

COLLEGE PORTFOLIO

Name: _____

I have met with this student. GRADE: _____

Mrs. Fitzpatrick Signature: _____

English Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____ -Due September 18, 2018

OSNAS HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PORTFOLIO
CONTRACT

THIS PAGE IS: to be signed by student and
parent/guardian and returned to your current English
teacher ASAP!

1. If I am upcoming senior attending OSNAS for the 2017-2018 school year, I am aware that I am responsible for completing a COLLEGE PORTFOLIO as part of my English 12, or English 12H requirement. Late enrollees are not exempt from this assignment. All upcoming senior students are required to complete this assignment.
2. **Students will buy a 2-pocket folder.** All completed essays and materials will be inserted into this folder.
3. Students will refer to the assignment explanation on the previous pages before beginning to complete their portfolios.
4. In-depth responses are required. Student responses need to complete in all sections.
5. Some questions can be filled out directly on the packet pages, others need to be typed and inserted in the folder.
6. Students are responsible for retaining all material in this folder. This folder will be reviewed by the English teacher and Mrs. Fitzpatrick.
7. Point deductions will be issued for missing or incomplete entries, and students will review and are responsible to follow all instructions.

STUDENT/PARENT:

I acknowledge that I have been given this **COLLEGE PORTFOLIO** packet to complete for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year and all instructions have been discussed with me in class. In addition, I was instructed on how to complete the **COLLEGE PORTFOLIO** in class. If I lose this packet, I can print out another one by going to the school's website –**osnas.com** under "**Parent/Student Resources**". I understand that I am required to bring in my **COLLEGE PORTFOLIO on September 18, 2018**. If I do not hand in my folder on September 18th, I will receive a 20 point deduction for each day it is late, on the second day my name will be given to Mr. D'Aquino for disciplinary action. If any sections are missing from the folder, or my entries are not completed as assigned, I am aware that my grade will reflect point deductions. The English teachers will be collecting these folders and notifying Mrs. Fitzpatrick if any students did not complete this requirement.

As an upcoming OSNAS senior for the 2017-2018 school year, I understand that I need to complete all the work included in this COLLEGE PORTFOLIO as instructed. I understand this project is a requirement of my English class and will be instrumental in applying for colleges.

Print Last Name: _____ **Student's Signature:** _____

***I have read the above assignment and reviewed this packet for my child. We understand all the OSNAS COLLEGE PORTFOLIO requirements for the 2017-2018 school year.**

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OUR SAVIOR NEW AMERICAN SCHOOL
COLLEGE PORTFOLIO PACKET
INCOMING – 12TH GRADE ENGLISH

Summer Assignment: **Due September 18, 2017.** Your teacher will collect your folder, review, and grade your summer work.

1. **Have a 2-pocket folder and your OSNAS Google account sign in.**
2. **A completed College essay**
 - I. At least 500 words (approx. one page –double-spaced).
 - II. Select one of questions from the list provided in your portfolio packet and construct an essay.
3. **Prepare a college resume** – see the template in your packet.
4. **Research**, complete and fill out all other items in your college portfolio.
5. **Save** all work to the **Google Drive**
6. If packet is misplaced, you can obtain a copy by going to osnas.com and click on “Parent/Student Resources” to download another complete packet.

*Save all type-written work.

English Teachers will be reviewing and editing your work.

Our Savior New American School
12TH GRADE ENGLISH
1ST QUARTER – COLLEGE PORTFOLIO

12th Grade English classes will be preparing a **COLLEGE PORTFOLIO** that will include various materials that will help you in your application process.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick

You are required to touch base with Mrs. Fitzpatrick within the first few weeks of school to be sure you are on task with all requirements for graduation from OSNAS and discuss procedures for college enrollment. (If English class timelines differs from Mrs. Fitzpatrick’s requirements, you must complete her requests and ours.)

When you meet with Mrs. Fitzpatrick, bring this folder with you so you may refer to the materials included. If Mrs. Fitzpatrick requests any material from your folder, make copies for her needs and retain originals in the folder for our class grading and future reference.

When you meet with Mrs. Fitzpatrick go over any of the “College Glossary” handout and discuss any terms you need further clarification and any additional questions you have.

