Senior Year College Admissions Timeline





EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

Take the right coursework and maintain strong GPA through graduation.



BUILD YOUR APPLICATION ASSETS

Discover extracurriculars where you fit in—then stand out.



TEST WELL

PSAT (National Merit), SAT/ACT, AP, IB, SAT Subject Tests



EXPLORE EARLY

Your college list determines your target SAT/ACT scores, testing requirements, deadlines, and more



APPLY RIGHT

Craft a compelling narrative to put your best foot forward on college applications

AUG – SEP	Maintain strong GPA— colleges with application deadlines in January or later will see your fall semester grades	Continue involvement in extracurriculars you enjoy, and those you may wish to discuss during interviews (hopefully these two are the same!)	-If you have not yet taken the SAT/ACT, prepare for and take the test ASAP -Otherwise, determine whether to retake SAT/ACT	Finalize college list	-Determine whether applying <u>Early</u> Action/ <u>Early Decision</u> - <u>Begin drafting essays</u> (Common App and institutional)
ост					-Develop application materials (essays, letters of recommendation) -Send test scores -Complete FAFSA -Schedule interviews if required for Early Decision/Early Action colleges
NOV			Complete any final senior year testing (SAT/ACT/SAT Subject Test)		Submit Early Action/Early Decision applications
DEC					-Prepare for January Regular Decision deadlines -Research scholarships -Schedule interviews if required for Regular Decision colleges
JAN - MAR	Maintain strong GPA—don't fall victim to the "Senior Slide" and risk any acceptances or scholarship awards!				-Submit Regular Decision applications -Work on scholarship applications -Visit colleges where accepted
APR – MAY					-Assess college acceptances and financial aid packages -Finalize your college choice or decision (College Decision Day - May 1)