

Signing Into Family Connection

Students or parents must register for Family Connection before signing in. Typically, students register for the first time during their freshman year when they meet with school counselors to set goals in grade nine.

To sign into Family Connection, a student or parent must:

- Go to Barlow's website-- <http://www.joelbarlowps.org/index2.html> and click on **Counseling/Guidance** (Main Page) on the left side of the page.
- Once the **Counseling** page opens, scroll to the gray area in the middle of the page and look for **Family Connection/Naviance----Student/family sign-in**. Click on this link and a new page should open.
- In the **Sign In for Returning Users** box, type your user name and password in the spaces provided. Typically the user name for Family Connection is the student or parent's e-mail address. Click the **Sign In** button.
- Once "in," a greeting will appear. Use the menu items along the left side of the page to navigate.

Freshmen, you will be signing into Family Connection for the first time during the fall semester when your Hlth/PE 9 class meets with counselors for a goal-setting workshop. You will be introduced to **Do What You Are**, a personality inventory (survey), in the **My Personality Type** section that will also help you identify career and college major options. You will also set a goal for freshman year under **Grade 9 Goals** that, once complete, will be located under **Survey History**.

Sophomores, make sure that your personality (interest) inventory is complete under **My Personality Type**. Use **College Search**, **College Lookup**, and **Scattergrams** to investigate and research colleges and add colleges of interest to **My Colleges**. The **My Game Plan** section is an interesting way to review your goals and ideas about what you would like to do after high school. You may also want to use the **My Resume** function to keep track of and update your activities, awards, etc. After your soph. family conference, you and your parents should complete the **Gd. 10 Community Service and Leadership Survey**, the **Gd. 10 Self-Assessment**, and the (Parents) **Soph. Family Conference Evaluation**.

Juniors, you should be updating your action plan in the **My Game Plan** or **My Journal** section of Family Connection and visiting schools on the **My Colleges** list that you have developed. Take the time to update the **My Resume** section as well and complete the **Gd. 11 Community Service and Leadership Survey**. You should also take the **Junior Career Interest Survey** and the **Explore Interests** (Career Interest Profiler). You can also **Explore Careers** or use the results from Do What You Are to find more information on how your interests align with those of different careers (**My Personality Type**).

Seniors, by now you should have refined your list and are in the process of getting application information from your schools. Use **My Colleges** to help organize the application deadlines that you will have during the first few months of school. You can use this section to find addresses of colleges and to communicate directly with them via email. Also, you will want to use the **Visit Schedule** section to find which colleges will be coming to Barlow and sign up online to meet with college representatives. To help you figure out which schools are Reaches, 50/50s, and Safeties, use the **Scattergrams** function to see how Barlow graduates have fared in their applications to colleges during the last few years. When you begin the application process, please do not use the "(request transcripts)" function but print out or obtain a copies of the Transcript Request Form in the Counseling Center and deliver the completed forms to Mrs. Farrell.