Finding Scholarships Using Naviance...

- Using your Family Connection page, click on Colleges and scroll down to Scholarships and Money
- 2) Scholarship Information that has been sent directly to WHS typically asking for nominations will be found under *Scholarship List*. These include national and local scholarships.
- 3) Under the **Scholarship Match link**, you will find those scholarships that have been sent directly to us and that ask for specific criteria, such as SAT and ACT scores, and if you match the criteria, the scholarship will be listed there for you. Remember, just because you don't have anything on your match list, doesn't mean that you don't fit the criteria. Many scholarships are not merit based and do not ask for certain credentials. <u>ALWAYS</u>, <u>ALWAYS</u> check the **National Scholarship Search** and **Scholarship List** periodically.
- 4) ***The National Scholarship Search link is a tool hosted by Sallie Mae which provides over 3 million scholarships worth more than \$13 billion. This data base will lead you to scholarships that are specific to your needs and personal goals. You will need to complete your profile and include your SAT and ACT scores, GPA, class rank, ethnicity, interests, planned area of study, future goals, athletic participation, club participation, and any special circumstances. Remember to check this list weekly.
- 5) **IMPORTANT!** Once you have been offered **ANY** scholarship money from a college or organization, we ask that you report the amount and the name of the scholarship under **Scholarship Applications**. Even if you decide you aren't going to accept the scholarship or attend the school, **you should still report the amount you have been offered.**

Filling out an application....

- 1) You will hear it from us time and time again **APPLY EARLY & APPLY OFTEN.** If you miss a deadline and send your application in late, you go to the bottom of the pile. If you skip out on an award because you think you don't have a good shot at landing that award, you could be missing out on an opportunity for some generous funding, and free funding that you won't need to pay back.
- 2) When you're ready to start applying, it's important to get organized. One of the most important steps once you find an award that interests you is to **read the directions**, **qualifications**, **and fine print carefully**.
- 3) Be thorough and honest. Answer every question, even if that means using N/A.
- 4) Always proofread your information for accuracy and spelling. Be sure you contact each provider in the manner they've requested, whether it's by email, fax or formal letter, as it's important that you follow the directions of any scholarship application to the letter.

Other helpful Scholarship Websites...

CFNC - Welcome

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

SchoolSoup

Student Aid on the Web

<u>FastWeb</u>

College Board

FinAid! Financial Aid, College Scholarships and Student Loans

Scholarships.com

Student scholarship, college scholarships, education money

College scholarships

College Sports Recruiting - College Recruiting & Scholarships | NCSA