

SMIS Grade 11 University Presentation

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Introductions

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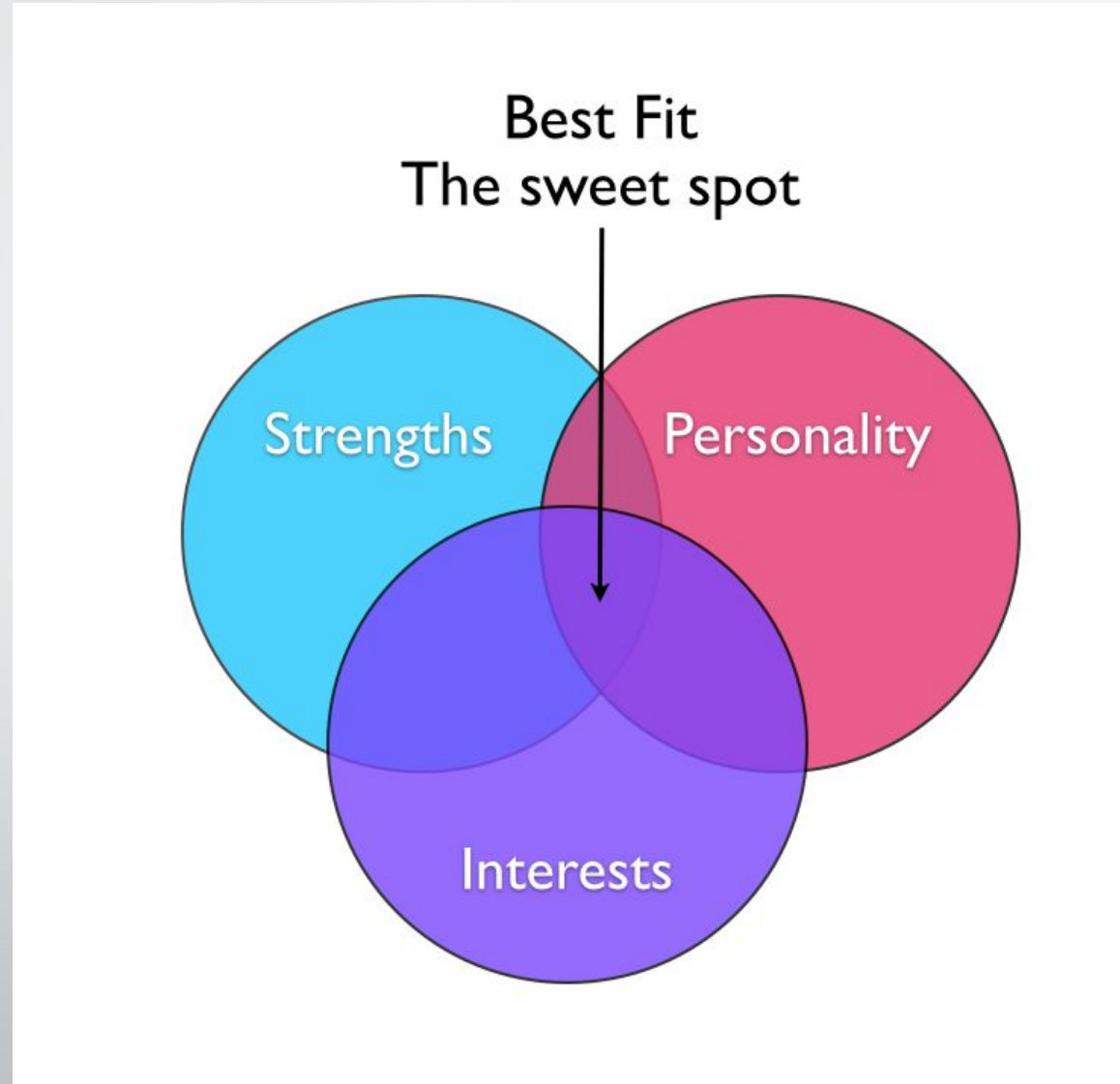
Agenda

- What should I be doing right now?
- Where do I fit? Reach, target, and safety
- Programs in Japan, US, UK, Canada, etc. and how to apply
- Factors in College Admission
- Basic Timeline (please see handout)
- Roles
- Upcoming events

What should I be doing?

- Students should be working hard in classes
- Get as strong grades as possible in the appropriate level curriculum
- Talking to university representatives when they visit SMIS
 - School calendar, Naviance, Student Bulletin
 - Parents are always welcome!

