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Family Connection, created by Naviance, is a web based program that improves communication between counselors, students, and parents and provides a foundation for our comprehensive counseling program at each grade level. This includes: Learning Style Inventory, Personality Type Assessment, High School Course Scheduling, and Planning, Standardized Test Practice and various College Search and Application features. Family Connection provides a comprehensive tool for meaningful communication between students, parents and the SI counselor.

As each student progresses through high school, information such as standardized test scores and cumulative Grade Point Average are included on the student's account. The only information accessible to individual students and parents is their personal data.

We recognize the importance of meeting students where they are in the college process. Students and parents may 'skip ahead' to the college information at any grade level. Counselors invite students in lower grade levels to make an appointment if they wish to start their college process early. The only caveat we offer is that younger students in particular should remember to focus on their high school journey rather than look too far ahead. It's a delicate balance, and we're here to help students and parents alike.

Family Connection is linked to 'Counselor's Office,' a feature of Naviance that we use to track college admission data as it pertains to our graduates. This is helpful information for our families since it provides relevant context for current students engaging in the college admission process.

Please Note: The data contained in Family Connection should not be considered an accurate prediction of future admission decisions by any college. Students should not consider this data as one of many factors in creating their final college list. Its only purpose is to provide a guideline as students create a well rounded college list with 'Challenging,' 'Possible' and 'Likely' schools. For more information, please go to the college section of this guide!

Method of Communication (between Counseling and Students/Parents)

Students and parents should make a habit of viewing the Family Connection homepage. Regular updates and announcements are included for each grade level. Students are asked to complete various tasks depending on their grade level. A full outline (by grade) is included in this handbook in the 'Year in Review' section.

Parents with more than one student at St. Ignatius are able to view the homepage for each child's grade level by selecting the student name from a drop down menu.

All forms and instructions provided to students by the Counseling Department may also be found on Family Connection.

Registration Process

Students and parents will receive an individual account on Family Connection at the beginning of Freshman year. In the Fall, students are brought to the computer labs during a class to register and review the site with a counselor. Parents receive registration information in the mail. A registration code will be sent and parents are asked to register as a 'new user' to create a personalized account.

The web address for Family Connection is <http://connection.naviance.com/siprep>. The username is typically the student/parent email address (students' use their siprep email account and parents' use the email address provided to SI upon registration).

Troubleshooting

A new password may be requested on the Family Connection homepage if needed. If there are technical difficulties, parents and students are encouraged to contact the student's counselor.