

SENIOR COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR

School Code: 410145

SUMMER

- Set up appointment with College Placement Counselor about senior year and colleges. (svnewton@bellsouth.net)

AUGUST

- **College Placement Counselor needs the following by August 26, 2011:**
 - SAT and ACT score reports
 - Resume' (reference enclosed example)
- **If these are not turned in by the deadline, it may cause problems with the completion of application packets.**
- Review high school transcript with College Placement Counselor to ensure accuracy.
- Finalize list of possible colleges. Be sure to include "safe" schools as well as "reach" and "realistic" schools.
- Start requesting college info packets.
- Organize materials into separate files by college.
- Keep calendar of admissions deadlines.
- Begin looking for scholarships for which you may be eligible. Use websites like FastWeb and CollegeBoard.
- Register early for the SAT and/or ACT.

SEPTEMBER

- Reexamine your college selection criteria.
- Meet with College Placement Counselor to be sure that your list includes colleges appropriate to your academic and personal record.
- Register to take the SAT and/or ACT this fall.
- Continue to use college fairs, college websites, admissions literature, and enrolled students to further investigate college options.
- Plan final college visits. These forms are in the College Placement Office and must be completed in order to have the absence excused.
- Continue to request admissions materials.
- Get started on applications for Early Decision and Early Action programs. Completed applications should be in the College Placement Office by the last week in September.
- Work on college essays. Write essays that focus on your experiences and that make you stand out in a crowd. Make sure to have an English teacher proofread these for you.
- Continue looking for scholarships for which you may be eligible. Use websites like FastWeb and CollegeBoard.

OCTOBER

- Make a calendar, which includes application deadlines, test dates, and scholarship deadlines.
- Gather information needed for applications.
- Line up your teacher recommendations. **Allow teachers plenty of time to prepare your recommendations. Also, make sure to provide teachers (or anyone else writing a recommendation) with a stamped and addressed envelope.** These should be turned in to my office so that I can send them with application packets.
- Sign a request for College Placement Counselor to send your transcripts to the schools to which you're applying and complete an application request. (Both forms are in the College Placement Office.) **Application packets will not be mailed without both forms being completed.**
- If applying for "early decision," send application now. **Online applications are best.** Also prepare applications for back-up schools.
- Submit applications. **Make copies of applications, including essays, before sending them.**
- Check announcements sent via email by College Placement Counselor regarding local, state, and national scholarships for which you could apply (note their deadlines). Search for scholarship information on the Internet using websites like www.collegeboard.com and www.FastWeb.com.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT. Have test scores sent to the colleges to which you plan to apply.

NOVEMBER

- Continue filing applications.
- Follow up with teachers to ensure that letters are turned in on time.
- Submit applications as soon as possible for colleges with rolling deadlines.
- Take SAT and/or ACT and send scores to colleges.
- Continue looking for scholarships for which you may be eligible.

DECEMBER

- Submit last college applications (note deadlines).
- Take SAT and/or ACT and send scores to colleges.
- If you plan to apply for financial aid, get FAFSA. The best way to do this is online.
- If you applied for Early Decision, these responses may begin arriving.
- Continue looking for scholarships for which you may be eligible.

JANUARY

- Complete financial aid forms. **If you file FAFSA online, colleges will receive the report in about ten days. It takes four to six weeks via mail.**
- Request that College Placement Counselor send the transcripts of First Semester grades to colleges to which you have applied, if needed.
- If you applied for Early Decision, these responses should arrive soon.
- Continue looking for scholarships for which you may be eligible.

FEBRUARY – APRIL

- Monitor your applications to be sure that all materials are sent and received on time.
- Revisit colleges.
- Review acceptance materials carefully. Action may be required on your part for some of these materials.
- **Don't get SENIORITIS!** Colleges want to see a strong finish!

****By MAY 1st**

- Decide on which college you will attend.
- Send tuition deposit.
- Notify other colleges that you selected another school.
- If you get “wait listed,” contact the school to let them know you're still interested.

MAY

- Make sure you have turned in all of your Community Service hours. Ask Ms. Regina to check to make sure that you have all of your required hours.
- Inform College Placement Counselor of your acceptances and the college you'll be attending. Request to have final transcript sent to the college that you will be attending.
- Inform College Placement Counselor of any scholarships that you have received.
- Complete forms for college.
- **Study!** Most admissions offers are contingent upon final grades.

IMPORTANT DATES:

SAT (anticipated testing dates/check CollegeBoard for info):

October 1, 2011
November 5, 2011
December 3, 2011
January 28, 2012
March 10, 2012
May 5, 2012
June 2, 2012

ACT:

<u>TEST</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>
09/10/11	08/12/11
10/22/11	09/16/11
12/10/11	11/04/11
02/11/12	01/13/12
04/14/12	03/09/12
06/09/12	05/04/12