

College! OMG!



The 8 Keys to Success (and Sanity)



1. Pay attention to detail

2. Know your deadlines and requirements

3. Make you student memorize their SSN

4. Understand the roles of Common App and Naviance

5. Complete the Senior Packet (and hand it in)

6. Regular check-ins with school counselors

7. Ask questions (of everyone)

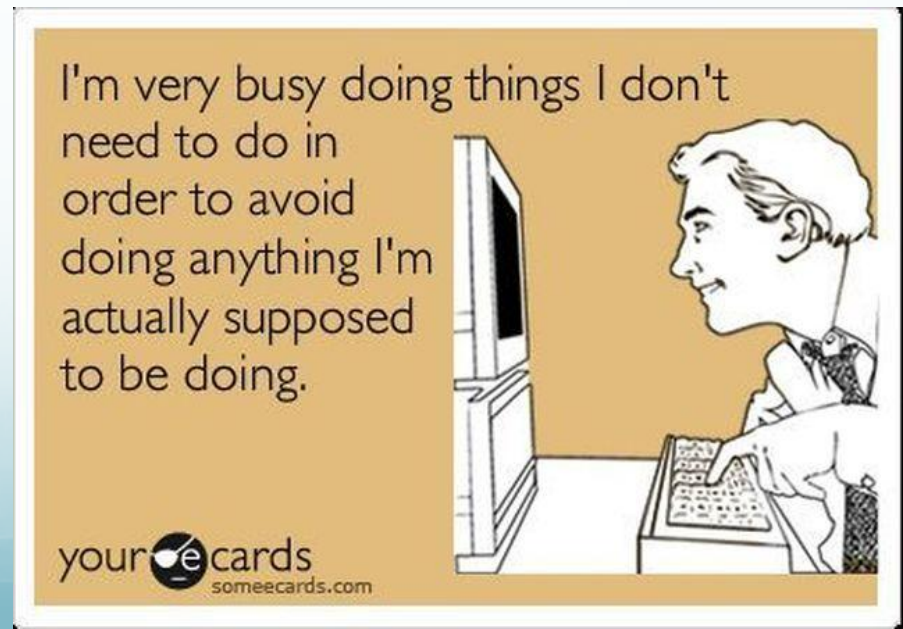
8. Do NOT do this process for your student! They are young adults!!!!

Most Common Blunders



Procrastination!

- It's easier to avoid big tasks and big issues (is it really?)
- Students and parents will feed off each other's habits and energy
- The most successful 12th graders are those that do a little EVERY day



Allowing the “College Process” to Become a Power Struggle

- This is a POSITIVE journey for the student and the family – don’t let it become a war
- Parents and students are on the SAME team – and the counselors and admissions representatives coaches



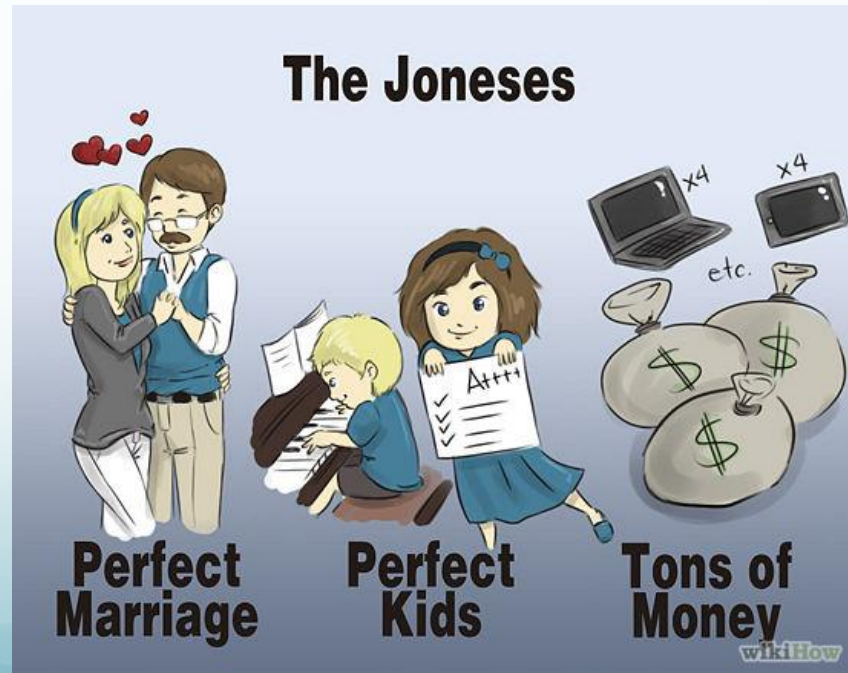
Limiting Your Options

- Every opportunity is at least worth a conversation
- Shoot for the moon, shoot for the middle and shoot for the “makes sense”
- Money is a factor but it shouldn't be a deal breaker



Comparing Yourself to Other Families

- College is a **personalized** process – what's right for one kid and one family is not always right for another
- Other parents are good for support but NOT for setting standards



Ignoring the Social/Emotional/Familial Effects

- This whole process is (unfortunately) super stressful
- No question is a “stupid” question and you cannot ask too many of them
- HAVE FUN



Stupid Questions

There are no stupid questions.
Only stupid people who ask questions.