

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDED TOOLS – The following tools are recommended for use by all SCPA students grades 9-12 in order to facilitate their college and career planning in an efficient way while also maintaining clear counselor/student communications.

- REMIND.com (recommended for use by Juniors and Seniors) - The School Counselors utilize REMIND as another point of communication with junior and seniors and parents. REMIND is a free and secure text messaging tool that permits counselors to send updates, reminders, tips, event dates, due dates and other important announcements through text messaging to SCPA students. Specific instructions on how to sign up for counselor messages will be given to students at their initial class meetings in August.
- Naviance.com - Naviance is a comprehensive web-based program that provides up-to-date college and career planning information that specific to SCPA. The program provides a resource that connects academic achievement to college and career readiness goals. Naviance helps students accomplish the following career planning tasks:
 - Connects individual student achievement with post-secondary goals. College and career planning tools allow students and parents to identify which colleges or careers would best fit their interests based on interest inventories and actual test scores.
 - Provides tools to help students develop their resumes,
 - Research colleges by comparing GPA and standardized test score requirements with the student's performance history,
 - Research careers and career clusters and take career assessments
 - Administer a personality inventory
 - Manage college application process timelines

Naviance also helps our school counselors as they engage students in post-secondary planning sessions. School counselors also send transcripts and letters of recommendation electronically using Naviance. This helps students and the counselors ensure that this key information arrives in a timely and accurate fashion.

- www.actstudent.org – used to help you find ACT testing information like dates, locations and best practices for preparation.
- www.collegeboard.org – used to help you find out information regarding AP courses, including content, testing schedule and test preparation.
- www.commonapp.com – used to help students submit the common application to colleges, which can allow one application to be submitted to over 500 colleges and universities nationwide while only completing a single application.
- www.fafsa.ed.gov – critical site for those heading to college. Offers advice and information about grants and loans that can help you pay for college.

