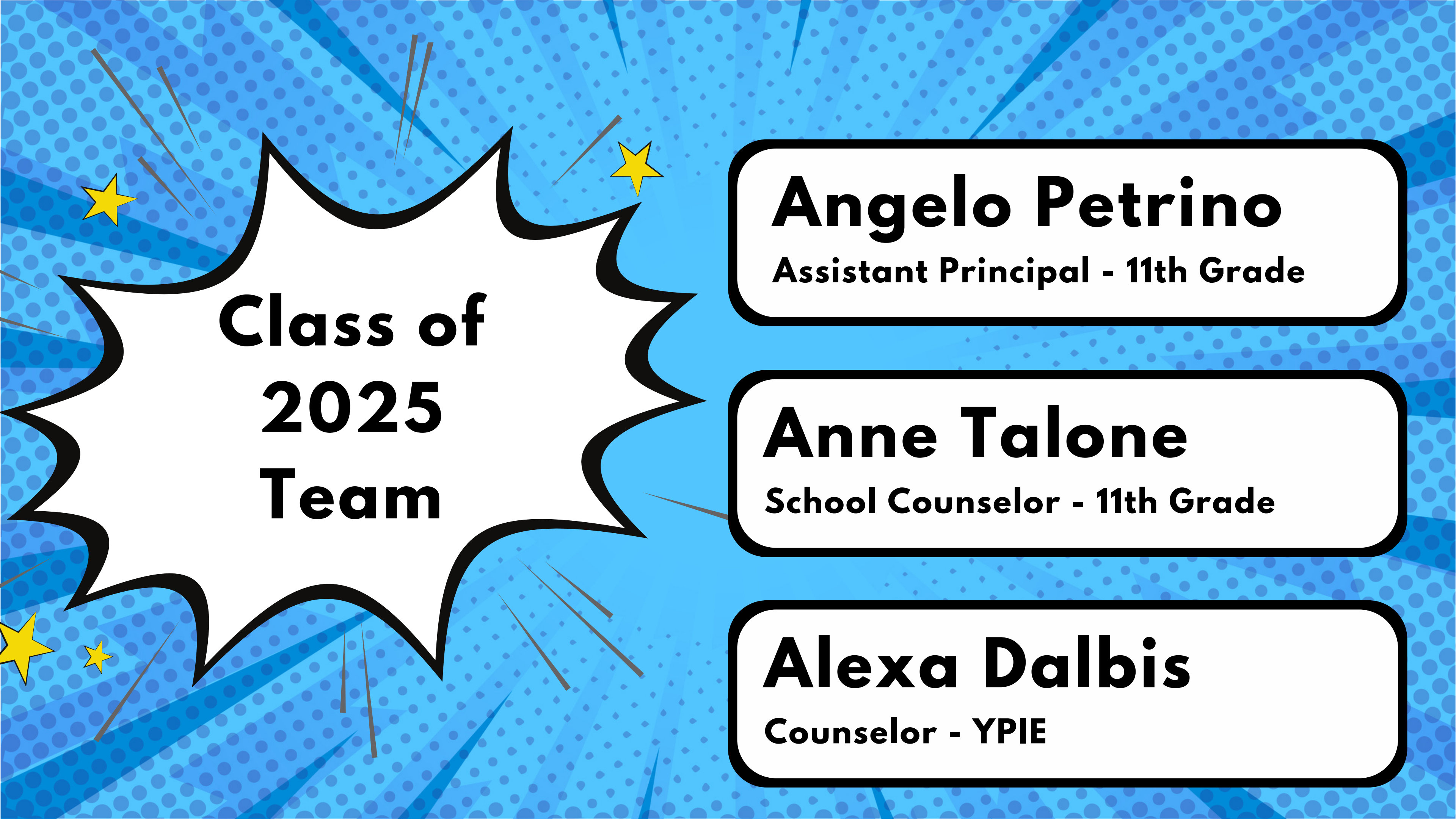


COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

CLASS OF 2025

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 2024





Class of 2025 Team

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School Counselor - 11th Grade

