

Summer College Application Checklist

The most important work you can do over the summer is:

- Write and polish your main college essay
- Put together your activities list and descriptions (see the tips your folder)
- Research colleges and formulate your college list. Add colleges to your following list in SCOIR. (Don't add to your apply list until after we meet with seniors at fall orientation.) We will meet with each senior in September for a college list meeting, so the goal is to have your list fairly well defined by the end of the summer.

Other things you can also work on if you complete the steps above

- Work on the other sections of your common application (see tips in your folder) **Do NOT complete the *Recommenders and FERPA* sections, or the *Education* section until the fall.**
- Start to add your colleges to the common app. On the "My Colleges" Tab, look at each school's supplemental essays to get a sense of how many you need to write. Don't start these essays until after August 1, as they are subject to change until the Common App "rolls over" on August 1. **Do not add colleges to the Applying column in SCOIR until we meet in the fall.**
- If you are applying to UC schools, you can also look at and start to work on the "Personal Insight Questions" which are the UC versions of the college essay. These will not change.