

Grade 9 - Freshmen Year

August	September	October	November
Make sure you are registered for all required courses and electives that you are interested in!	Engage in extra-curricular activities-find what you're interested in	Start a list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities. Update it throughout high school.	
Make sure that you continue to earn volunteer hours	Get to know your counselor		
	Become active in your community		

December	January	February	March
	Update list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.	Identify interests and possible majors	
	Take elective classes that interest you		

April	May	June	July
	Look for summer volunteer opportunities	Update list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.	Start volunteer work

Grade 10 -Sophomore Year

August	September	October	November
Make sure you are registered for all required courses and electives that you are interested in!	Update list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.	Start learning about funding for college	Make sure that you continue to earn volunteer hours
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December	January	February	March
	Make sure you are registered for all required courses and electives that you are interested in for 2 nd semester	Update list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.	

April	May	June	July
		Update list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.	Continue volunteering over the summer or get a part-time job

Grade 11-Junior Year

August	September	October	November
Make sure you are registered for all required courses and electives that you are interested in!	Practice for SAT or ACT-30 minutes a night could really help improve your score	Practice for SAT or ACT-30 minutes a night could really help improve your score	Practice for SAT or ACT-30 minutes a night could really help improve your score
Make sure that you continue to earn volunteer hours	Register for SAT/ACT	Update list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.	Identify scholarship opportunities

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Practice for SAT or ACT-30 minutes a night could really help improve your score	Practice for SAT or ACT-30 minutes a night could really help improve your score	Clean up your social media	Set up personal email
Identify scholarship opportunities	Work on resume	Practice for SAT or ACT-30 minutes a night could really help improve your score	Ask 2 teachers for recommendation
Start your resume		Update list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.	Register for 2 nd ACT or SAT in summer if needed
			Visit colleges over spring break (virtually or in-person)

April	May	June	July
Follow-up email to teacher about recommendation	Start working on your essay	If you are planning to play a sport in college, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center	Work on your essay
Continue college visits	Start narrowing down your search of colleges	Start narrowing down your search of colleges	Start applying for scholarships
	Update list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.	Work on your essay	Start your activity/extra-curricular list
	Update your resume	Continue exploring different colleges	Visit colleges on your short list

Grade 12-Senior Year

	August	September	October	November
Week 1	Finish your essay – have 2 people proofread it	Confirm that your teacher(s) and counselor have written your recommendations	Complete the FAFSA (available October 1)	Start working on applications with November/December deadlines
Week 2	Make sure you are registered for all required courses and electives that you are interested in!	Send thank you note to teacher(s) and counselor for writing recommendation	Start working on applications with November/December deadlines	Look for scholarship opportunities
Week 3	Make sure that you continue to earn volunteer hours	Request transcript and test scores be sent to the college you are applying to (give at least 3 weeks advance notice)	Request transcript and test scores be sent to the college you are applying to (give at least 3 weeks advance notice)	
Week 4	Register to take the ACT/SAT if necessary	Start working on applications with October/November deadlines	Start working on applications with November/December deadlines	

	December	January	February	March
Week 1	Continue working on applications	Continue working on applications	Request mid-year transcript (if needed) and send to colleges	Continue searching and applying for scholarships
Week 2	Continue searching and applying for scholarships	Continue searching and applying for scholarships	Complete the FAFSA (due by March 1)	Study for AP Exams
Week 3				
Week 4				

	April	May	June	July
Week 1	Continue searching and applying for scholarships	May 1 – make sure you have formally accepted the offer that makes the most sense for you & send deposit	Find out when parents' weekend is and start making those arrangements now	Know where to go for academic help
Week 2	Inform colleges about your acceptance or rejection	May 2 – call the college where you will be attending and ask if there is more money for you!	Find out about move-in day	Make the most of orientation activities
Week 3	Keep active in school – don't get caught up in senior slump – this could affect your admissions and/or merit scholarships	Make sure you register for student orientation (in the summer)	Shop for dorm room essentials	Know how to stay safe on campus
Week 4	Study for AP Exams	Find out about living arrangements at your school	Research ways to get involved in your college	Learn how to cook and do laundry!