

Preparing for Year Senior Year



Class of 2023 Roadmap to Success!

Have you met with your Counselor to talk about your next steps and future?

Post-Secondary Planning Begins Here!

March

April/May

June/Summer

MARCH

- Organize your college information in a folder...It's YOUR future, so be prepared!
- Prepare to take Standardized Test (SAT, ACT) ...Method Prep & Khan Academy are FREE Test Prep Programs)
- Talk to your family about College Planning...this is a TEAM Effort!
- Learn more about Financial Aid options.
- RESEARCH & APPLY for Scholarships (Fastweb.com; GoingMerry.com)
- Research Colleges on **NAVIANCE...Add colleges to "Colleges I'm Thinking About"**
- Participate in College Admissions Workshops/Open Houses.

APRIL

- Prepare a challenging schedule for senior year- Yes, colleges look at senior year grades too!
- Attend a College Fair/Info Session with Admission Representatives
- Begin narrowing down your college choices in Top Choice, Reach & Safety
- Continue Scholarship Search
- Register for the SAT (www.collegeboard.org)
- Register for the ACT (www.act.org)

MAY

- Contact your recommendation writers (At least one must be a School Counselor) and start requesting recommendations; Complete brag sheet and Activities Resume.
- Take AP Exams (if applicable)
- Register for the SAT (www.collegeboard.org)

JUNE

- Apply for summer job or internship
- Set up appointments at your top college choices to visit
- Continue researching colleges in **NAVIANCE, and add them to "Colleges I'm Thinking About"**

SUMMER

- Visit colleges
- Get advice from current college students
- Organize your financial aid information; Develop a list of aid sources, requirements for each application and a timetable for meeting filing deadlines (FAFSA opens October 1)
- Start working on your College Essays
- Make Early Action preparations.
- Research enrichment programs.

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HELPFUL WEBSITES:

College Search:

Naviance: <http://student.naviance.com/auth/fclookup>

College Board: www.collegeboard.org

Niche: <http://www.niche.com>

Scholarship Search:

College Board: www.collegeboard.org

Scholarships.org: www.scholarships.org

Fastweb: www.fastweb.com

Going Merry: www.goingmerry.com

Standardize Testing:

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

ACT: www.act.org

Standardize Test Prep:

Methodize: <https://app.methodtestprep.com/westburyhs/signup>

Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>