Searching for the “best fit”



Searching for the best fit

- Academic interests
- Extra curricular interests
- Location – what country?
- School culture/environment
- Size
- Rigor

Best fit continued...

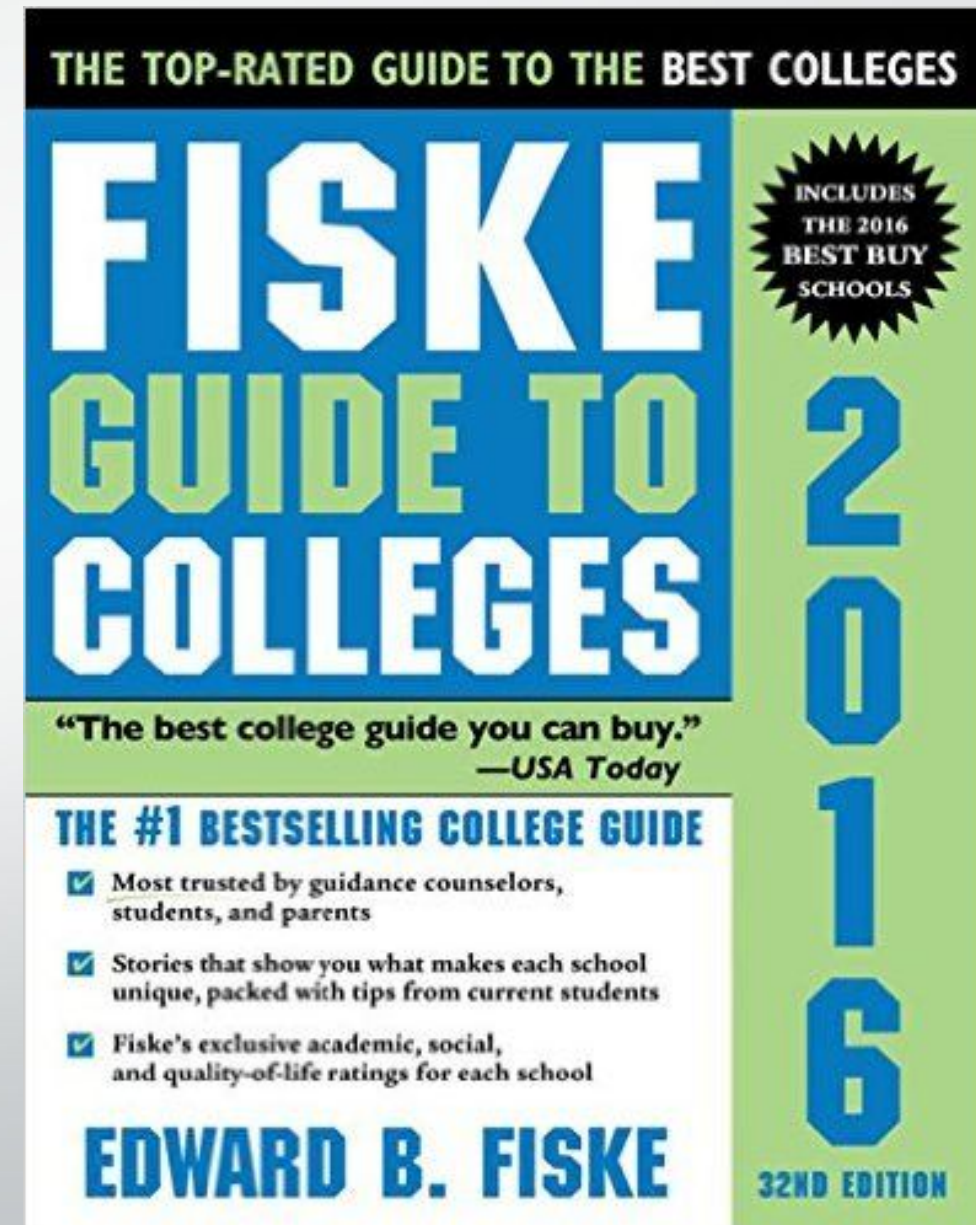
- Visit colleges (spring break, summer, anytime!)
- Colleges visit St. Mary's
 - Fall 2016: 90 colleges
- College Fairs in Tokyo
 - Kanto Plain College Fair
 - EdUSA College Fair
 - Canadian College Fair
 - UK College Fair
 - Australian College Fair

College search engines

- http://www.collegedata.com/cs/search/college/college_search_tmpl.jhtml
- <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- <https://www.unigo.com/>

Building Your List

- Beginning in the spring of Junior Year, students should start building their college lists.
- 2 Realistic Reach; 4 or 5 Target; 2 Most Likely
- Limit the list to 8-10 schools
- Books and websites are a great sources of information (College Board, Unigo, UCAS).