I understand the requirements and expectations in formulating, constructing and implementing my college portfolio for 12th Grade English. I will complete all research and written assignments requested by my English teacher and meet with Mrs. Fitzpatrick to discuss graduation and college preparation requirements.

Student Signature:_____Date:_____

1. CollegeBoard Website

*Go to: www.collegeboard.com

*Create a free account: Login and create a password

*What is your login and password?

*List **three colleges** you searched.

*Explore the CollegeBoard site and list three things about each college you discovered when scanning the site.

CollegeBoard Password: _____

College #1 _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

College #2 _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

College #3 _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

2. Research Colleges

A. Narrow your choices:

*Select **two colleges** you are MOST interested in attending.

Examine each college's website and answer the following questions for each college.

*Fill out (separately) the handout for your two college choices.

B. Does your college choice require you to complete a common application?

*What is the deadline for completing this application?

*Research and define: What is "Early Action" or "Early Decision"

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

(If an entry question does not apply to you – enter “N/A” (not applicable) on that line)

College Choice Number 1

Name of College: _____

Address and phone number: _____

Size:

1. How many students are enrolled in this college? _____
2. What is the average class size? _____
3. How large is the campus? _____
4. Library Size in volumes. _____
5. Where does this college rank in categories like best campus, student life, etc.

Academics:

1. Name the degree/program you are interested in obtaining.

2. Discuss and explain the following:

Does this school offer this degree and program?

What programs are available?

What are the school's most popular majors?

3. What are the requirements to get in?

What are the entrance requirements for this school, and do I/can I meet them?

4. Do they have tutoring services/center (and/or) writing center if I need them?
What do they include?

Location:

1. Do I want to live on campus or with my family? _____
2. Would I prefer to go to college in the city or in a more rural setting?

3. Does the community surrounding the college have sports, shopping, concerts, etc. that interest me? Explain what is in the area surrounding this college choice.

4. Does the college offer bus service from campus into town to shop and attend events? _____
5. Does the college offer bus transportation home or to transit on weekend and holidays? _____

Campus Life:

1. Does this college offer the extracurricular activities/ sports/fraternities/ sororities that interest me?
What are they: _____

2. What is the dorm room situation like? (single/double/triple or suites)

3. What are the security provisions on campus?

Cost:

1. Do you want to commute to the college or dorm?

2. How much is the tuition? (Consider in-state and out-of-state fees).

Additional Information Relevant to your needs:

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College Choice Number 2

Name of College: _____

Address and phone number: _____

Size:

1. How many students are enrolled in this college? _____
2. What is the average class size? _____
3. How large is the campus? _____
4. How big is the library? _____
5. Where does this college rank in categories like best campus, student life, etc.

Academics:

1. Name the degree/program you are interested in obtaining.

2. Discuss and explain the following:

Does this school offer this degree and program?

What programs are available?

What are the school's most popular majors?

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Cost of Living at the school?

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Additional Information Relevant to your needs:

3. Write your College Resume –

To be completed over the summer and

Turned in on September 18, 2017– Be sure to save all your work because we will be making edits as needed.

In the style of a business resume (see below), fill in your information based on your accomplishments in and out of school. This may include your club memberships, jobs, volunteer work, awards, standardized test scores, talents, skills and personal information (home address and contact information).

First/Last Name

Number and Street (address)

City, State and Zip Code

Phone#

Email:

Education: **Our Savior New American School** (List years attended) 2004-2010
Centereach, NY 11720

Relevance of coursework: *AP courses or special*

programs/courses you are in: include scores if available. List all current senior courses as well.

Work Experience: List Company Name (List years of service)

Location

Brief description of duties

(Do not include volunteer work). Place volunteer work in skills/abilities under Volunteer Services.

**** (if you have/had more than one job, list the most recent job first)**

Skills/Abilities: **Categorize your skills by subject area (Athletics)**

*Bullet-point descriptions of involvement and duties: include positions held, skills learned or needed.

