



College Selection Process (in a Race to Nowhere World)

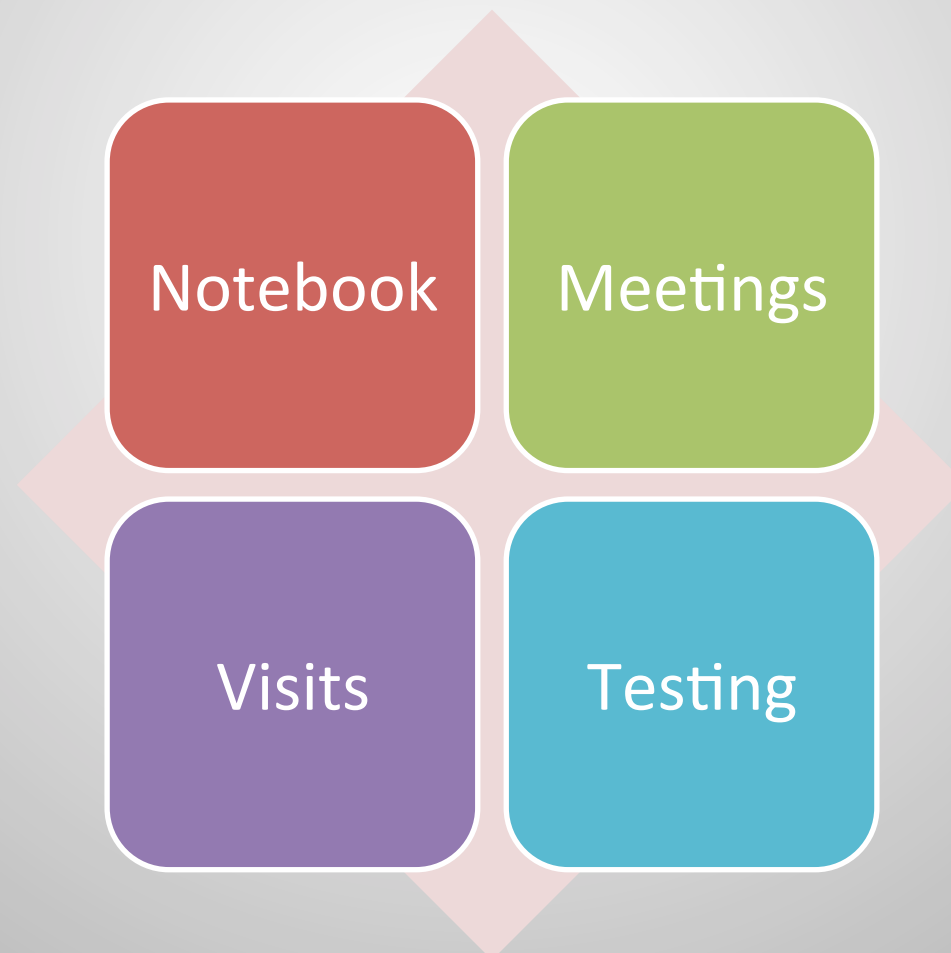
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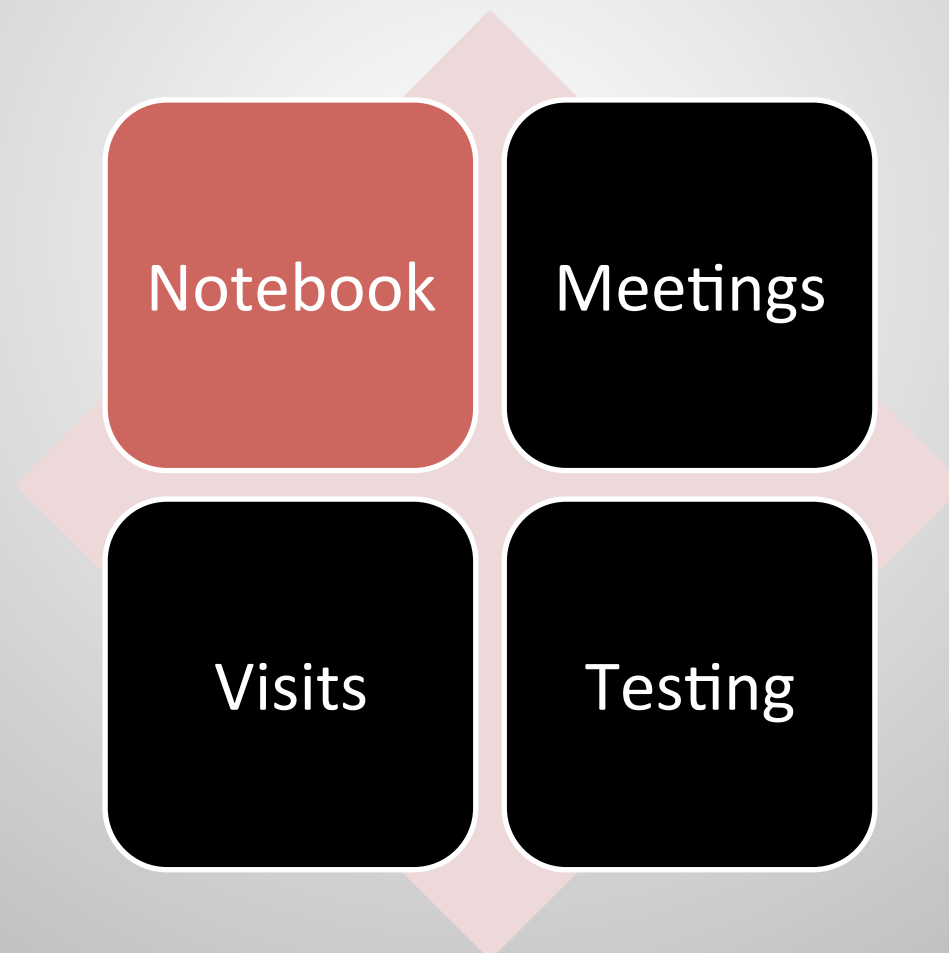
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Overview: Brief Presentation Q & A



