



# College Selection Process (in a Race to Nowhere World)

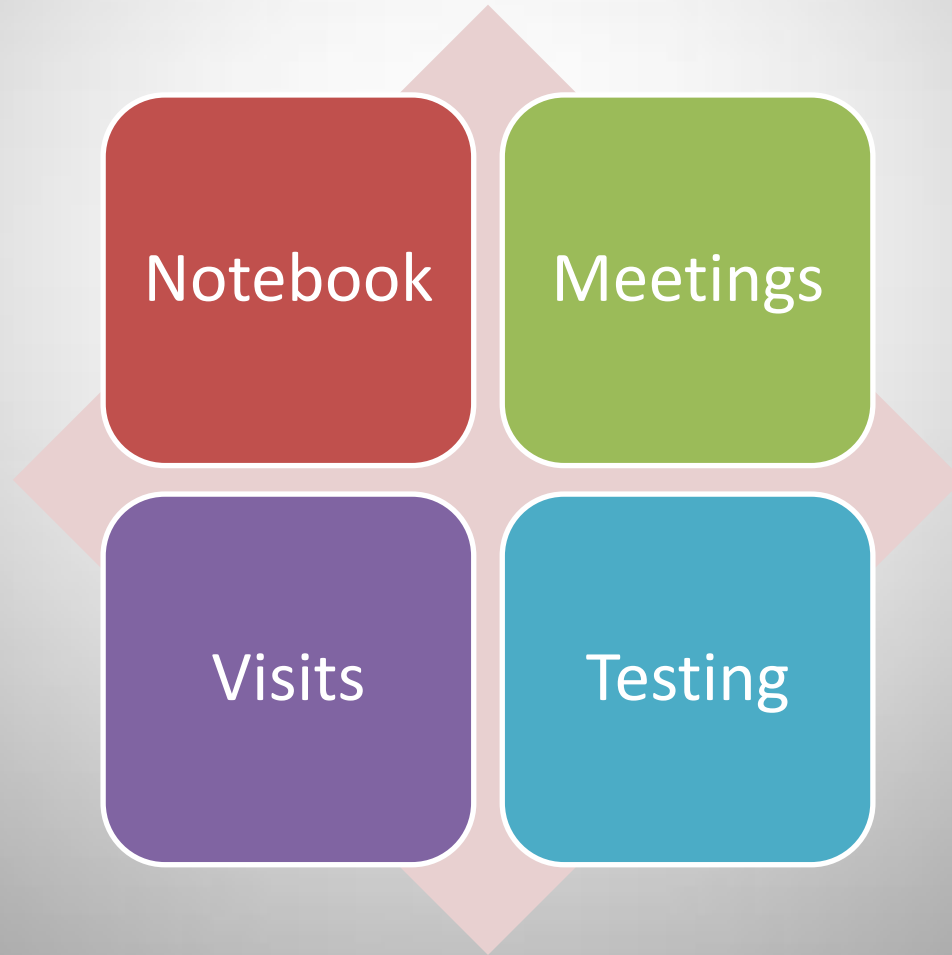
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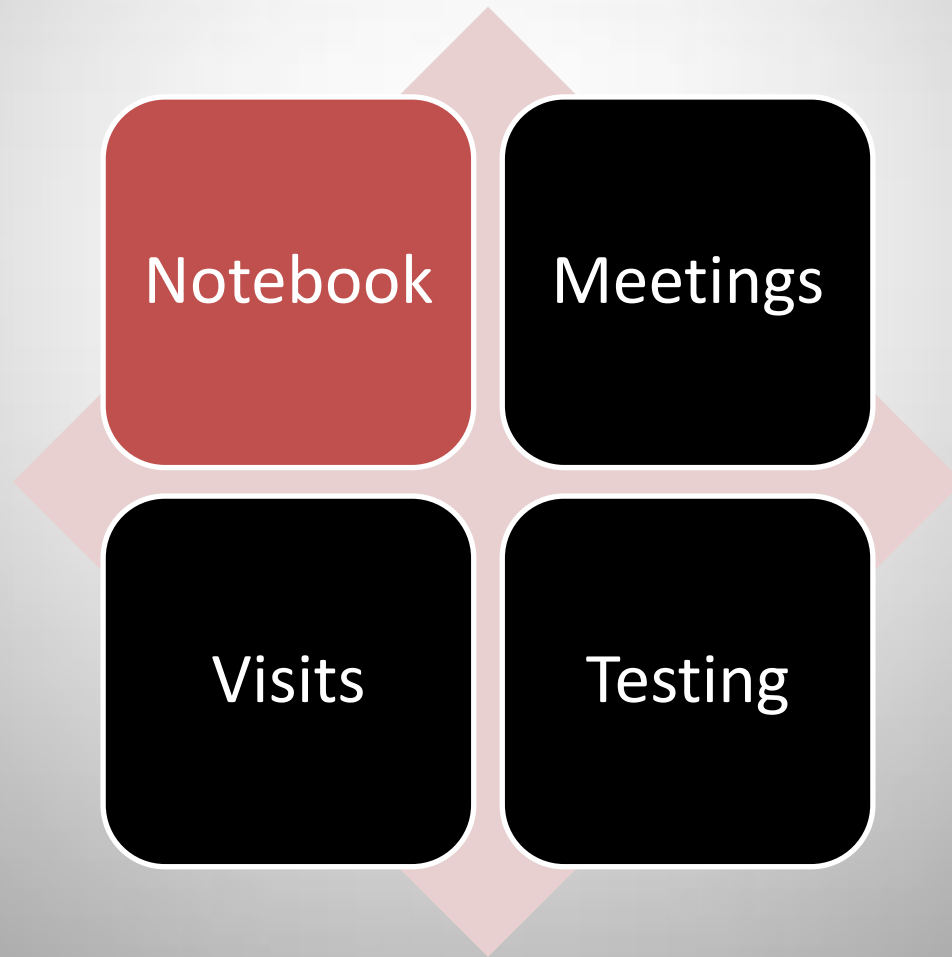
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# Overview: Brief Presentation Q & A



