Info. for the college fair:

Questions that students need to ask:
- Does your school offer (Students intended area of study)?
- What is your school’s early application deadline?
- Is the early deadline a binding decision?
- What is your application fee?
- What items are needed for the application process?
- What are the minimum requirements for admission?
  - Weighted & Un-weighted GPA
  - SAT or ACT
- What are the Open House and tour dates?
- What is the scholarship deadline and process?
- Are there specific courses required?
- Are freshmen required to live on campus?
- Are freshmen allowed to have a vehicle on campus?
- If you were in my place, why would you pick the school that you work at to attend?

Listen to the questions that the person in front of you asks because they are likely the same questions that you will be asking.

Helpful Websites:
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) - Financial Aid Information- FAFSA form
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) - SAT, PSAT & AP Registration and Information, general college info
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) - ACT Registration and Information, general college info
- [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) - Career Information (salaries, job descriptions, education needed, etc.)
- [http://eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) - College Athletic Eligibility Information
- [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) - Lots of information on Colleges, Careers, and Scholarships! Great Website!
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com) - More college, career and scholarship information and search engine
- [www.bigfuture.org](http://www.bigfuture.org) - College planning tools and guidance on the college process
- [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com) - College and scholarship search website

Need a Transcript help paying for ACT SAT or college application general questions or advice? See Ms. Traie or Ms. Shafer!
TIPS FOR COMPLETING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

***Remember the college application is your single chance to influence the admission process. This is usually all the college uses to base their admission decision.

Admission Committees consider the following:

- **Academic Transcript:** Your academic transcript includes all of your grades (9-11), as well as your senior classes. Attention is given to your grades, your grade pattern, your overall GPA, the courses you have taken and your class rank.

- **ACT/SAT Scores:** Even though your SAT/ACT scores are printed on your transcript, the college will require that a copy is sent directly. You can submit them electronically through the website: www.collegeboard.com. There is usually a $10.00 fee. **Recommendations:** Not all colleges require recommendations, but some do. Be sure to give the teacher/counselor appropriate notice.

- **Essay:** Not all colleges require an essay, but some do. Essays should be free of errors, thoughtful, logical, and organized. Be yourself, and use language that you feel comfortable with. Stay within the length limit. Ask a teacher to read it over and give you feedback.

- **Personal Interview:** Very few colleges require an interview. If they do, practice answering interview questions with a family member or friend. Dress appropriately, shake their hand, be prepared, and be yourself!

Completing the Application:

- READ EVERY WORD of the directions before you begin!!
- Be sure that you have an appropriate, professional e-mail address!!
- Make a copy of the application to use as a worksheet before completing the final application.
- If you choose to complete and submit an online application:
  - Always print a copy of it prior to sending it for your records.
  - Give a copy to your counselor with the forms she needs to fill out.
  - Avoid filing online the week before the application is due because the volume and risk of a system failure is greater.
  - Always call or email the college within 14 days to verify receipt of your application.
- Use specific examples when describing your interests and achievements. Emphasize the degree of involvement rather than a list. Ex. Secretary of Art Guild instead of Art Guild
- Typing or printing is acceptable. Neatness and legibility are important. Use black ink when printing.
- PROOFREAD!!
- Make copies of everything.