TIMELINE FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

JUNIOR YEAR

FALL
- Begin general research on colleges and universities.
- Take PSAT in October.

SPRING
- First college visitation period. During spring break, visit local colleges or take a trip to tour campuses out of town. You should call in advance to schedule a tour.

Mar/Apr/May/June
- UCs and CSUs no longer use the SAT or ACT. Most other colleges are test optional, so the SAT and ACT are not required. If you choose to take the SAT or ACT, you can register for one of the spring dates here for the SAT or here for the ACT.

SUMMER
- Second college visitation period.
- Request information from colleges for application.
- Research scholarship opportunities on-line.
- Prepare drafts for college essays/personal statements.

SENIOR YEAR

FALL
- Third college visitation period (virtual tours available on college websites).

Aug/Sept/Oct/Nov
- More SAT or ACT opportunities, if applicable.
- Write college essay/personal insight question responses.
- Begin UC Application http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply/ (can not send in until October)
- Begin Early Action Private school applications, most at www.commonapp.org
- Out-of-State Colleges: If not on the common app, visit the college's website for applications and deadlines.

October
- CSU's: Apply on-line at calstate.edu/apply starting Oct. 1; due Nov. 30.
- Attend "College Application Workshop for Seniors" at Salesian.

November
- Send in Early Action College applications (many due on November 1st).
- Send in UC/CSU application on-line; due Nov. 30.

Dec/Jan/Feb
- Attend "Financial Aid for College Night" with your parents.
- Complete the FAFSA on-line starting Dec. 1.
- Send in Regular Decision College applications for private and out-of-state colleges.

SPRING
- Colleges will send financial aid packages.
- Make final decisions for college attendance. Most colleges will require a decision and deposit by May 1.