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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Kennedy Catholic High School's Family Connection by Naviance. This program is a comprehensive online college & career planning and college application management system for Guidance Counselors, students, and families. With Family Connection, you, as students and families, will now have a powerful service to facilitate your child's college planning, selection and application processes.

FAMILY CONNECTION OFFERS:

- *College Search* - Students can search for colleges based on several criteria such as location, size of student body, majors offered, cost, etc.
- *College Lookup* - Students can read about admissions requirements, majors and activities offered, and compare and analyze Kennedy Catholic High School students' historical acceptance records with a click of a button. It is easy to research colleges, with detailed college contact information, including a direct link to the college homepage.
- *My Colleges* - This feature allows students to keep track of the colleges they are considering and create an "active application" list as they decide where to apply.
- *Scholarship Applications* - Families and students can search, read about and apply for scholarships online.

NEW OFFERING TO THE KENNEDY COMMUNITY THIS SCHOOL YEAR:

This year, the school has added the career planning and learning styles inventory programs to the school's Naviance account. These features enable all students to understand how they learn best, and explore career interests and goals akin to their personality profile.

How To Access Family Connection by Naviance : Go to the Family Connection website at connection.naviance.com/jfkcatholic. Then enter the registration code you will receive via email soon to access your child's personal academic information and various search options listed above. You can then modify your username and password for personal use. (Note: All of your personal academic and demographic information is confidential. No other user outside of your family can access this information. For technical support on accessing certain features of this program, please click on the HELP tab on the top right of Kennedy Catholic's home page.

*Throughout the year, the guidance department will be frequently posting pertinent high school and college planning information about upcoming JFK and local college planning events, a schedule of fall college representative visits, scholarship applications for seniors AND underclassmen. **So please be informed and remember to visit our Family Connection website often to "stay in the know."***

Yours truly,

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