

College Application Timeline

Junior Year

- **After January 1st**
 - Complete Student Questionnaire in Google Classroom
 - Schedule initial College Counseling appointment through Mrs. Lyon-Vaiden
 - Attend 11th grade College Panel with Parents
 - Schedule initial parent meeting through Mrs. Lyon-Vaiden
 - Schedule college visits on weekends or during spring break
 - Register for and take SAT/ACT (register at least one month in advance)
 - Between April 15 and April 30 ask two teachers to write your recommendation letters
 - Complete google doc recommendation letter questionnaire and share it with teacher recommendation writers
 - Craft first draft of your college essay in English class
 - Attend Camp College
 - Create Common Application Account
 - Get feedback from College Admissions representatives on essay draft
 - Students hoping to participate in DI or DII Athletics must register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Center. www.eligibilitycenter.org
- **Summer**
 - Continue to edit college essay over summer or craft a new essay
 - Visit Colleges and take diligent notes
 - Register/take SAT/ACT as needed (register at least one month in advance)
 - June--SAT & ACT
 - July--ACT
 - August--SAT
 - September--ACT
 - After August 1-Begin to work on any supplemental essays for schools you are sure you will apply to in the fall
 - If you are interested in financial aid, complete the Net Price Calculators on colleges individual websites to receive an estimate of what you might receive financially from each institution

Senior Year

- **September**
 - Schedule a meeting with your college counselor through Mrs. Lyon-Vaiden to discuss summer updates, applications, testing and essays
 - Submit purple "Permission to Release Transcript..." form, signed by student and parent
 - Register for the October SAT/SAT Subject tests/ACT **at least one month in advance**
 - Submit a transcript request in Naviance Student for each college to which you will apply
 - Attend Senior College Night with Parents
 - Register and attend meetings with college representatives visiting GFS
 - Consider whether or not an Early Decision, Early Action or Priority application is appropriate for you.
 - Apply to rolling admission schools as soon as you are ready (Mississippi, Alabama, Auburn)
 - There is a benefit to being one of the first to apply instead of one of the last. The applicant pool at rolling admission schools is smaller early in the fall and often less competitive.
 - Begin applications. Read all directions carefully and ask your college counselor if you have questions.

- **University of Maryland College Park Priority Application deadline is November 1st.** Begin the application!
- If you haven't already, share your essays and supplements with your college counselor for edits
- Confirm teacher recommendation letters you requested in April
- Create a plan for Quest and schedule official visits and/or interviews wherever required/recommended
- Attend the AIMS Financial Aid Night with your parents for information on financing your education
- **October**
 - Take SAT/SAT Subject Tests/ACT as needed
 - Register for any future SAT/ACT you wish to take **register at least one month in advance**
 - After each college application is submitted, confirm in Naviance Student that it has been submitted
 - Continue to meet with Admissions Representatives
 - Visit additional colleges when possible and interview wherever required/recommended. Recommended college visit dates: Quest and PSAT Day – No Classes for Seniors
 - If applicable, apply for financial aid by filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid – fafsa.ed.gov) and CSS/PROFILE (cssprofile.collegeboard.com - not all schools will require this form – be sure to check with each place individually)
 - Please note that while there IS a charge for the PROFILE the FAFSA is FREE. **Be sure you are on the official FAFSA site. If you are charged \$ at any time for the FAFSA you are in the wrong place.**
 - **If you intend to apply to the University of Maryland College Park, do so by November 1st**
 - **Most Early Decision and Early Action applications are due November 1st or 15th**
- **November**
 - Take SAT/SAT Subject Tests/ACT as needed **register at least one month in advance**
 - Continue to meet with Admissions Representatives
 - Visit additional colleges when possible and interview wherever required/recommended
 - Keep your college counselor updated about your applications and standardized test results and any admissions decisions that you receive
 - Register for the SAT/ACT as needed
- **December**
 - Take SAT/SAT Subject Tests/ACT as needed **register at least one month in advance**
 - **ALL** transcript requests in Naviance Student (for January 1 or later deadlines) should be submitted **by noon on Friday before Winter Break**
 - **Any essays** you'd like reviewed by your college counselor must be received **Sunday, December 16th**
 - Double check that all test scores have been sent to colleges to which you have applied (not for test optional colleges)
 - First quarter grades will be sent by our office for all students applying Early Decision and for many who apply Early Action
 - **WORK HARD!** These grades matter and senioritis is not your friend!
 - **The College Counseling Office is closed during winter break.**

- **January/February/March**
 - Inform your college counselor of any admissions decisions you receive
 - Mid-Year grades will be sent automatically by our office to all schools where you have applied once available
 - **WORK HARD!** These grades matter and senioritis is not your friend. Colleges will review academic progress even after acceptance.
 - **April/May**
 - Take AP Exams if in an AP course – You might earn college credit for scores of 3, 4, or 5.
 - All college decisions should be received by the first week of April – inform your counselor as you receive them
 - Discuss options with your family and college counselor especially if you are placed on a waitlist for the college you wish to attend
 - You must reply to admissions offers by May 1st
 - Send **only one deposit**. Double depositing is *forbidden*
 - Notify other colleges of your decision *NOT* to attend. This is common courtesy and allows them to offer your spot to a student on their wait list
 - Colleges will typically begin to make decisions on wait list students in early/mid May
 - If you are admitted off a wait list and decide to attend you must
 - 1) notify the college where you deposited that you will not be attending and will forfeit your deposit
 - 2) notify your college counselor!
 - ALL offers of admission are contingent upon you maintaining your level of achievement throughout senior year
 - **June**
 - By the end of June, final transcripts are automatically sent to the college you will attend as well as the NCAA Eligibility Center (for NCAA Division I and II athletes)
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- **Resources**
 - SAT Registration: www.collegeboard.org ACT Registration: www.actstudent.org
 - GFS CEEB code: 210580
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - CSS Profile www.cssprofile.collegeboard.org

SAT Date	Registration Deadline		ACT Date	Registration Deadline
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018		December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019		February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019		April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019		June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019
Aug. 24, 2019 (anticipated)	July, 2019 (anticipated)		July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019