Topic: Notebook



The Notebook

9th

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

10th

- 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



11th

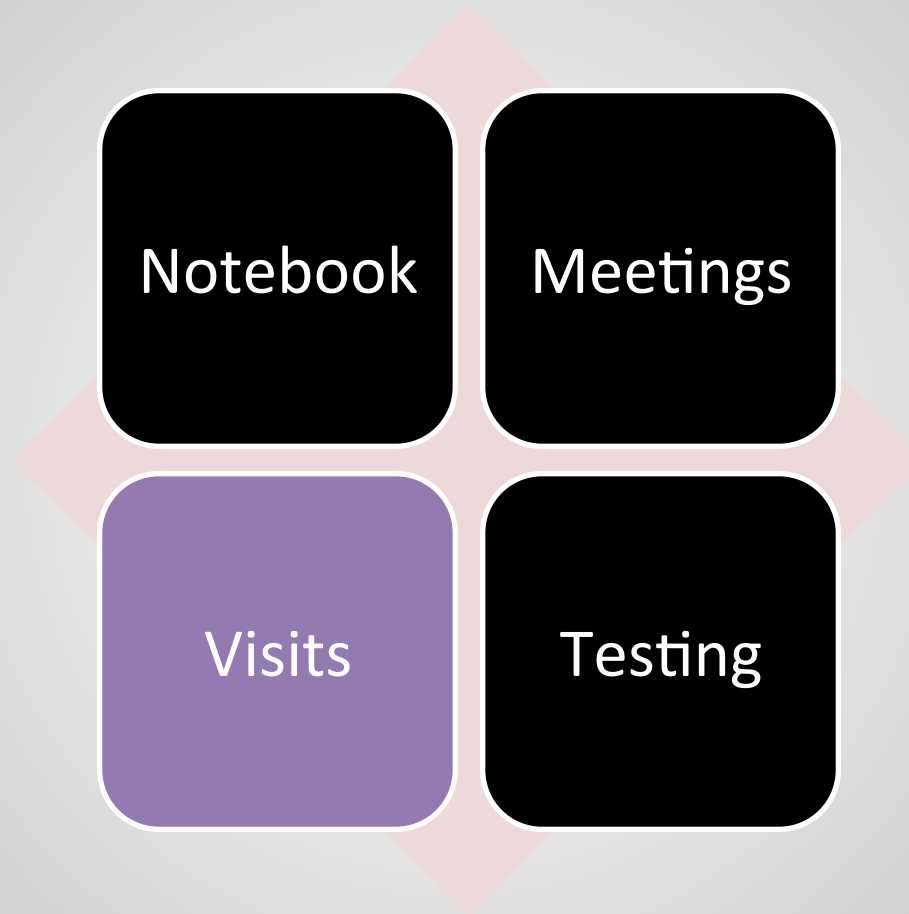
- Create a calendar plan (tests, visits, college fairs...)
- Note info and responses from visits
- Develop leadership in activity(ies)
- Prioritize lists of interests and note college search
- Work experience (meaningful, benefits, timing)
- Summer Experience (colleges, camps, service...)



