

COLLEGE PREPARATION CALENDAR

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
<i>September</i>	<p>Develop time management skills by utilizing school planner.</p> <p>Choose 2 to 3 extracurricular activities that interest you and expand your personal and academic skills.</p>	<p>Remain consistent in participating in 2 to 3 extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Continue enhancing your time management skills by utilizing your school planner and electronic calendars.</p>	<p>Meet with college counselor to finalize college list (20 schools).</p> <p>Create your <u>student</u> and <u>parent</u> FSA ID.</p> <p>Research college fly-in programs.</p>	<p>Begin meeting with the college counselor each week about your college process</p> <p>Use your time management skills to juggle your academics and applying to college.</p> <p>Submit your requests for recommendation letters to the 4 core teachers of your choice.</p>
<i>October</i>	<p>Develop positive working relationships with your teachers by going to tutoring and communicating your concerns in a mature manner.</p>	<p>Explore your career interests and potential college majors using web resources such as <i>College Green Light</i>.</p> <p>Create short and long term academic goals for the school year.</p>	<p>Attend an informational meeting about the CSS Profile and FAFSA.</p> <p>Apply to college fly-in programs.</p> <p>Use your Naviance account to document your college list, RSVP for admissions presentations, etc.</p>	<p>Retake the SAT and ACT.</p> <p>Fill out the CSS Profile and FAFSA. You must submit 10 colleges on the FAFSA.</p> <p>Apply to a college fly-in program.</p> <p>Apply Early Decision or Early Action to the school that is a <i>realistic</i> top choice for you.</p>
<i>November</i>	<p>Learn more about your career interest by volunteering on the weekends.</p> <p>Visit a local college open house or campus during Thanksgiving Break.</p>	<p>Begin informally preparing for the SAT and ACT through free online programs and applications.</p>	<p>Meet with the college counselor to make sure you are on track for graduation and the college process.</p>	<p>Meet with your college counselor to see where you are in your college application process.</p> <p>Begin your essays for big scholarships such as the Gates Millennium, Quest Bridge, Cocoa Cola Studentship, Ronald McDonald and the UNCF studentship.</p>
<i>December</i>	<p>Start a college savings account.</p> <p>Start learning about the college process (acceptance requirements, financial aid, etc.)</p>	<p>Continue saving in your college account. Start setting saving goals. For example: try to save \$200 by the end of the school year.</p>	<p>Visit a college open house or campus during the Winter break.</p>	<p>Apply to EOF, transitional and/or honors programs for schools listed on your college list.</p> <p>SUBMIT YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS- Regular Decision</p>
<i>January</i>	<p>Create a high school resume.</p> <p>Apply to enrichment and internship opportunities for the summer.</p>	<p>Update your high school resume.</p> <p>Apply to enrichment and internship opportunities for the summer.</p>	<p>Update your high school resume.</p> <p>Apply to enrichment and internship opportunities for the summer.</p>	<p>Update your high school resume.</p> <p>Apply to enrichment and internship opportunities for the summer.</p> <p><i>Pay your senior dues</i></p>

<p><i>February</i></p>	<p>Visit a local college during a weekend.</p> <p>Continue volunteering your time on the weekends and after school.</p>	<p>Research high school-based international immersion programs to further increase your cultural capital. Programs like <i>EIL</i> and <i>Student Diplomacy Corp.</i> would be a good place to begin your search!</p>	<p>Attend and actively participate in the SAT or ACT prep courses after school.</p>	<p>Continue researching college scholarships for books and other necessities you will need for college.</p>
<p><i>March</i></p>	<p>Re-evaluate your study habits and time management skills. If you are still struggling in your courses, seek immediate help!</p> <p>Prepare for the PARCC exam. This score will help you determine your areas of growth academically.</p>	<p>Re-evaluate your study habits and time management skills.</p> <p>Prepare for the PARCC exam. This score will help you determine your areas of growth academically.</p>	<p>Apply to enrichment programs such as Quest Bridge College Program.</p> <p>Visit a college open house or campus.</p> <p>Prepare for the PARCC exam. This score will determine your eligibility for graduation.</p>	<p>Begin reviewing your college acceptances. If you have been wait listed for a school, this is the time to contact the admissions counselor and plead your case!</p> <p>Update your FAFSA with your parent's newest tax return.</p>
<p><i>April</i></p>	<p>Visit a local college fair to see what schools are looking for in an applicant.</p>	<p>Visit a local college fair to see explore additional colleges and what they offer in regards to support and financial aid.</p>	<p>Begin compiling all of your financial documentation (tax returns, tax transcript, public assistance stubs, etc.).</p>	<p><i>Begin reviewing your financial aid packages for the colleges that have accepted you. Be sure to review the scholarships/grants, loans, and work study given.</i></p>
<p><i>May</i></p>	<p>Attend the GOCHS <i>Financial Literacy Workshop.</i></p> <p>Continue saving in your college savings account.</p> <p>Take the PARCC.</p> <p>Take the ASPIRE, which is an exam that assesses your readiness in subjects such as science, reading, mathematics, English and writing.</p>	<p>Attend the GOCHS <i>Financial Literacy Workshop.</i></p> <p>Begin using your Naviance account to keep track of your academic goals, career interests and colleges you are interested in exploring.</p> <p>Take the PARCC.</p>	<p>Continue using your Naviance account to keep track of your academic goals, career interests and colleges you are interested in exploring.</p> <p>Take the PARCC. This score will determine your eligibility for graduation next year!</p>	<p>May 1st is when you need to decide which college you will be attending for the Fall.</p> <p>REMEMBER: Make sure you have \$200 to \$700 saved for your college deposit.</p>

<p><i>June</i></p>	<p>Meet with the college counselor to see if you are on track academically.</p>	<p>Meet with the college counselor to see if you are on track academically.</p> <p>Take the ACT, which is a college admissions test that assesses your abilities in subjects such as English, mathematics, reading and science. There is an optional writing portion on the test.</p>	<p>Take the SAT and ACT.</p> <p>Meet with the college counselor to see if you are on track academically.</p> <p>Begin writing your request for college recommend-dations to 4 teachers.</p>	<p>GRADUATION!</p>
<p><i>July</i></p>	<p>Learn how to research potential college scholarships on websites such as Unigo, College Green Light or Fastweb.</p> <p>Visit a college open house or campus.</p> <p>Choose to 2 to 3 books you can read until the end of the summer.</p>	<p><u>Research vocabulary words</u> that will be on the SAT and ACT. This type of preparation will help you prepare for these tests in the Fall.</p> <p>Choose to 2 to 3 books you can read until the end of the summer.</p>	<p>Research college studentships that are available for juniors.</p> <p>Reflect upon the core teachers that you have positive working relationships with and begin researching how to create a recommendation request letter.</p> <p>Choose to 2 to 3 books you can read until the end of the summer.</p>	<p>Continue searching for scholarship opportunities through Unigo, Fastweb and College Green Light.</p> <p><i>Although you have graduated, you should still challenge yourself intellectually as you prepare for your college orientation. Read a book that interests you while you want!</i></p> <p>BEWARE OF THE SUMMER SIZZLE!</p>
<p><i>August</i></p>	<p>Take time to expand your reading list. Voluntarily read a book that interests you.</p> <p>It's the summer- visit another local college campus.</p>	<p>Begin contacting colleges that interest you.</p> <p>Create a list of 30 liberal arts colleges and universities that you can research for the upcoming school year.</p>	<p>Finish revising your final draft of your personal statement.</p> <p>Visit college campus.</p>	<p>Prepare for your college send-off party!</p> <p>Gear up for your college orientation/ EOF Program.</p>