

COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

JUNIORS

SUMMER

- Visit college web sites.
- Visit ConnectEdu www.connectedu.net; register on the site and create your account.
- Attend open houses and arrange college visits to any schools you may be interested in attending

FALL / WINTER

- Take a SAT Prep Course. Mater Dei offers a SAT Prep course starting in the winter and ending in the early spring. Consult the Student Services Office for other SAT Prep courses.
- Attend open houses and arrange college visits to any schools you may be interested in attending.

SPRING

- Register for your SAT's. All juniors should take the SAT's at least once before the end of your junior year. Make sure your test results are sent to Mater Dei. School Code: 310994.
- SAT registration forms are available in Student Services office or register online www.collegeboard.com.

SENIORS

JULY & AUGUST

- Visit college web sites.
- Update your profile on ConnectEdu www.connectedu.net.
- Attend open houses and arrange college visits to any schools you may be interested in attending.
- Attend college planning meeting with your Student Services Counselor. Parents will be notified by mail to arrange appointments.
- Register for your SAT's. Test dates and registration deadlines for next school year will be available during the summer in the Student Services Office or online www.collegeboard.com.

SEPTEMBER

- Narrow down your list of colleges. Be sure your list includes your safe schools, as well as your reach and realistic schools.
- Request applications early.
- Request teacher recommendations early.
- Hand in your resume to the Student Services Office.

OCTOBER

- Finalize college choices.
- Work on application essays.
- Complete early decision and early action applications.
- Update your resume.
- Read your Senior Newsletter for special events and scholarships.

NOVEMBER

- If you haven't done so, bring in your application packets for review and processing.
- If you haven't already visited the colleges to which you have applied, schedule visits.
- Apply for private scholarships for which you are eligible.

DECEMBER

- If the college you are applying to requires it, take the SAT II (achievement tests). - ***Remember, Mater Dei closes for Christmas vacation, so get the applications to Student Services by December 15, 2008, to meet January deadlines.***
- Continue to visit colleges.

JANUARY

- Parents may mail a FAFSA (Free application for Federal Student Aid), available in the Student Services Office, or online, after January 1, 2009.
- Continue to search for scholarship opportunities.
- Parents should attend a financial aid workshop.

FEBRUARY

- Make sure all necessary materials have been sent to your chosen colleges.
- Don't get senioritis! Colleges expect to see strong second semester grades, so this isn't a time to stop working hard.

MARCH

- Continue to search for scholarship opportunities.
- Start thinking about which college you will attend.

APRIL

- Prepare for May AP examinations, if applicable.
- By this time, most admission decisions have arrived.
- Carefully review all your acceptances and perhaps revisit your top choices.
- Review financial aid packages and talk with college financial aid officers if necessary.
- Note the date when the college you have chosen requires a deposit to confirm you spot in their Freshmen Class. (*Most colleges require a deposit by May 1st*)
- Inform Student Services where you have been accepted and what scholarships you have received.

MAY

- Take AP exams, if applicable.
- Don't slack off academically.
- Make sure that you send the college of your choice a deposit to indicate your decision to attend.
- Thank the teachers and others who wrote recommendations for you.
- Notify colleges you did not choose, so they can offer admission to others.
- Make sure you notify the Student Services Office which school you will be attending so they can send a final transcript.

AFTER GRADUATION

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

- Work to help pay for college.
- Read and stay ready for college.
- Attend orientation meetings offered by the college.