

Senior Year Timetable

August-September

- Make sure that your course selections meet the requirements for high school graduation and for the colleges you hope to attend.
- Continue to research colleges and universities, based on programs offered, location, profile, cost of attendance; any criteria that you have established as most important.
- Continue refining your list of colleges to which you will apply, with appropriate representation in each category: “Reach (Dream)”, “Target” and “Certainty” schools.
- Work on the Common Application (CA) as well as non-CA college applications, including essays and supplemental materials.
- Email your final CA essay draft and resumé draft to Ms. Thatcher for final review.
- Attend college fairs and individual college representative visits at school.
- Register for the SAT, SAT II and ACT tests that you will take in the Fall.
- Continue with test preparation, either through Khan Academy or method of your choice.
- Confirm which teachers will be writing letters of recommendation for you.
- Determine the best method for tracking your college application process and implement it (spreadsheet, binder, app; whatever works best for you).
- Complete the “Student Brag Survey” in your Naviance account to aid Ms. Thatcher in her letter of recommendation for you.
- Keep your Naviance account up-to-date!

October

- Complete all college applications with early deadlines.
- Take the ACT and SAT or SAT II.
- Complete all college application essays and resumé, submitting to Ms. Thatcher for review.
- Research if your colleges require the CSS Profile, and their deadline for submission.
- Begin/complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and send to colleges to which you are applying
- Keep your Naviance account up-to-date!

November

- Complete all remaining applications.
- Take the SAT or ACT.
- Visit colleges whenever possible, especially over Thanksgiving break.
- Keep your Naviance account up-to-date!

December

- Complete all applications that were not finished earlier.
- Visit colleges during Christmas break, if traveling.
- Take the ACT, SAT, or SAT II, if necessary.
- Prepare well for semester tests as your colleges will be receiving a mid-year transcript.
- Keep your Naviance account up-to-date!

January

- Take SAT and ACT, if necessary.
- Submit your remaining college applications.
- Confirm with Ms. Thatcher that all necessary documents have been sent to your colleges.
- Keep your Naviance account up-to-date!

February-April

- Evaluate choices as you receive admissions decisions from colleges and keep guidance office up to date on application status.
- Visit colleges to help you make your final decision.
- Submit copies of ALL letters of acceptance, waitlist, deferral or denial, including financial aid award letters, to Ms. Thatcher
- Keep your Naviance account up-to-date!

May

- Notify colleges whether you are going to accept or decline offers of admission by the May 1 deadline.
- Take AP tests, if appropriate
- Study for final exams
- Keep your Naviance account up-to-date!

May-August

- Keep all material sent to you by the college that you will be attending.
- Thank everyone who has helped you to be admitted to college.
- Update your Naviance account for the final time...