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Panel Discussion

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AGENDA

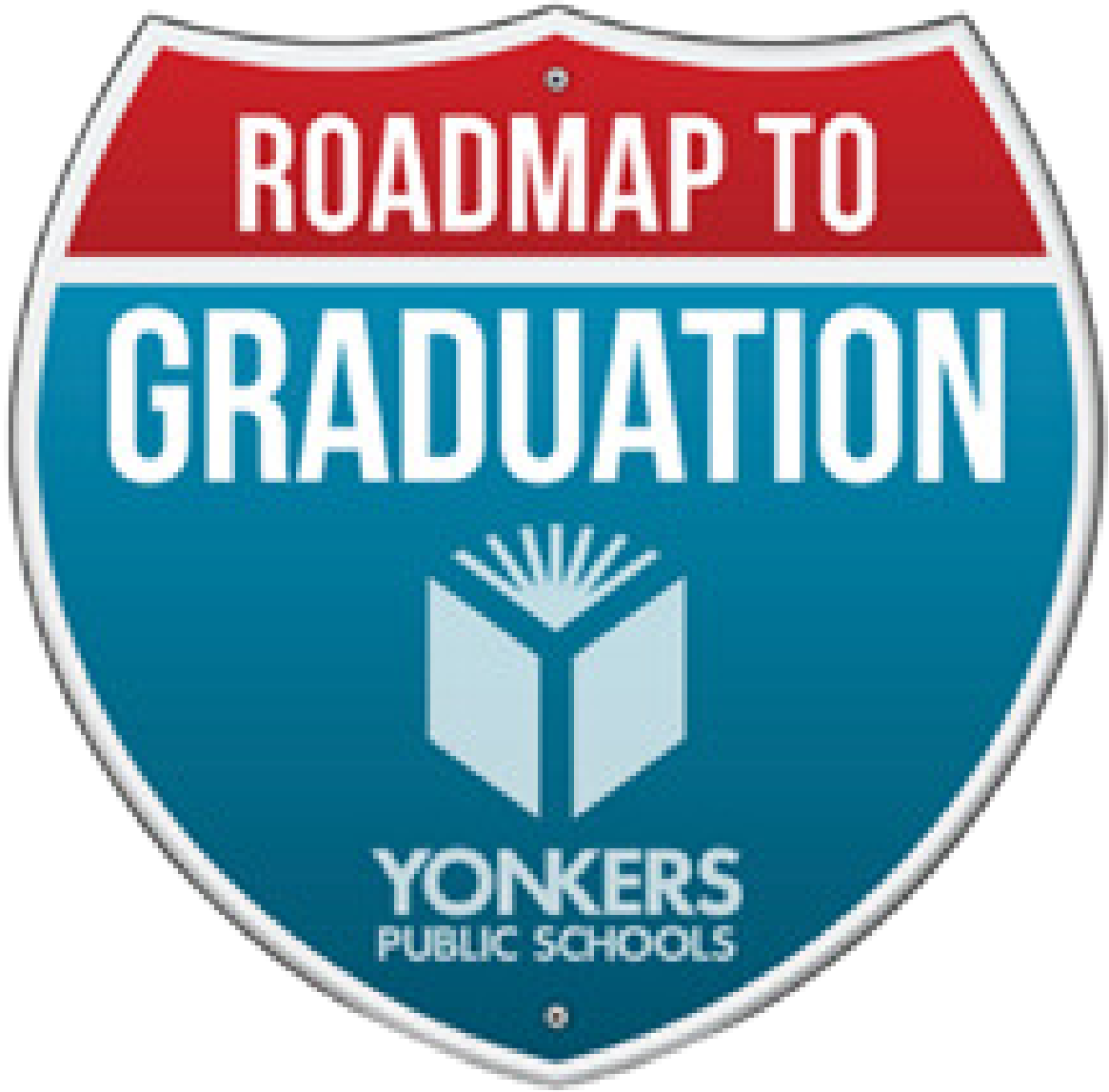
**Introduction to the
College Planning Process**

