College Application Timeline

Junior Year

Fall Semester

- Do your best academically.
- Take the PSAT (October).
- Meet with college admission representatives if your class schedule permits.
- Stay involved in extracurricular activities in which you have interest and assume leadership roles, if possible.
- Contribute meaningfully to the GFS community.

Spring Semester

- Keep academics strong.
- Attend College Admissions Panel with parents/caregivers (April).
- Think about senior year courses - the most rigorous curriculum you are interested in that you can manage successfully. Work with your advisor and college counseling on the most challenging curriculum you can manage.
- Find summer opportunities.
- Complete Student Questionnaire in MaiaLearning.
- Schedule initial College Counseling appointment.
- Schedule initial parent meeting.
- Explore colleges through websites, tours, information sessions, open houses, and interviews.
- Register for and take SAT/ACT (register at least one month in advance).
- Ask two junior year teachers to write your recommendation letters.
- Complete steps in MaiaLearning, along with completing your “brag sheets”, to request your teacher recommendations.
- Attend AIMS College Fair (April).
- Craft first draft of your college essay in English class.
- Attend Camp College (May)
    - Create Common Application Account.
    - Get feedback from College Admissions representatives on essay draft.
- Students hoping to participate in DI or DII Athletics must register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Center: www.eligibilitycenter.org

- **Summer**
  - Continue to edit college essay over summer.
  - Visit colleges and take diligent notes.
  - Register/take SAT/ACT as needed (register at least one month in advance).
    - June--SAT & ACT
    - July--ACT
    - August--SAT
    - September--ACT
  - After August 1-Begin to work on any supplemental essays for schools you are sure you will apply to in the fall.
  - Complete the Net Price Calculator on each college's website to receive an estimate of what you might receive financially from each institution.