


# JR.'S COLLEGE NIGHT – PART II


MAJOR AND CAREER FOCUS



# KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Pray for wisdom and guidance
  - Take ownership of the process
  - Communicate with your parents
  - Don't believe everything you hear!
  - Proactively communicate with Mrs. Ward
  - Trust God and his sovereignty over your life
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# TONIGHT

- Process Check-in
    - Test/Prep Plan
    - Résumé Status
  - Career/Major Exploration
    - Naviance Tools
    - Get-A-Direction with Mrs. Becky Preble
  - College Exploration
    - Naviance Tools
    - Campus Visits
  - Next Steps
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*Process  
Check-in*

# PROCESS CHECK-IN

- Jr. Year Checklist
- Testing/Prep Plan
- Résumé Status

# TESTING/PREP PLAN

- PSAT – October 10<sup>th</sup>
- Select ACT or SAT and schedule tests
- Subject Tests
  - For more selective colleges
  - Sports implications
- CLT – Classical Learning Test

# TEST PREP OPTIONS

- Test Practice Booklets (Mrs. Greenlees' Room)
  - PSAT Guide 2018
  - Prepping for the ACT 2018-19
  - SAT Practice Test #2, 2018-19
- Free Online Practice
  - Khan Academy (SAT)
  - ACT Academy
- Test Prep Information
  - U-Bound, Flores Family
  - More Than a Teacher
  - Kaplan – PSAT Prep Live (free)

# CLASSICAL LEARNING TEST

- Up and coming standardized test rooted in the classical tradition
- Designed for students who excel in reason, logic, and reading
- Same day results
- Free practice test and concordance available online
- 126 Colleges Accept (and growing) Including:
  - Abilene Christian
  - Baylor Honors
  - Calvin College
  - Gordon College
  - Hillsdale College
  - Houston Baptist University
  - John Brown University
  - LeTourneau University
  - Liberty University
  - Lyceum Program at Clemson University
  - Messiah College
  - Patrick Henry College
  - The King's College
  - University of Dallas
  - Wheaton College



# RÉSUMÉ STATUS

- Handbook, TAB H
- Document everything!
  - Academics, Extracurricular, Service
  - NHS Packets available
- Live Well
  - God calls us as Followers of Christ to Serve God, Serve Others and Pursue Everything with Excellence. If you follow hard after this call, your resume will build itself.
- Using Naviance
  - Handbook, TAB C
  - Login: sward19/geneva1
  - Demo: About Me, Home
  - Resume

*Career and Major  
Exploration*

# PERSPECTIVE

- A biblical perspective should lead us to see college and career pursuits in light of a calling that will express who God has created us to be as unique individuals, glorifying him and serving others
- “God has created us and our gifts for a place of his choosing, and we will only be ourselves when we are finally there.” – Os Guinness

# RESEARCHING CAREERS/MAJORS

- Handbook, TAB D
- Naviance, Careers Home
  - Assessments (Do What You Are, Career Interest Profiler)
  - Career Cluster Finder
  - Roadtrip Nation
  - Explore!
- Pursue exposure to areas of interest
  - Summer camps/experiences, jobs, internships, reading, etc.
- Becky Preble's Pick My Major Program

# GET-A-DIRECTION

- Mrs. Becky Preble
- Pick My Major counseling program
- Helps students identify their best matched college major and prepare them for the ever-changing workforce
- Proprietary system designed to help high school students pick a college major
- Helps to prevent major switching (which saves tuition money!)


# GET-A-DIRECTION

## Logistics

- Complete Natural Talents Survey
  - During Pre-Calculus
  - Starting tomorrow (9/21)
- Signup for a session on ParentSquare
  - Student meets one-on-one for first hour
  - Parents join session for second hour
- Geneva splits the cost with you:
  - Family pays \$250 in advance to GSB
  - Geneva pays \$250

*College  
Exploration*

# RESEARCH COLLEGES

- Handbook, TAB G
  - Mrs. Preble's Recommendations
  - Naviance, Colleges Home
    - Colleges I'm Thinking About
    - College Compare
    - College Resources
    - Super Match
  - Explore!
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# CAMPUS VISITS