12th

- 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

11th Grade

Official
Tours

Online
Sign-Up

Mailing
Lists

Special
Program

Summer
Program

Day Visit
or
Overnight

Peel
Away



12th Grade

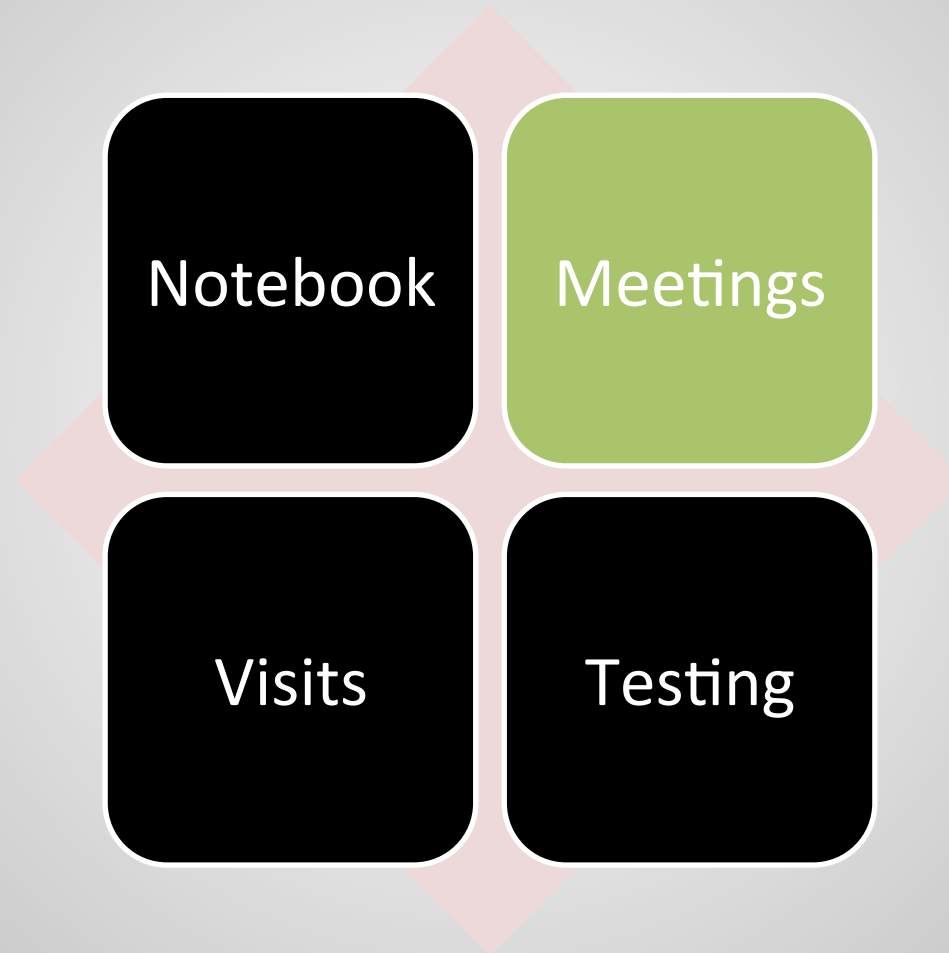
Over Night
Opportunities

Onsite
Admissions

Pre or Post
Acceptance
Visits -solo

Respect Gut
Response

Q & A: Visits



Topic: Meetings

Meetings

9th Grade

School/Family

- 4 year plan
- Freshman Parent Night

Parent/Student

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

10th Grade

School/Family

- Sophomore Parent Night

Parent/Student

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

11th Grade

School/Parent

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

Parent /Student

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

