

ST. MARGARET'S COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE
PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

To Parents of Juniors:

We view you as a vital and important partner in the college admission process and, therefore, need your perspective on your daughter or son. Please help us by responding to the questions below. Be funny; be serious; be honest; be proud. The more we know, the better our ability to help guide your son or daughter through the college process. Your anecdotes and knowledge of your child will be extremely helpful to us in our role as college counselor and as we write your child's letter of recommendation. Please write or type your answers, using as much space as you need. We are much more interested in content than format. If another approach is more helpful to you, please feel free to use that approach, keeping the questions below in mind.

Anecdotes and stories are more helpful than broad statements.

- 1) Use three adjectives to describe your child. Specifically, how does each adjective "fit" your child?
- 2) Describe your child as a person. Consider strengths, weaknesses, interests, aversions. Give concrete examples, if possible.
- 3) Tell us about one or two major events that you see as turning points in your son or daughter's development and explain why you view them as such.
- 4) Please describe your child's high school career. In what ways has it been pleasurable or painful, successful or disappointing?
- 5) Something the college counselors need to know about my/our son/daughter is . . .
- 6) What is your family's cultural and geographic background? Have you lived in places other than this area? What other schools has your child attended? What is your family's current living situation?
- 7) Is there anything you wish to add which would help us in writing the school letter, e.g. educational background, special family situation, special medical history, personal achievements, etc? Please indicate whether this information may be shared with colleges.

**Please reply to the College Counseling office no later than April 2, 2007 but feel free to send an addendum at any time.
(We prefer that you e-mail your response to either of us.)**

Thanks!

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