* Club Memberships

* Volunteer Service

* Youth Groups

Awards: **List awards won followed by the year achieved in parenthesis**

Formatting of Resume:

- *The font should be 12 pt. (A legible style font) - One inch margins.
- *Follow the **Bold**, *italic*, and regular patterns as portrayed by this template
- *Resumes should not be more than ONE page in length
- * PRINT OUT TWO COPIES OF YOUR RESUME – One copy is submitted to your English Teacher and one is put into your college portfolio.
- *SAVE ALL YOUR WORK in the event of revisions and edits.

4. Write your College Essay – What is your college’s procedure?

To be completed over the summer and brought in the first day of classes –Be sure To save all your work because we will be making edits as needed.

- Almost every college has a **specific essay** included with their application. Find out what the essay question is and type a response to it. Include the question with your response.
- Sometimes colleges **have you select a question/prompt from a list** for you to formulate your essay. How long do they require your essay to be? Some essays need to be 250 words – be sure you adhere to the requirements and procedures.
- **Before you begin your essay:**
 - **Indicate whether your essay is a specific essay designed to answer a prompt from your desire college.**
 - **Cite the website in which you obtained your prompt.**
 - **Restate the question posed.**
 - **Your essay should be in MLA format.**

OR

If your college choice does not have a specific essay question, **select one question** from the list below and type at least a **500 word response** to the question (remember to include the question with your response).

***Restate the question posed.**

***Your essay should be in MLA format.**

***ESSAYS ARE TO BE TYPED IN MLA FORMAT – DOUBLE SPACED – AT LEAST 500 WORDS.**

***THIS IS A MANDATORY ESSAY.**

***EVEN IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND WITH SCHOOLS, THE ESSAY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BE EDITED FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL.**

***SAVE ALL YOUR WORK IN THE EVENT OF REVISIONS AND EDITS.**

COMMON APPLICATION ESSAY PROMPTS

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you faced a challenge, setback or experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, or an ethical dilemma-anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you have already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

5. Interview Questions: Some colleges suggest that you arrange for an interview with one of their alumni or admissions counselors. This interview could be in person or over the phone.

Your First Interview: Consider scheduling your first interview at a college where your chances of admission are high, a “safety” school. This gives you a taste of the real thing without the confidence. Anticipate possible interview questions that may be asked for your specific college. Does your college have specific interview questions?

Answer the following interview questions to prepare for an interview or phone call:

“Can you conduct this entire interview without using the word: “I””? There isn’t any way to prepare a curve-ball question except to recognize that the possibility exists. If you get frazzled, say “I’ll have to think that over. Is it okay if I write you about this?” Remember, it’s much better to say, “I don’t know” than to pretend to be an expert.

Very often, the questions asked by interviewers are very similar from one college to the next. The admissions staff just wants to make sure that you can speak intelligently about your grade, scores, and goals. They’ll ask questions like:

Complete the questions below: - You may handwrite your responses after each question in complete sentences.

- Why do you want to attend our college?
 - What will you contribute?
 - Are your grades an accurate reflection of your potential?
 - Which of your activities is most rewarding and why?
 - What has been your biggest achievement?
 - What’s your opinion on (fill in current event)?
 - How did you spend last summer?
 - What do you want to do after you graduate from college?
 - What’s the most difficult situation you’ve faced?
 - If you could change one thing about your high school, what would it be?

6. Grant/Scholarship Requirements:

- Go to: www.fastweb.com
- Log in free. Create an account.
 - What is your username and password?
- Go to the prompt that says “Scholarships”
- Get award options based on your own individual profile.
- Explore these options.
 - Discuss your results.
 - List questions for Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

Questions for consideration:

- What are the Scholarship requirements for the college?
- Does the college offer grants?
- Are you applying for a basketball scholarship? What are the requirements and expectations when applying?

A. Account username and password: _____

B. What award options did you feel suited your criteria:

C. Apply for a scholarship.

Letters of Recommendation:

When considering freshman applications, colleges require letters of recommendation from students.

- Mrs. Fitzpatrick gives you a form to complete, which you bring to the person writing your letter along with a copy of your resume.
- The letter of recommendation is forwarded, along with your resume and high school profile with your transcript to the college.

People you may want to consider writing a letter on your behalf:

Teachers

Pastors

Coaches

Guidance Counselor

Employers