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Personality & Skills Assessment

JUNE - AUGUST

College is the vehicle that gets you into a career. Deciding where to college highly depends on why you are going to college and what you want to study. Take time to understand yourself and explore career options.



Essays

JUNE - JULY

Depending on how many colleges you apply to you can expect to write several essays or personal statements. The Common App essay is 650 words max.



Testing (PSAT, SAT & ACT)

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Juniors typically take the PSAT in October. Using the scores from the PSAT we suggest a test strategy on page X that encourages you to take both the SAT and ACT at least once and then continue testing up to three times in the next 12 months.



Update Activities Résumé

AUGUST

Your brag sheet or activities resumé will be referenced when completing the Activities section of the Common App that opens in August. You can also share these your teachers who are writing recommendation letters.



Build Activities Résumé

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Your activities resume will be used when completing college applications and can also be shared with teachers who are writing letters of recommendation and are interested in your activities outside of the classroom.



Application

AUGUST - OCTOBER

Completing applications can be time consuming and should be meticulously reviewed for errors. Students are recommended to apply to at least 5 colleges: 1 stretch school, 3 good fit and 1 safety option. College List should have been decided well before this time.



Create College List

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

By now you should know your GPA and test scores. With some practice and dedication there is still time to improve your grades and scores, but it is also time to start creating a list of colleges to apply to.



Financial Aid

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

The Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) opens on October 1st. Some colleges also require a CSS profile. During these months all financial aid applications should be completed and a scholarship search underway.



Letters of Recommendation

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Identify 2-3 teachers from the current school year that would write strong letters of recommendation for you. These teachers should be from a core class. Make sure you ask in person then follow up in writing with a copy of your resume for them to reference.



Evaluate and decide.

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After receiving all decisions and reviewing financial aid packages, it is time to commit to a college or university. The national commitment deadline is May 1st. You do not have to make a decision before May 1.