# Topic: Notebook



# The Notebook

9<sup>th</sup>

- Develop the notebook (Service, Extra curricular, Activities & Affiliations)
- Explore or develop a passion. Try new things!
- Track your time and ideas

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- Begin to narrow down activities to achieve depth instead of breadth
- Explore the possibility of leadership in activities
- Gather data. Note college visits/interests
- Online search notes and response

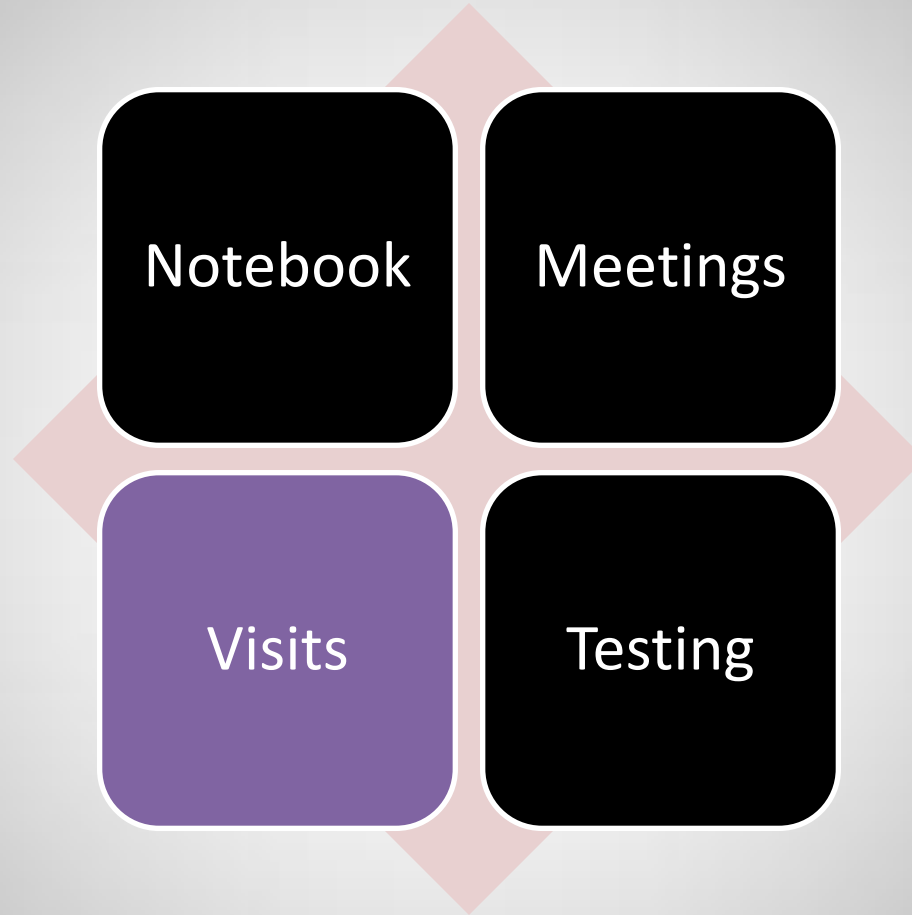
11<sup>th</sup>

- Create a calendar plan (tests, visits, college fairs...)
- Note info and responses from visits
- Develop leadership in activity(ies)
- Prioritize lists of interests and note college search
- Work experience (meaningful, benefits, timing)
- Summer Experience (colleges, camps, service...)

12<sup>th</sup>

- Create a calendar with deadlines for admissions applications, financial aid, scholarships
- Continue to maintain notes on visits, college and financial aid search

# Q & A: Notebook



Topic: Visits

# College Visits

9th Grade

Casual, convenient, family, event centered



10th Grade

Explore!