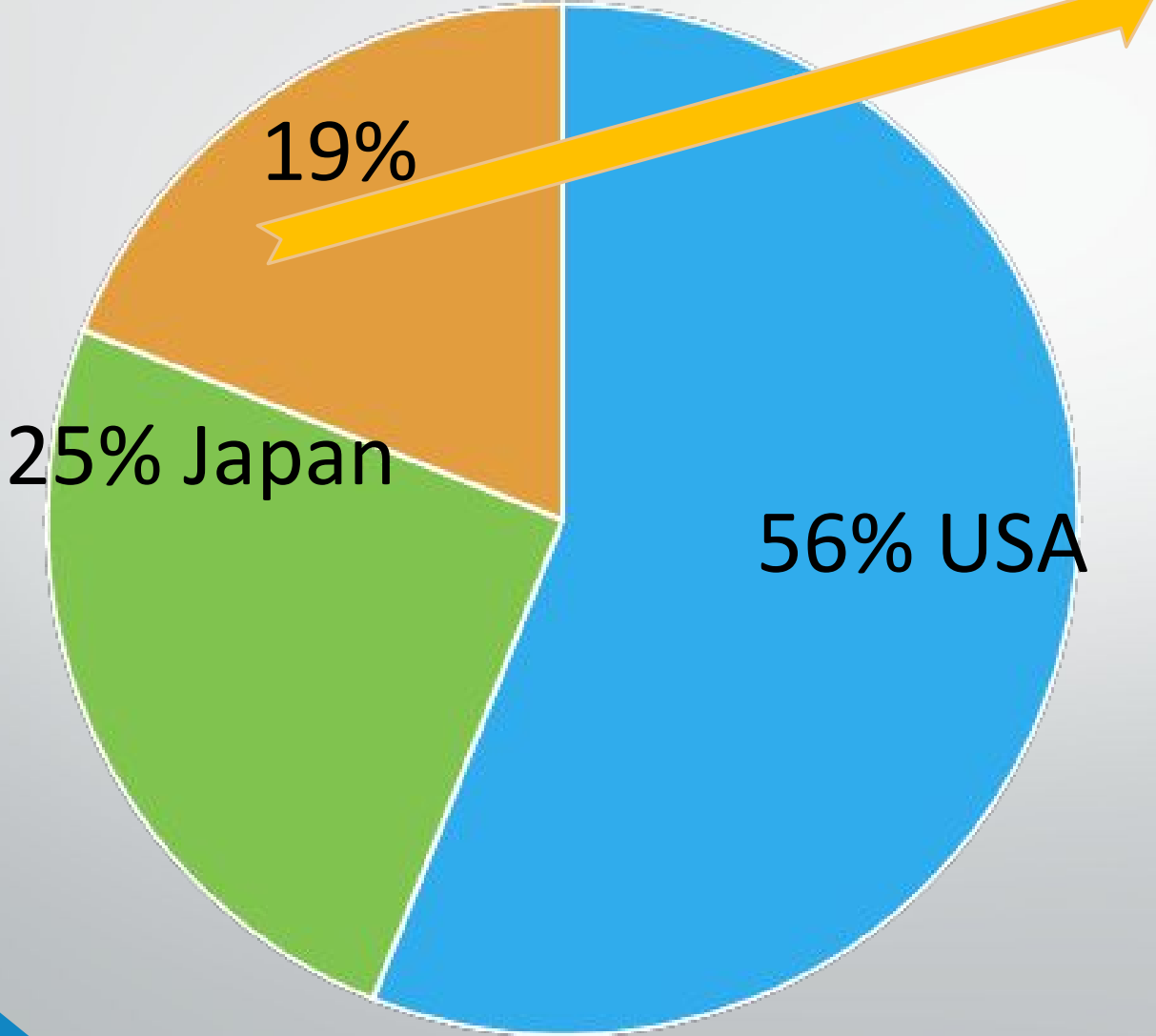
Where do SMIS students apply?

