



Bishop Verot Catholic High School

Counseling Department



NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION

Bishop Verot Catholic High School is pleased to introduce you to Family Connection from Naviance, a web-based service designed especially for students and parents. Family Connection is a comprehensive web site that you can use to help in making decisions about colleges and careers. Family Connection is a service that we use in our Guidance Offices to track and analyze data about our students' college and career plans. Family Connection will allow you to:

- Setting Goals
- Developing your "resume" for those writing references for you
- Create "to do" lists
- Explore career possibilities and match them to potential college majors
- Research colleges that will match your unique set of traits and preferences
- Submit requests for Recommendations & Transcripts
- Explore scholarship opportunities
- Track the application submission process
- Contacting your counselor and more!

Activate Your Account

Go to <http://connection.naviance.com/bishopverot>

Students will log in using the same username & password they use for their BV email account (make sure to put in your firstname.lastname only where it asks for email!).

Parents are sent an Access Code to initially log in and create an account during your child's freshman year. Parents can then create their own usernames & passwords. (*Email Miss Barbato if you need your Access Code*)

FEATURES TO EXPLORE

Complete in Grade 9

My Planner tab

- **Goals, Tasks, To-Do's** – use this area to set goals, create to-do lists, and track tasks assigned to you.

About Me and/or Careers tab

- **Strengths Explorer** - powered by Gallup, will help uncover your talents and reveal your potential strengths to you and the people in your world.
- **Learning Style Inventory** – allows students to boost academic potential by recognizing their natural learning style, discover better learning strategies, and gain career development skills.
- **Career Interest Profiler** - Take a **career survey**, a tool that can help you discover the types of work activities and careers that match your interests. Use the results to explore suggested occupations. Examine the education, training, and skills required and where to obtain them, as well as wages typical for these occupations.

Complete in Grade 10

About Me tab

- **Do What You Are** - A **personality survey** to help you learn about your personality, your strengths, your blind spots and more! Use the results to explore suggested college majors and careers based on your preferences and strengths.
- **Cluster Finder** - Learn what career clusters may be a good match for you based on activities that interest you, personal qualities that you have and subjects that you enjoy studying in school.
- **MiAdvantage** – uses Multiple Intelligences theory to reveal students' **intelligence strengths and challenges**, and then provides suggestions on way to develop all their intelligences.

Complete in Grade 11

About Me tab

- **Game Plan** – Use to develop a game plan for achieving your goals after graduation.
- **Resume** - Record your high school activities, awards, volunteer hours, etc. Rearrange your information into multiple printable versions of a résumé that you can use to present to potential employers or colleges (STUDENTS CAN BEGIN USING THIS FEATURE FRESHMAN YEAR)

Colleges tab

- **College Search** – Search for colleges based on the criteria you enter; Add colleges you're interested in to your My Colleges list for future reference.
- **Colleges I'm Thinking About** - Add colleges to your list you are thinking about applying to. Once added, click on the institution's link to access admissions information, and view a comparison on where you currently stand (with respect to GPA and test scores). Click on the Admissions tab for more information & the various tabs to explore more info about the college.

Complete in Grade 12

Colleges tab

- **Colleges I'm Applying To** – These are the colleges you will apply to, that were either moved over from your *Colleges I'm Thinking About* list OR added senior year. You will use this area to:
 - Track application deadlines & delivery methods
 - Match your account with the Common App (if needed)
 - Request Transcripts
 - Add teacher/counselor you have requested a letter from
 - Track status of requests

Other Features to Explore – all grade levels

- **Document Library** (right side of home page) - Access various BVHS forms in the Documents folders such as College Documents; School Documents; Test Prep info; NCAA/NAIA; Sample Resumes, and more!
- **Roadtrip Nation Video/Interview Archive** (*Careers tab*) - Roadtrip nation sends young people (college students) on road trips to interview Leaders who have built their lives around their interests. There are over 3500 video excerpts for students to watch; select by interests, themes, or leaders! Also features “What’s Your Road” -answer 3 questions to find leaders that match your interests.
- **Sign Up for College Visits held at Verot** (*Grades 10-12; Colleges tab*) - View the list of college representatives visiting Bishop Verot during the school day; sign up to attend a visit by clicking on “view all upcoming college visits”
- **Scholarships & National Scholarship Search** (*Colleges tab*) – browse Lists of scholarships by category AND take a national search. NOTE: There is also a **Weekly Scholarship Update** on your Naviance Home Page updated by Guidance!!
- **Enrichment Programs** – search through this extensive list of summer enrichment opportunities!
- **College Research** (*College tab*) – use the various links to research colleges:
 - SuperMatch College Search – use over 20 search criteria to find the best fit for you
 - College Match – view colleges looking for students like you
 - College Compare – compare up to 10 colleges side-by-side
 - College Look Up – look up colleges by state or country
 - College Search – basic college search
 - College Resources – helpful college & career resources to explore
 - College Maps - shows where colleges are located on a single map from MapQuest
 - Scattergrams – select a college to plot & view graph of where you stand vs BV grads
 - Acceptance History – view BV’s college acceptance history since 2012
- **Home Page links** – various, helpful links right from your Home page!!
 - Are you ready? – a digital guide to college publicized by Naviance
 - FL Bright Futures – info on the 2 scholarships offered by the state of Florida
 - ACT & College Board – links to both along with test dates & deadlines to register
 - Common Application – application used by 500+ colleges
 - NCAA/NAIA – for student-athletes planning on playing in college
 - TOEFL – test of English proficiency for international students for college
 - Essays that work – sample college essays publicized by John’s Hopkins University
 - FAFSA – federal government financial aid form for college
 - Fair Test – view list of colleges that are test optional
 - I’m First – newsletter & college resources for first generation *students (this means that neither of your biological parents earned a 4-year college degree or higher)*