Gas Tank Tour

Timing

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Official  
Tours

Online  
registration

Mailing  
lists

Special  
program

Summer  
Program

Visits or  
Overnights

Peel  
Away  
visits



# 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Over Night  
Opportunities

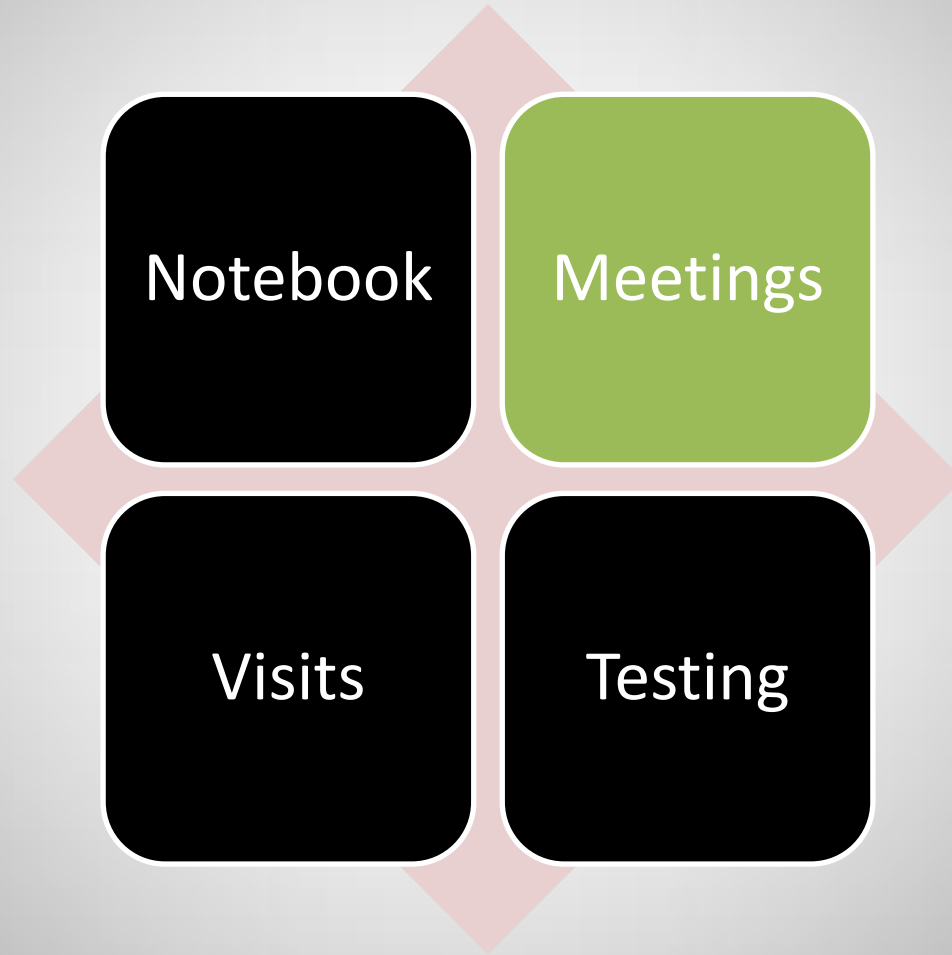
Onsite  
Admissions

Pre or Post  
Acceptance  
Visits -solo

Respect Gut  
Response



# Q & A: Visits



Topic: Meetings

# Meetings

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

### School/Family

- 4 year plan
- Freshman Parent Night

### Parent/Student

- 2x/yr with grades
- Thoughts on action plan
- About 30min each

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

### School/Family

- Sophomore Parent Night