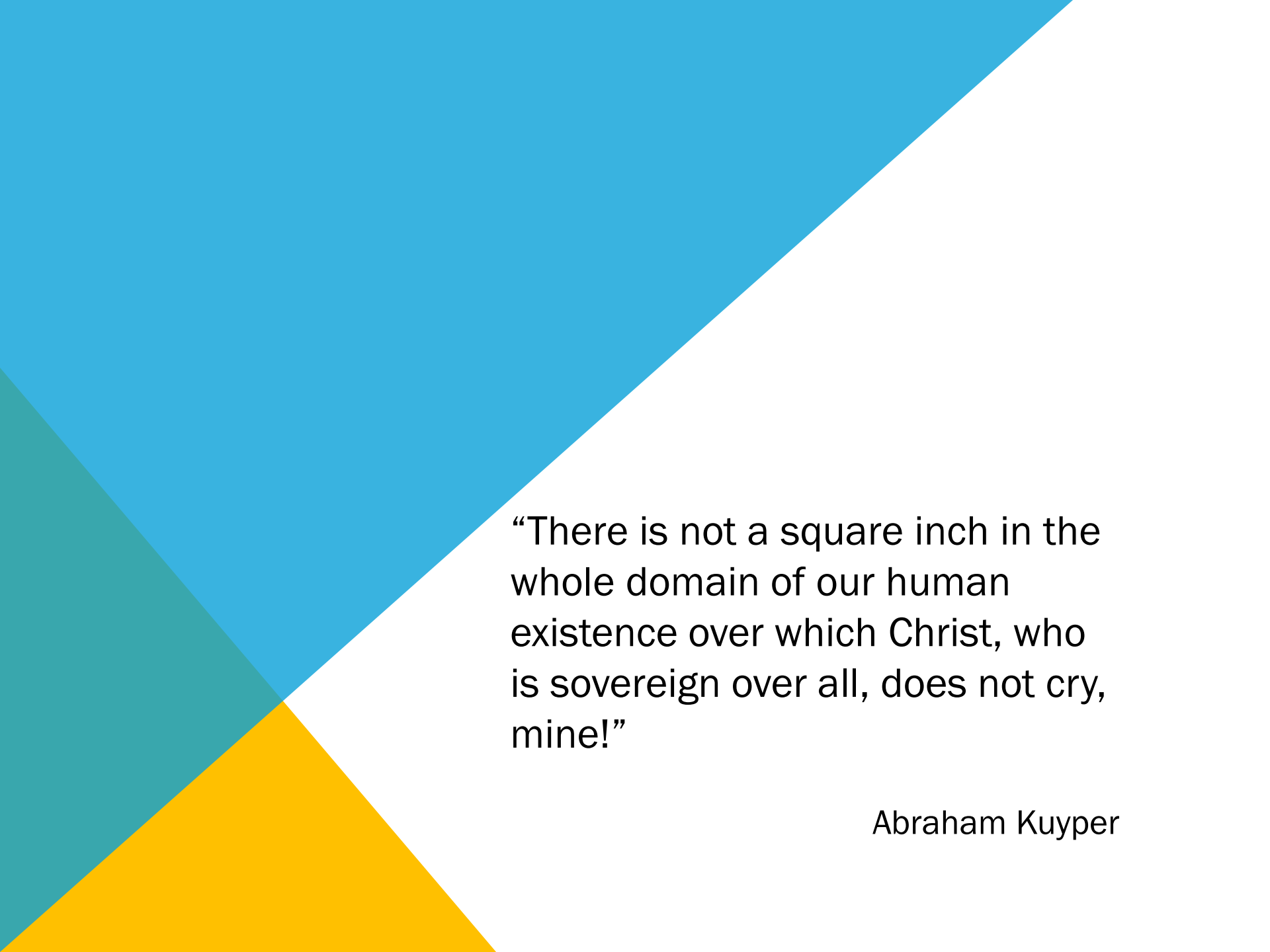
- Handbook, TAB E
- Important part of selection process
- Setup a personalized visit
- Ask the right questions to:
  - Admissions
  - Departments of interest
  - Current/former students (especially Geneva grads)
- Look around – what does the institution value?

# NEXT STEPS

- Signup with Mrs. Preble on ParentSquare
- Begin researching careers/majors
- Begin researching/visiting colleges
- Execute your testing plans
- Individual family meetings with Mrs. Ward starting in January

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Geneva's College Fair
  - October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00-2:00pm
- Lunch Visitors on Campus
  - Monday 9/24, Westmont
  - Thursday 9/27, ACU
- Christian College Fair
  - Monday, September 24, 6:30-8:30
  - The Christian School at Castle Hills (Gymnasium)



“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry, mine!”

Abraham Kuyper