

NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION

St. Thomas is pleased to introduce you to a college planning software program that was implemented in the Guidance Office for the 2009-2010 school year. Naviance Family Connection is widely used across the country as a vital communication tool among high schools, colleges and universities. This program has allowed us to expedite the application process by submitting high school transcripts, profiles, school reports, and letters of recommendation electronically.

Because this program is designed to facilitate the college planning and application process, it will become progressively more important as your son advances towards graduation. We feel that it also has many benefits for younger students and would like you to begin to familiarize yourself with the program as freshman parents to explore the site with your son. Some of the components we invite you to utilize are the advanced college search and the résumé builder. It is not too early to begin researching college options and all students should start keeping track of the many activities in which they participate. This program allows you to do all of this, while saving your information in a place your counselor can access.

Students receive their registration codes and access their accounts during the beginning of their freshman year. Parents can receive their registration code by contacting their son's counselor. You will need to register your account separately. To do so, please go to the St. Thomas website (www.sths.org) and click on the link that says Naviance in the Counseling section. As a new user, you will be prompted to enter your registration code. After using this code once, you will simply need to enter your email and self-selected password to access the program in the future. If you have a son who is an upperclassman, you will find that your existing account has already been linked to your freshman son and only he needs to register. We hope you enjoy this program and find it beneficial.