

## College Planning Calendar

### Freshman Year

1. Take challenging academic courses, i.e. Honors courses
2. Get involved in extra-curricular activities
3. Take PSAT in October
4. Commit to a volunteer project
5. Meet with faculty advisor to review academic plan prior to course selections
6. Consider taking SAT Subject Test. Math Level I after Algebra II
7. Plan worthwhile summer activities, i.e. programs at colleges, volunteer work

### Sophomore Year

1. Continue taking challenging academic courses, i.e. Honors and AP courses
2. Continue involvement in volunteer and extra-curricular activities
3. Take the PSAT in October
4. Become familiar with resources provided by the college counselors
5. Begin to build a college file, gathering materials about colleges of interest. Use school vacations to visit college campuses
6. Develop personal resume recording activities and achievements
7. Take AP Exams as appropriate
8. After completing the related coursework, consider taking SAT Subject Tests
9. Plan worthwhile summer activities, i.e. programs at colleges, volunteer work

### Junior Year

1. Continue taking challenging academic courses, i.e. Honors and AP courses
2. Continue involvement in volunteer and extra-curricular activities. Accept leadership roles
3. Continue to add activities, awards and achievements to your personal resume
4. Develop a broad list of colleges, including “stretch” and “target” schools. Think about what you seek in college: location, size, specific major, competitiveness
5. Take the PSAT in October. This test determines National Merit Scholarship qualifiers. Attend academic review session after receiving the PSAT results
6. Attend college-entrance information session with college counselor as well as Sunday Series
7. Think about which teachers you will ask to write recommendations
8. If you intend to seek an athletic scholarship, start contacting coaches at the schools that most interest you
9. Consider attending SAT and/or ACT preparation courses

10. Take SAT Reasoning test (January), ACT (December) and appropriate SAT Subject Tests
11. Ask colleges of interest to let you know when a representative will be in town; attend their presentations
12. Visit colleges when and if possible
13. Write a response to the common application essay. Submit to English teacher for editing
14. Parents and student will schedule an individual meeting with their college counselor in the spring for college planning
15. Note any early action or early decision deadlines at colleges of choice
16. Develop a timeline for college and scholarship application deadlines
17. Research scholarship opportunities
18. Take AP Exams as appropriate
19. Plan worthwhile summer activities, i.e. programs at colleges, volunteer work

## **Senior Year**

### **Fall:**

1. Continue taking challenging academic courses, i.e. Honors and AP courses
2. Continue involvement in volunteer and extra-curricular activities
3. Meet individually with college counselor to narrow list of colleges and discuss financial aid and scholarship opportunities
4. Student athletes should complete and mail the NCAA Clearinghouse application
5. Note any early action or early decision deadlines at colleges of choice
6. Visit colleges of major interest. Plan an overnight in a dorm if possible
7. Ask colleges of interest to let you know when a representative will be in town; attend their presentations
8. Take any additionally needed SAT or ACT tests in October
9. Ask for recommendations from faculty well in advance of deadlines
10. Submit drafts of application essays to at least one adult reviewer for editing
11. Submit all Secondary School Reports to your counselor before Thanksgiving
12. Send supplemental information to colleges as it becomes available, i.e., awards

### **Winter:**

1. Complete official FASFA (financial aid form) available on the Internet. If required, complete the CSS/Financial Aid Profile

### **Spring:**

1. Meet Acceptance Reply Date. Write to inform and thank colleges whose offers you did not accept
2. Write thank-you notes to teachers who wrote letters of recommendation
3. Take any remaining AP exams
4. Complete the Future Plans/Final Transcript request form