### Parent/Student

- Quarterly w/grades
- Review pre standardized test results
- About 30 min each

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## School/Parent

- Junior Parent/Student meeting
- College Fair/onsite
- Financial Aid Night

## Parent /Student

- Monthly 30 min.
- Goals, Research, Visits, Testing

# 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

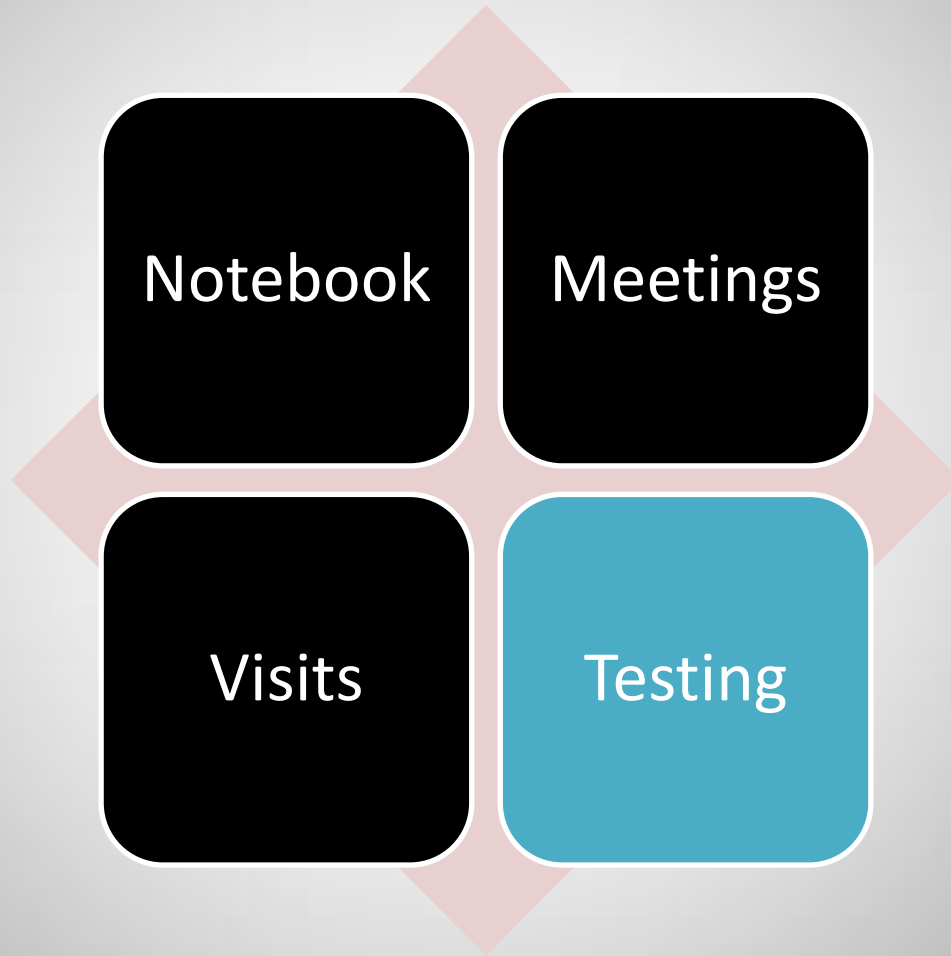
## School/Parent

- Senior Parent Meeting
- College Fair/onsite
- Financial Aid Night

## Parent/Student

- Monthly 30 min.
- Expectations
- Responsibilities
- Applications, financial

# Q & A: Meetings



Topic: Testing

# Testing

9<sup>th</sup> Grade

- PLAN – Pre ACT

10<sup>th</sup> Grade

- PLAN – Pre-ACT
- PSAT – Pre SAT
- (AP/SAT Subject Test)

