

TESTING

Register for the SAT Reasoning Test/ Subject Test and or ACT (if applicable)

- CHECK DEADLINES for test dates at www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org
- Apply online at www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org
- Scores should be sent directly from ETS or ACT to college(s)
- SAT Reasoning Test contains Critical Reading, Math and Writing sections
- SAT Subject Tests: Check online for specific tests
- ACT contains English, Math, Reading, Science and Optional Writing sections
- Test Optional Schools- www.fairtest.org

COLLEGE VISITS

- Contact admissions offices and let them know you are coming

INTERVIEWS

Schedule when offered

- If an interview is required by the college, or if you think it will help you, please see your guidance counselor to discuss how to be prepared for an interview
- In most instances, a good interview will not overcome a poor academic record, nor will a poor interview negate a good academic record

APPLICATIONS

Obtain and Complete College Applications Online

- Pay attention to Deadlines
- Early Action vs. Early Decision
- Have parent/guardian or counselor review rough draft
- Proofread before submitting application

APPLICATION ESSAY

- Start over the summer
- Have English teacher edit essay(s)
- Type revised essay(s)
- Proofread before submitting application
- Submit NCAA Clearinghouse form for Division I and II athletic eligibility (online www.ncaa.org)
- See your guidance counselor ASAP

STUDENT ATHLETES

APPROVE TRANSCRIPTS

- Transcripts will be mailed home over the summer.
- Correct (if necessary) and Return Transcript: BE SURE TO CHECK IT CAREFULLY
- **VERY IMPORTANT: TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS must be completed at least THREE (3) WEEKS BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE**
- **BE AWARE OF DEADLINES!!**

TRANSCRIPT PROCESSING FEE

- For all transcripts that cannot be sent through Naviance and need to be sent through the mail (see Naviance handout for further information), a \$3.00 processing is required to cover the cost of postage, envelopes, etc. This fee covers the initial application, midyear report and final report.
- This fee can be paid in bulk after the application process is complete but must be received by graduation.

THE COMMON APPLICATION & PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

- Most colleges on the common application (www.commonapp.org) only accept the common applications. Others give you the option between the common app or their own application.
- If schools give you this option, always choose to use the common app.
- Some schools send students priority applications waiving the application fee. Students who receive these priority applications should still use the common application.(See you counselor case)

FINANCIAL AID

- All students MUST fill out Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid
- Some scholarships, grants and merit aid are linked to the information you provide on this application
- Apply for the FAFSSA form at www.fafsa.ed.gov The FAFSA cannot be submitted before January 1st of the student's senior year.
- Some schools also require students to complete the CSS/Financial Aid Profile form to apply for financial aid
- Apply for the CSS/Financial Aid Profile at www.collegeboard.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

- www.fastweb.com and www.scholarship.com
- Check the monthly bulletin on the guidance website for national scholarship updates.
- Check the guidance website for local scholarships.
- They are available in the spring

MID-YEAR GRADES & FINAL SENIOR TRANSCRIPT

- Will automatically be sent to your school(s).

ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

- Inform your Guidance Counselor of acceptance/ denial notification and update Naviance!

FINAL COLLEGE DECISION

- Once you have decided, please notify the college of your intention to attend
- Watch your DEADLINES and request for deposits for admission. Most colleges have a May 1st deadline for deposits. Don't forget your housing deposits!
- Notify all other colleges of your decision (the acceptance of wait listed students is based on the number of students choosing to attend that college)

SENIORITIS

- Be aware of senioritis!
- There have been cases in which acceptances to college have been withdrawn because a student does not successfully fulfill his/her academic obligations in the senior year