

## AUGUST

- Start finalizing your college list and begin the online applications process. The University of California application opens August 1<sup>st</sup>. The UC application requires you to answer four out of eight Personal Insight Questions. Select the questions that would best define you.  
If you are applying to a private university or college, it is most likely on the Common Application, which also opens August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Common Application requires you to answer one essay question. Select one of the eight that best defines you.
- If you are requesting a letter of recommendation from your counselor, complete the Senior Guidance Questionnaire
- Set up your Parchment account. You will use this website to order ALL transcripts!
- Student athletes must send transcript from ALL high schools attended to NCAA Eligibility Center through Parchment.

## SEPTEMBER

- Review your final college list with your family and make sure it fits your career choice and finances. Use the scattergrams on your Naviance account to see how your GPA and SAT/ACT scores match up to the colleges you have selected. If you want to try the SAT/ACT one more time, sign up for the October test.
- Counselors will be presenting in the classrooms and setting up appointments with their seniors to go over transcripts, service hours, college list and letters of recommendation.
- Check the counseling website and Naviance for the schedule of admission representatives that will be visiting MD.
- Re-take the SAT and/or ACT if needed.
- Stay organized and track your deadlines – The California State University and University of California application deadline is November 30. Private school deadlines will vary so check their websites and visit the Common Application to check application deadline.
- Join NHS if qualified.

## OCTOBER

- California State University application opens October 1 and closes November 30.

- Work on your college applications, personal statements and essays. IF YOU ARE APPLYING EARLY: (Early Action, Early Decision) FINALIZE your applications and essays.
- Take the SAT/ ACT one final time, if needed
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid open submission period begins October 1. Ask your parents for their income tax information and begin the FAFSA application at <https://fafsa.ed.gov> All students applying to college should complete the FAFSA. If you are applying to private colleges you will also need to check the CSS Profile to see if your college requires additional financial information at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- Sign up for CSF
- Attend College Information Night, Tuesday, October 9, 2018
  - Attend the Financial Aid Workshop, presented by Brandman University
  - Attend the Health and Wellness workshop to learn about managing stress and anxiety.
  - Attend the Essay Review Workshop hosted by College Admissions Representatives
- Meet with your counselor to review your college choices, review your prompt topics and ask questions.
- Remember, you must order your transcript through Parchment before your counselor can submit your letters of recommendation.

## NOVEMBER

- Know your Early Admissions Deadline! Early Decision and Early Action deadlines are typically November 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss your deadline if you are applying early.
- The UC application filing period is November 1- 30. Do not wait until the last minute to file.
- The CSU application will close on November 30! Do not wait until the last minute to submit.
- Check with the Counseling Office for any Office Hour CSU and UC application workshops!
- Submit Fall Service hours.

## DECEMBER

- Finalize any college applications with a January deadline.
- If you will be attending a community college, be on alert for priority registration.
- Check to see if any of the private colleges you are applying to requires the CSS Profile for Financial Aid

## JANUARY

- Start or continue your search for scholarships. Read the emails that are sent regarding scholarships and check the scholarship list on Naviance.
- Order your transcripts from Parchment to be sent to the Common Application to complete your Mid- Year Reports (the transcript will include your first semester of senior year)
- Check to make sure that applications were received (keep all email receipts) and keep checking your email.
- If there are changes in your academic courses or extracurricular programs since you initial application, you MUST notify your colleges.

## FEBRUARY – MARCH

- Decisions begin to arrive!
- Keep up your grades! You will need to submit your final grades to the college of your choice. Colleges can rescind your admission if you do not maintain your grade point average.
- Stay on top of financial aid deadlines and check for local scholarships.
- Check your email for communications from colleges, especially regarding incomplete applications or missing information. Respond quickly to any requests.
- If you are attending a Community College, take the Community College placement test
- Sign up for CSF

## APRIL

- April 1 acceptances arrive! Analyze your acceptances and financial aid packages carefully. Determine what offer is the best match for you and your family.
- Decisions and Deposits are due by May 1 to the college of your choice. Follow the instructions on your acceptance letter. Note any special procedures for housing. It is considered unethical to make a deposit to more than one school.
- Notify colleges you are turning down of your decision.
- Submit Spring Service Hours.

## MAY

- Don't be late! May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to notify the college of your choice.
- Complete Senior Survey
- Send any additional AP Scores to your college through [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Attend Senior Awards Night
- Graduation! Congratulations and good luck! Do not forget to order your final transcripts to be sent to the college you are attending! Transcripts must be ordered through Parchment. Select "Hold for Grades" and send directly to the college.