12th Grade

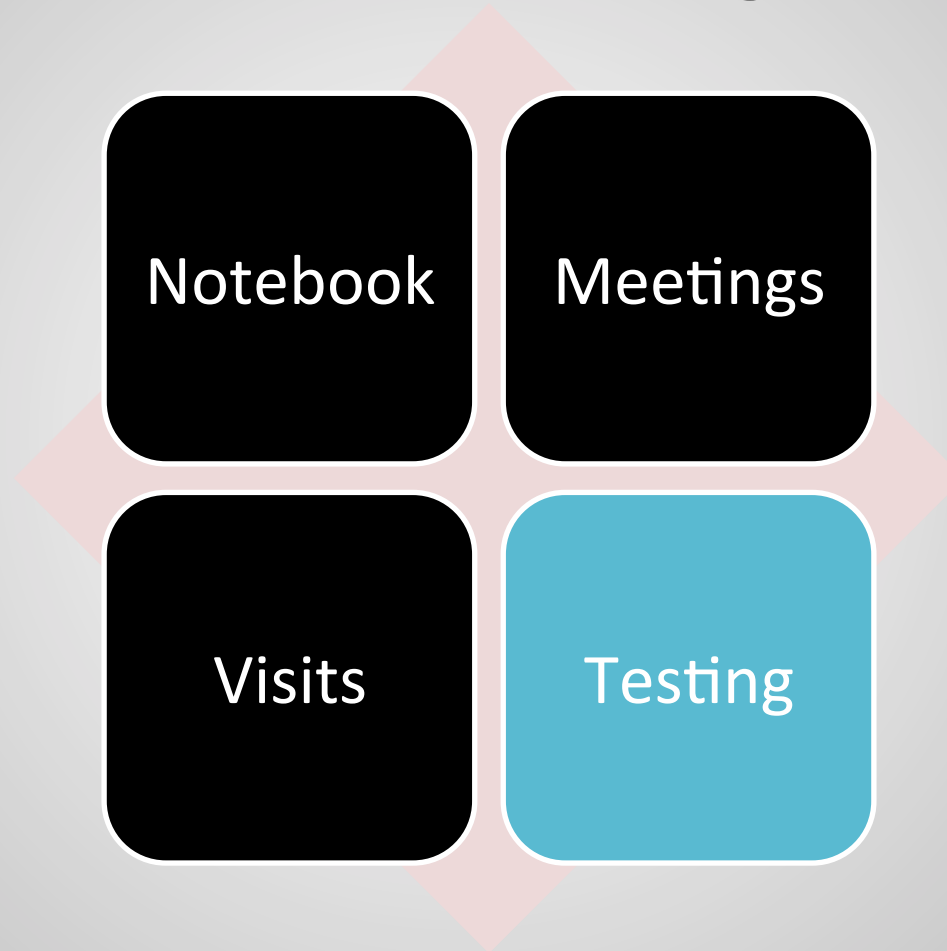
School/Parent

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

Parent/Student

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

Q & A: Meetings



Topic: Testing

Testing

9th Grade

- Aspire – Pre ACT

10th Grade

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

11th Grade

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

12th Grade

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

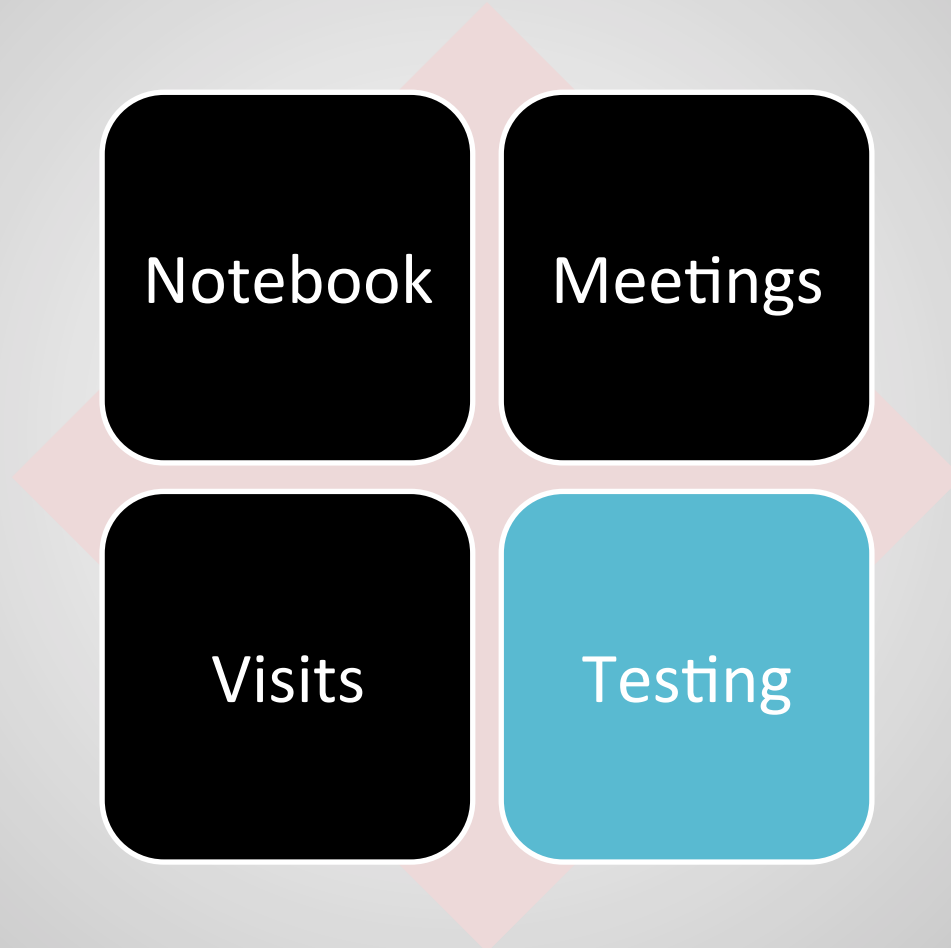
Q & A: Testing

Notebook

Meetings

Visits

Testing



(Short Technology Tangent) Naviance Family Connection

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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>

<http://www.careercruising.com>