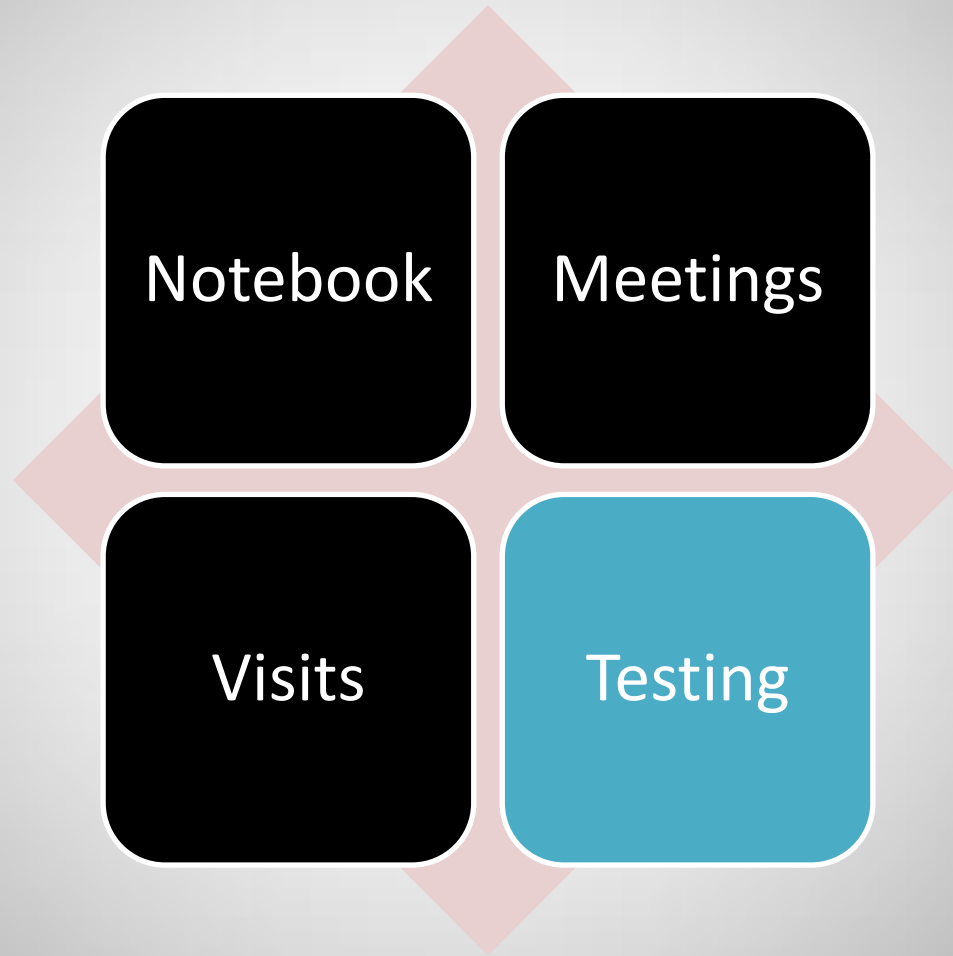
## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

- PSAT/NMSQT
- ACT Practice
- ACT/SAT
- Michigan Merit Exam\* (MME)
- AP/SAT Subject Tests (SAT II)

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ACT
- SAT
- SAT Subject test (SAT II)
- Placement Testing

# Q & A: Testing



# Recommended Resources

Books:

College is Yours 2.0 by Patrick O'Connor, Ph.D.

Colleges That Change Lives by Loren Pope

Looking Beyond the Ivy League by Loren Pope

Websites:

<http://www.cappex.com/>

<http://www.zinch.com/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

<http://www.princetonreview.com/schoolsearch.aspx?sch=College>

Career Cruising

Parchment

<http://fairtest.org/university/optional> Standardized Test Optional Schools