- St. Mary's students apply all around the world:
 - 60-70% apply to schools in the U.S.
 - 50% apply to schools in Japan
 - 20% apply to schools in Canada
 - 15% apply to schools in the U.K.
 - Fewer than 10% apply to continental Europe and elsewhere in Asia.

Where do they go?

College Matriculation 2014-2016

Canada, UK, Europe,
Australia and the rest of Asia



College Matriculation (from the class of 2014-2016)

Anderson University

Australian National University

Berklee College of Music*

Boston College*

Boston University

Brigham Young University of Hawaii

Brown University

California Lutheran University

California State University Northridge*

Carleton University*

Case Western Reserve University

Central St Martins College of
Art & Design

Chapman University

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Colgate University*

Colorado College

Columbia University*

Dartmouth College

Davidson College

Durham University

Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne

Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University,
Daytona Beach

Emory University*

Falmouth University

Florida International University

George Mason University

Hofstra University

Hope College

iCLA Yamanashi Gakuin University

IE University

International Christian University*

Jacobs University

Johns Hopkins University

Keio University*

Kenyon College

King's College London

Lynchburg College

Macalester College*

McGill University

Middlebury College

Nagoya University*

New York University*

Northeastern University*

Northwestern University

Ohlone College

Pace University- Westchester Campus

Paris West University Nanterre
La Défense

Parsons School of Design -
The New School*

Pomona College

Princeton University

Purdue University

Ritsumeikan University

Roger Williams University

Rotterdam University of
Applied Sciences

Rutgers University- New Brunswick

San Diego State University

San Francisco State University

Sarah Lawrence College

Sophia University*

St. John's University

SUNY Binghamton

SUNY Fredonia

SUNY Purchase

SUNY Stony Brook

Temple University, Japan Campus

Tokyo College of Music

Tulane University

University College London

University of Alberta

University of Arizona

University of British Columbia*

University of California, San Diego*

University of California, Santa Cruz*

University of Connecticut

University of Kent

University of Melbourne

University of Michigan*

University of Minnesota

University of Oxford

University of the Pacific

University of Pennsylvania*

University of Portland*

University of Redlands

University of San Francisco

University of Southern California

University of St. Andrews

University of Toronto*

University of Tulsa

University of Warwick*

University of Washington*

University of Wisconsin- Superior

Waseda University*

Wesleyan University

Whittier College

Yale- NUS College

Yonsei University

* indicates more than one

Applications

- Except in Japan and Korea, students will apply on-line.
- In the U.S. over 600 colleges use the Common Application
- U.K. universities use the UCAS
- Universities in Ontario use the Ontario Universities' Application Centre
- Other schools use their own sites



Factors in College Admission

- Transcript (grades from 9-12)
 - IB Predicted Grades
- School Profile
- Standardized testing
- Essays
- Letters of recommendation
- Extra curricular activities

Standardized Tests

- SAT
- SAT Subject Tests
- ACT
- TOEFL
- IELTS
- Other Tests
- All test scores must be sent by students via testing organization's website