**Expectations of Students
in Senior Year**

**Q& A:
Panel Discussion**



FALL	WINTER	SPRING
PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Exam: take in October.	PSAT Results: review with school counselor. These results are intended to be used as a resource to prepare for the SAT.	Senior Schedule: Students meet with their counselor to discuss senior schedule options. If necessary, students may need to attend a spring credit recovery program and/or summer school.
College Fairs: Attend the YPS Districtwide College Fair. Attend Fall college open houses in the area.	Financial Aid: Attend financial aid workshops and learn all about FASFA, TAP, etc.	Athletics: Students interested in playing DI or DII athletics in college should review the NCAA approved list of courses and eligibility requirements.
College Board account: create account if you have not already done so!	College Research: begin to investigate your college options.	College essay and College resume: develop and review with teachers and counselors.
Grades: review your first marking period grades. Attend extra help sessions after school if needed. If necessary, students may need to attend a fall credit recovery program.	Naviance: Complete the College Profile, and add colleges to “Colleges I’m Thinking About”. Develop a plan for college visits to these schools.	Letters of Recommendation: Personally ask a teacher for a letter of recommendation letter and add request to Naviance.
YPIE: submit an application to be a part of the YPIE (Yonkers Partners in Education) Fellows Program.	Exams: Register for additional SAT/ACT exams.	Exams: Take and pass all required Regents exams. Take AP exams (if applicable).



JUNIOR

YEAR

NYS Graduation Requirements

English	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
World Language* ^	1

Art/Music	1
Health	0.5
Physical Education	2
Electives	3.5
TOTAL	22 credits

GRADUATE FROM SAUNDERS HS



Courses

**all academic courses & program
courses for assigned magnet**

Exams

Academic: pass required Regents.
Magnet: take & pass industry exam.

Senior Exit Project

**Complete and pass the Senior Exit
Project.**

TRANSCRIPT REVIEW



What we look for:

- **Current Progress**
- **Classes for next school year**
- **Regents Exams remaining**
- **Grade Point Average**
- **Grade Trends**

What colleges will look for:

- **An appropriately challenging course load that the student can manage successfully.**

NAVIANCE



- **a web-based portfolio that helps students plan and organize their high school career**
- **helps keep track of a students post-secondary application process.**

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



- **Be sure to read college application requirements. How many, and who they want to write the letters.**
- **Personally ask a teacher for a letter of recommendation letter and add request to Naviance.**

WRITING THE COLLEGE ESSAY



Be authentic:

- **They want to know about you, not ChatGPT**

Grab the reader from the start:

- **poignant moments & reflection.**

Show, don't tell:

- **Use anecdotes, examples, and descriptions. Trim the fat.**

Focus on deeper themes

Revise early and often

SAT



ACT

DIGITAL SAT EXAM



- Juniors took PSAT in October
- **First SAT exam given this past Saturday.**
- Exam is close to 2 hours long
- **Shorter questions.**
- Adaptive exam: difficulty of questions will change depending on how students performed in prior sections
- **Still must be done at a school or test center.**

2 Hours 55 Minutes

4 SECTIONS

ACT

36

TOP SCORE

MATH SECTION

1+1=

No Formulas given
Calculator for ALL sections
No Grid-in Answers

TOPICS

Geometry Arithmetic
Algebra Trigonometry

READING SECTION

8% Vocabulary

ENGLISH/WRITING SECTION

3% Vocabulary

SCIENCE SECTION

Interpretation of Data
Graphs & Charts



New SAT

1600

TOP SCORE

3 Hours

MATH SECTION

Lots of Formulas given
Calculator for ONE section
Grid-in Answers

1+1=

Some Geometry & Arithmetic
Advanced Algebra
Some Trigonometry
Interpretation of Data

TOPICS

READING/WRITING SECTION

17% Vocabulary (Reading Questions)
7% Vocabulary (Writing Questions)
Questions based on Graphs & Charts

2 SECTIONS

~~SCIENCE SECTION~~



2023-24 DATES & DEADLINES

SAT

AUG 26, 2023

Reg by July 28

OCT 7, 2023

Reg by Sept 8

NOV 4, 2023

Reg by Oct 5

DEC 2, 2023

Reg by Nov 2

MAR 9, 2024

Reg by Feb 23

MAY 4, 2024

Reg by Apr 19

JUNE 1, 2024

Reg by May 17

ACT

SEPT 9, 2023

Reg by Aug 4

OCT 28, 2023

Reg by Sept 22

DEC 9, 2023

Reg by Nov 3

FEB 10, 2024

Reg by Jan 5

APR 13, 2024

Reg by Mar 8

JUNE 8, 2024

Reg by May 3

JULY 13, 2024


Reg by June 7

TEST OPTIONAL?



