Parent Role in the College Admission Process

St. George’s School
Fifth Form Parents Weekend

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#10: REMEMBER WHO IS GOING TO COLLEGE

☐ Family process, but…
☐ Avoid using “we” “our” or “mine”
#9: BE THE TOUR MANAGER, NOT THE STAR

- Help map out college visits
- Handle the logistics
- Recommend stops
- Allow your student to drive the visit
#8: HELP DEMONSTRATE AUTHENTIC INTEREST

- Think of it as a developing relationship
- Importance of checking in
- Ask questions
- Showing interest
#7: THERE IS MORE TO LIFE…

- Don’t let the process dominate your lives
- Teens are not always known as good communicators
- Choose one time or day
#6: CONSIDER CURBS & CLIFFS

- Curb: running late for campus tour
- Curb: late requests for recommendations
- Cliff: missing the application deadline
- Cliff: missing an interview
#5: PROMOTE BALANCE

- Class schedule
- Extracurricular activities
- Most importantly: find time to enjoy it all!
#4: HELP MANAGE THE “HYPE”

- Media
- Run interference with family/friends
- Avoid comparisons to others
#3: BE UPFRONT ABOUT LIMITATIONS

- Financial
- Geographic
- Be proactive
#2: FOSTER RESILIENCY

☐ Be aware of the potential for denial
☐ Focus on the positives
☐ Remind your student of the importance of context
#1: THIS IS NOT YOUR GRADE

☐ Be supportive, no matter what
☐ Remember the ultimate goal