Hello New CBC Seniors!

(cc: Parents/Guardians)

**CBC Counseling Transitions**

As you may be aware by now, CBC Counseling has hired two new Counselors! We have been going through some transitions and we have had to say goodbye to two awesome Counselors, Walt Kempf and Gayle English. Their service to CBC families was substantial, extraordinary, and very much appreciated and we wish them all the best in their new endeavors! In recent months, we have met many potential new School Counselors and are blessed to have hired two wonderful new CBC Counseling team members - Heather Gogel (who will be the Counselor for Gayle English’s former students) and Katie Corbin (who will be the Counselor for Walt Kempf’s former students). Heather and Katie bring intelligence, experience, energy, and care for our boys and we are thrilled to have them join our team! We look forward to you meeting them and working with them.

**Helpful ideas for the transition**

1-) Seniors: Please take the “Senior Startup” survey. The purpose of the survey is to jumpstart the year and add efficiency to your time with your counselor as we work with you on what comes next after CBC! The survey includes questions about your current thinking and planning around these senior year decisions. This and other surveys are findable under the “About Me” tab in Naviance Student (formerly Naviance Family Connection). We are eager to meet with you and help you along in the process. Remember: As we’ve discussed with you over the years, you are the driver and we are your co-pilots. We will support you in any way we can, but investing yourself and then asking us for help when you need it is key!

2-) It is also highly advisable to complete the “Brag Sheet” surveys – one for teachers and one for your counselor. These are your chance to “brag” about yourself and will help yield more personalized and targeted letters of recommendation for The Common Application and scholarship applications. Brag Sheet surveys are findable under the “About Me” tab in Naviance Student. Remember, if you are using The Common Application, you can get started on it now, even though you can’t apply until August 1. You can start completing it and then use “account rollover” after August 1. If you are applying using a school’s online application, follow instructions on the application. You MAY be able to start soon or even now. Like we have always explained, with college admissions, the earlier the better. We’d love to have most of you apply to at least a few schools by Halloween! Stay ahead of the curve!

3-) Please see attached flier with helpful information about frequently asked questions related to the college counseling process at CBC.

4-) Send an email to your new counselor (corbink@cbchs.org or gogelh@cbchs.org) to introduce yourself and then stop by when you are back-to-school to say “hello”! (Note: I like "hello" emails too!).
**Naviance Student**

When you login to your naviance account, it will look different to you. It is now called “Naviance Student” and there is some new functionality. Most (almost all) of what you are accustomed to is still there – scattergrams, SuperMatch College Search, college visits, career inventories, etc. If you need ANY help logging in, just reply and let me know and I will send everything you need. (Parents can login, too. I can send you separate login info. Note: There are parts of naviance student that are only visible/available to students. Examples: ACT prep and some surveys.)

We hope you are enjoying your summer and can’t wait to get started with you once we return to school! Please complete the surveys mentioned above when you are able – the sooner, the better.

Please reply with questions or concerns as we move forward. We understand that changes are never easy, but we will be working to make these transitions as smooth as possible and love working with you. We are here to help and eager to help make your senior year the best it can be! Thank you.

St. John Baptist De La Salle, Pray for us!

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever!

CBC Counseling (Tim Gillard, Katie Corbin, Heather Gogel, Jim Mueller)