- ACT, SAT, & SAT Subject

Scenario 1: Testing Plan

Standardized Tests

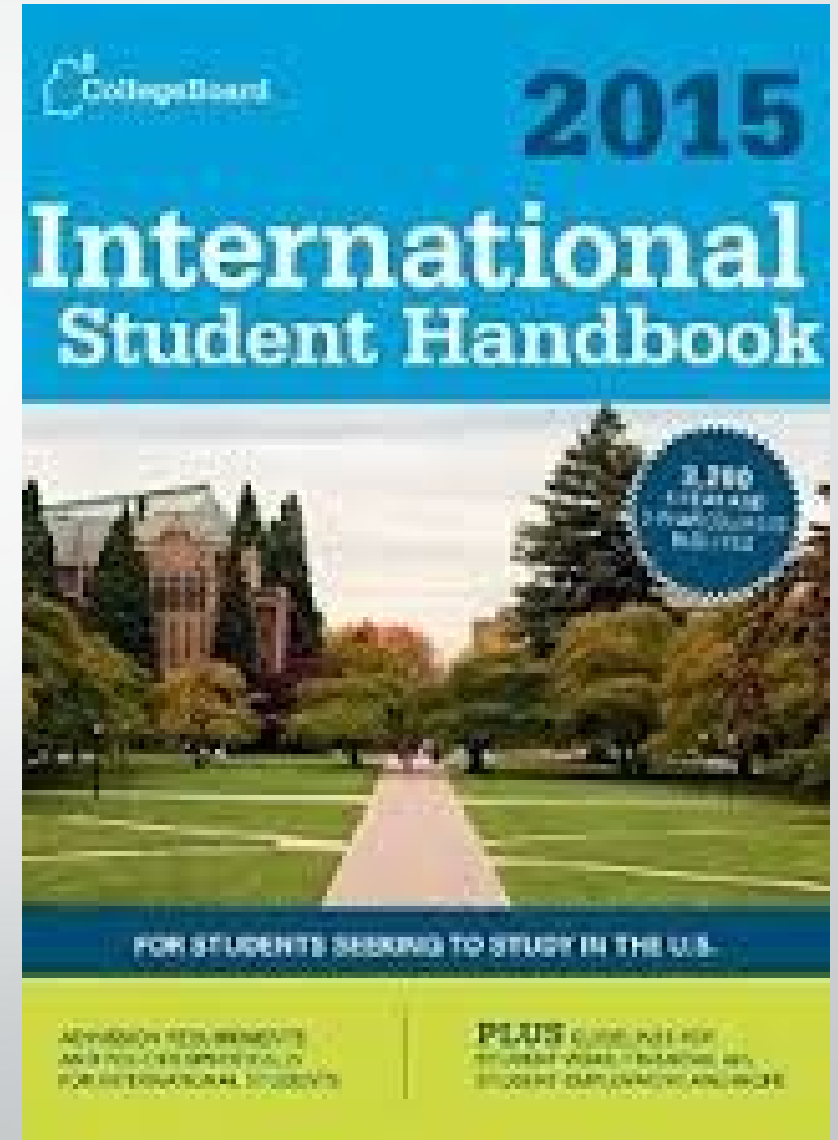
- January 2017 SAT
- May 2017 SAT Subject Tests (if needed)
- June 2017 SAT
- October 2017 SAT (third and final)
- November 2017 SAT Subject Tests (if needed)
- **Registration for the 2017 Fall tests will begin in June 2017.**

Scenario 2: Testing Plan

- April 2017 ACT

Financial Aid

- Financial aid is available to international students at some US universities
- Merit-based aid is available from Canadian universities
- Aid is generally not available from the UK or Australian universities
- U. S. schools may be *need-aware* or *need-blind*
- Need-based v. Merit-based aid
- Only a few schools will meet full demonstrated need
- FAFSA for U.S. passport holders, CSS Profile for international students. Some schools have their own additional forms.



Timeline Spring 2017

- First Junior Questionnaire – due **January 16, 2017**
- College Research Assignment- due **January 16, 2017**
- Junior Conferences with parents, students, and counselor (**January 16-March 24**) (Please schedule appointment with Ms. McGuire)
- Please see handout for details

Student role

- You are in the driver's seat
- Be proactive - research schools, talk to visiting college representatives, attend evening presentations, communicate with counselors
- Check your email and student bulletin
- Sign up for the SAT, ACT, TOEFL, etc.
- You are responsible for knowing deadlines and submitting your applications

Counselor Role

- We are “full service” counselors and we offer social/emotional counseling, academic counseling, and college counseling.
- Available to support all students
- Give honest and realistic advice
- Write recommendations and school report

Parent Role

- Spend positive time with your son. He knows you are worried about him. He is worried too.
- Don't manage the process for him. He is the one who is applying.
- If your son is resisting talking to you, talk to us! We will be having meetings with your son and can check in with him to see how he is doing.

What are the Secrets to Getting In?

- The “secret” to getting in is to have high grades in an **appropriately challenging program**, to find something outside of the classroom that you can put your energy into, and be happy.
- Take the time to get to know your counselor. Be **open and honest** about your concerns and needs.
- Private consultants and companies charge a lot of money to take your anxiety away. We are here to help your son.
- If you choose to use one, be a smart consumer and ask questions.

Upcoming events

- Career Day – January 20, 2017
- College visits and presentations continue until April 28, 2017
- IE Period Class Meetings
- Nutrition break sessions
 - (Topics: Common Application, Japanese applications, etc.)
- College fairs and presentations outside of St. Mary's (please check the calendar)
- Junior Parent Conference – (January 16 – March 24)
- Please schedule with Mrs. McGuire
Grade 12 College Presentation – September 2017
- Kanto Plain College Fair – September 2017

Questions?

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