

## University Application Calendar

### August/September

- \_\_\_\_\_ Finalize a list of 3-10 universities that you plan to apply to.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Research their admission requirements and make a list of testing requirements, essay topics & recommendations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Use the Internet to request a paper application or to download an electronic application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sign up for the October 10th and/or November 7<sup>th</sup> SAT I and SAT II if necessary. Information available in counseling office or online. (Registration deadlines September 9 and October 1 respectively)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sign up for the October ACT, if necessary. (Registration deadline September 18)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sign up for the TOEFL, if necessary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plan out your essay topics and start writing university entrance essays.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If necessary, request teacher recommendations (usually 1 from a science or math & and 1 from a English or social studies teacher).
- \_\_\_\_\_ If you have the time, energy, or the need, search for outside scholarship funding. (Know that most scholarships come directly from the universities and not from “outside” sources)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Notify Mr. Williams of any plans to apply Early Decision, Early Action, or to University of California schools.

### October

- \_\_\_\_\_ If registered, take the SAT I or SAT II's on October 10.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check announcements to see when university representatives are visiting
- \_\_\_\_\_ If you are applying Early Decision (ED) or Early Action (EA), be aware of upcoming November deadlines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If necessary and acceptable to your universities, sign up for the December 5 SAT I or SAT II's (Registration deadline October 30). This is typically the last SAT scores that universities will accept from incoming freshmen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If necessary and acceptable to your universities, sign up for the December 12 ACT. (Registration deadline November 6). This is typically the last ACT scores that universities will accept from incoming freshmen.

### November

- \_\_\_\_\_ If you have not already done so, have SAT I, SAT II, TOEFL, and/or ACT scores sent to all the colleges you are applying to.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be aware of ED, EA and University of California deadlines in November.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check announcements to see when college representatives are visiting.

### December

- \_\_\_\_\_ Be aware of ED, EA and January deadlines as forms must be turned in before winter break. **Note that all applications due before February 1 to be turned in to the Counseling Office by November 22. Late submissions jeopardize timely mailing**
- \_\_\_\_\_ If necessary and acceptable to your universities, sign up for the January 23 SAT I or II. This is typically your last chance as an incoming freshman to take the SAT II's. (Registration deadline December 15).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prepare for semester exams as these are the last grades in which you will be able to impress universities.

### January

- \_\_\_\_\_ If you are a US citizen/resident applying for financial aid, register for a FAFSA pin number & have your parents do the same.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Once you receive your pin number have your parents begin working on the FAFSA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If necessary, complete the separate financial aid forms requested by your universities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Notify the counseling office who needs a Mid-Year Grade Report (everywhere you applied to before break).

### February

- \_\_\_\_\_ Be sure your parents complete the FAFSA prior to February 15 (or by the university deadline, whichever comes first).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be sure all your other financial aid forms have been mailed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check into “independent” scholarships offered to second semester seniors.

### March

- \_\_\_\_\_ Relax as you await admission decisions.

### April

- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider your options prior to making the May 1 commitment to one university.

### May

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Accept your preferred offer before May 1 by submitting the deposit. No \$ = declining offer of admission.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Notify the guidance office of honors and scholarships you have received.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prepare for AP exams as the tests may be worth more than a year of academic work at university.

### June

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ask the counseling office to send a final 8<sup>th</sup> semester transcript to the university you will be attending.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Take some time to thank parents, teachers, and friends for all the support they have given you.