

12th Grade Planning Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Your schedule should include courses that challenge you academically. Your course selection should include rigorous and interesting electives as well as the required courses.
- Reevaluate your high school progress. Make the changes necessary to improve your academic and activity record.
- Join fall school activities, including student government, athletic teams, clubs, plays, and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- Senior interview with college and career counselor. Discuss the application process, deadlines, and secure letters of recommendation from teachers and counselor.
- Review your transcript with your school counselor.
- Obtain dates and locations of college fairs.
- Consider carefully your responsibilities if applying for Early Decision/Early Action.
- Register for SAT/ACT exams.
- Take practice SAT/ACT tests on NAVIANCE PrepMe SAT and PrepMe ACT.
- Review requirements for essays and personal statements.
- Finalize essays and personal statements.
- Select final college choices.
- Approach teachers/coaches/administrators to write letters of recommendations (two are enough). Provide a copy of your resume.
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible.
- Encourage your parents to attend Back to School Night and meet your teachers and school counselor.
- Get off to a good start academically.
- **Athletes: Sign an athletic code and provide the medical forms to participate in athletics. This is to be completed each year with seasonal updates.**
- **Athletes: Meet with your coach to discuss your potential to play college sports.**
- **Athletes: If you have done already done so: Submit NCAA Clearinghouse form if you intend to participate in college athletics. <http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net/ncaa/NCAA/common/index.html> Request your transcripts electronically.**
- **Athletes: If you have any questions, please see the Athletic Director, Mr. Simonetti or your coach.**

OCTOBER

- Volunteer for school and community activities.
- Review for the SAT.
- Take practice SAT/ACT tests on NAVIANCE PrepMe SAT and PrepMe ACT.
- Complete applications for first-choice colleges.
- Schedule college interviews where appropriate.
- If applying for Early Decision, be aware of deadlines.
- Complete CSS Profile (if required by the college..this is the first level of financial aid) <http://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible.
- Attend Financial Aid presentation at NWR.
- Plan college visits and interviews. Develop a list of open houses and college tours.
- **Make an appointment with the college and career counselor to review applications.**
- If you are still evaluating career options, consider registering for the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). This three-hour test is helpful in self-evaluation and career guidance and does not necessarily lead to a military career.
- Review your Progress Report for the first marking period and see your counselor if you are having difficulty.

NOVEMBER

- SAT I and/or SAT II subject test.
- Send Early Decision or Early Action applications.
- Keep organized and up to date!
- Research sources of private outside scholarships throughout the year.
- Read books, newspapers, and magazines in addition to assigned homework.
- Review your Report Card. See your counselor if you need suggestions, tutoring, etc.
- Don't ease up now. Colleges want a strong mid-year transcript report.

DECEMBER

- Join winter school activities, including athletic teams, clubs, and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- SAT I and/or SAT II subject test.
- All applications should be submitted to the college and career counselor by December 10 (remember Thanksgiving and all holiday breaks).
- All interviews should be scheduled (if applicable).
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible.
- Review your Progress Report for the second marking period and see your counselor if you are having difficulty.
- Attend Alumni Day program.

JANUARY

- SAT I and/or SAT II subject test.
- Maintain your academic grades. Colleges look unfavorably upon grades that drop in senior year.
- File for FAFSA after January 1st <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- Mid-year grades are forwarded to all colleges to which you have applied.
- Check NAVIANCE to verify that your schools have received your applications and the other support material. Some colleges provide the ability to check on the progress of an application on their website.
- Rededicate yourself after the winter vacation to achieve better grades. Evaluate your study habits and organization, making changes where necessary.
- Continue to read as much as possible.
- Advise school and college/career counselors of acceptances and non-acceptances as they become available.
- Advise college and career counselor of any scholarships that you have been offered/awarded.
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible.
- Visit colleges that you have not yet visited or that need a second look. Be certain to check out overnight visits and class visits for your most likely school.

FEBRUARY

- Check AP exam deadlines.
- Have you sent all necessary forms and applications for financial aid?
- Check and apply for private scholarships.
- Advise school and college/career counselors of acceptances and non-acceptances as they become available.
- Advise college and career counselor of any scholarships that you have been offered/awarded.
- Review your report card. See your counselor if you need suggestions, tutoring, etc.

MARCH

- Join spring school activities, including athletic teams, clubs, and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible.
- Advise school and college/career counselors of acceptances and non-acceptances as they become available.
- Advise college and career counselor of any scholarships that you have been offered/awarded.
- Continue to explore colleges as thoroughly as possible.
- Send any new material to colleges which may help your application decision.
- Review your Progress Report for the third marking period and see your counselor if you are having difficulty.

APRIL

- Advise school and college/career counselors of acceptances and non-acceptances as they become available.
- Advise college and career counselor of any scholarships that you have been offered/awarded.
- Decide where you wish to attend.
- Inform colleges if you will not attend.
- Make final decision.
- Send deposit by May 1.
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible.
- You should have received your FAFSA acknowledgement Student Aid Report (SAR).

MAY

- Maintain your academic grades. Colleges look unfavorably upon grades that drop in senior year.
- Advise school and college/career counselors of acceptances and non-acceptances as they become available.
- Advise college and career counselor of any scholarships that you have been offered/awarded.
- AP exams.
- Fill out dorm requests.
- Register for college courses.
- Send original and signed SAR to your chosen college if not sent automatically.
- Review your Progress Report for the fourth marking period and see your counselor if you are having difficulty.

JUNE

- Prepare thoroughly for your final exams.
- Advise school and college/career counselors of acceptances and non-acceptances as they become available.
- Advise college and career counselor of any scholarships that you have been offered/awarded.
- Make plans for the summer. Think about taking a college course, attending a seminar, or volunteering for a career-related activity.
- Final grades will be sent to the college you plan to attend.
- An unofficial transcript will be mailed with your final report card to you.

HAPPY GRADUATION!!!