(IT'S COMPLICATED)

SUNY	temporarily suspended their testing requirements
CUNY	test optional until Spring of 2025.
PRIVATE	Check with individual colleges about their testing policy.



CHOOSING

YOUR

COLLEGE

HOW TO RESEARCH COLLEGES

Identify your priorities:

Programs, size, location, budget

Start research, start preparing a list:

College fairs, college visits, online research

What do you want to study?

Consider classes, hobbies, and extracurriculars you enjoy most. Then, you can try to align a major with your interest areas.

Location of the school:

Stay close to home or move far away?
Rural or urban setting? Small or large?



HOW TO RESEARCH COLLEGES

What extracurriculars are important to you:

Some extracurricular programs can help you pay for college or stand out in your application.

What is your budget?

- Having a general idea of your financial limitations for college is a huge help.
- FAFSA and other financial aid programs can cut your costs. However, remember that you'll have to repay these loans.
- We will discuss FASFA in later meetings.



College Trips & Fairs

Thursday, April 11th

College Fair at Manhattanville College

Wednesday, April 17th

CUNY - Lehman College (max. 40 students)

Tuesday, April 23rd

Iona University (max. 40 students)

Tuesday, April 30th

SUNY New Paltz (coach bus - 50 students)

Thursday, May 2nd

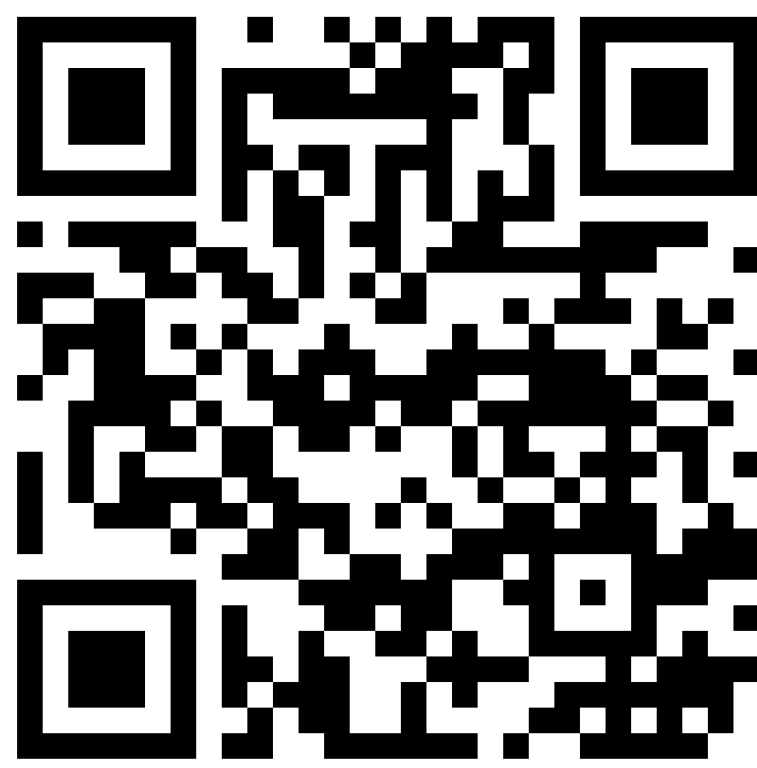
Manhattan College (max. 35 students)



College Research Links



**Ms. Talone's
Webpage**



**Spring 2024
Open House List**



**Campus Visits
Worksheets**

Next Steps

Senior Year

FASFA Application

make sure to file your 2023 taxes!

Ranking Your Schools

Reach / Target / Safety

College Applications Step by Step

Reviewing the procedure & deadlines

Application Terms

Rolling Admission / Early Decision / Early Action

Opportunity Programs & Scholarships

SEEK / EOP / HEOP, YPS Scholarship Book





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