## **Schedule**

8:30-9:00 Refreshments

9:00-10:00 Keynote Speaker

10:10:11:00 Breakout Session I

11:10-12:00 Breakout Session II



# More About Dr. Patrick O'Conner

Born and raised in Detroit, Patrick has been a college counselor since 1984, serving students in rural, urban, and suburban high schools, as well as community college. In addition to writing weekly columns at Huffington Post and www.collegeisours.com, his writing has appeared in High School Counselor Week, MyFootpath.com, The Christian Science Monitor, The Washington Post, The Detroit Free Press and Diverse: Issues in Higher Education. Patrick has served as president of the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling, and the National Association for College Admission Counseling. He is on the board of directors of The Common Application, the Michigan College Access Network, and the credentialing commission for the American Institute of Certified Educational Planners. A member of the Political Science Faculty at Oakland Community College, he is a recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award for Oakland Community College, the Margaret Addis Service to NACAC Award, and the William Gramenz Award. He holds five college degrees, including a Ph.D. in Education Administration.

# Parent Camp

# Northville Public Schools



March 12, 2016 8:30-12:00 Northville High School

# Key Note Speaker Dr. Patrick O'Conner

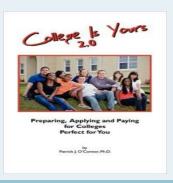
College Admission Process: What Parents Need to Know by Dr. Patrick O'Connor

Choosing a college can be one of the most exciting times in a student's life—but with so many choices and so many other students applying, how can families stay focused on what matters? Dr. Patrick O'Connor, an award winning-college counselor and author shares the keys to success for a family-focused approach to college selections.

#### **Break Out Session**

Is applying to college really that stressful, or is there a better way to support your child in this important life transition? Join Dr. O'Connor, author of College is Yours 2.0 to talk about preparing, searching, and applying for college in a way that is exciting, sane, and student-centered.

College is Yours 2.0 books will be available



### **Breakout Sessions**

- Social Media/Digital Footprint, Safe Use: An in depth look at the impact of Social Media on our students and how safety measures can be implemented.
- Health and Wellness: Stress, anxiety and the pressure to excel academically can sometimes lead youngsters to act out or make risky decisions. If this is happening in your home, you're not alone. Northville Youth Assistance (NYS) is a community based program that offers a variety of free services for children and teens.
- College Planning 101: During this session we will discuss the college search and application process, ways to investigate and evaluate colleges. We will walk through the NHS Counseling Website to highlight all available resources.
- PSAT/SAT Information Session: An informational session with a focus on preparation, score implications, and how test scores can create scholarship opportunities.
- Drugs 101: Growth Works: This session will discuss the impact of drug use, how to identify the signs, and prevention.
- Technology Use Basics for Parents-Elementary: If your child is already using Google in the classroom and you would like to support them at home, or you are looking for more ways to support your student and would like to learn what Google has this is the place for you! Topics include: Google Drive, talk to text writing, and Chrome browser organizational support.
- Technology use Basics for Parents-Secondary: An in depth look at a number of learning platforms including MiStar, Moodle, and Google Classroom. We will also review the Seminar modules which are required for all high school students.

- Fun Online Resources that Support Learning: With all
  the educational applications, extensions, add-ons, and
  sites available today, how do you know which ones will
  best meet the needs of your child?
- Educational Opportunities at NHS: Educational opportunities will be examined and explained with a focus on AP/IB placement and college readiness.
- Advanced Programming: Elementary/Middle School:
   An overview of the different academic strategies and programs utilized to support the academic needs of students (ALPS and MYP/ IB programs).
- Reading Strategies to Support Learning at Home: An introduction of how reading strategy implementation and fun interactive activities at home will increase fluency and comprehension.
- Transition Between Elementary, Middle School, High School: This session will focus on organizational and time management skills which will support students as they learn independence and responsibility (supporting a child versus doing things for the child).
- MSTEP Information Session: Understanding testing data, information and changes for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Effective Time Management Tools/ Organization:
   Helping your child manage their time and mastering organization at home and school.
- Blended Learning: Blended courses also known as hybrid or mixed mode courses with be examined and are an integral part of instruction. Learn more about this instructional framework.
- What's Up With Middle School Boys?: A discussion of the social and emotional development of boys and how you can help them be more successful.