AUGUST

August 16
First Day of School

August 26
SAT Exam

August 30
Senior Sweets 7pm

SEPTEMBER

September 1
Follow up with teachers regarding letters of recommendation

September 5-8
Senior BCR Days

September 8
Last date to register for October SAT; collegeboard.org

September 9
ACT exam

September 22
Last date to register for October ACT; act.org

OCTOBER

October 4
Junior Jumpstart I 7pm

October 6
Last date to register for the November SAT exam; collegeboard.org

October 7
SAT exam

October 7
Registration opens for Next Level Test Prep (nlpohio.com)

October 10
Complete EA/ED applications

October 15
Early Action deadline for NC State, UNC, UGA, USC, Clemson, and Auburn

October 18
PSAT exam at GDS

NOVEMBER

November 1
Early Decision/Early Action deadline (most colleges)

November 3
Last day to register for December SAT (Juniors urged to register); collegeboard.org

November 3
Last day to register for December ACT (Juniors urged to register); act.org

November 4
SAT exam

November 8
Scholarship and Financial Aid Seminar 7pm

November 13
Juniors start scheduling appointments with your College Counselor

DECEMBER

December 2
SAT exam (all Juniors take the exam)

December 6
Parent Quarterly Coffee with College Counselors 8:30am

December 9
ACT exam (all Juniors take the exam)

December 15
Early Decision/Early Action notifications begin

December 16 - Jan 3
Winter Break (visit colleges if possible)

MARCH

March 6
10th Grade Family Program 7pm

March 8
Last day to register for April ACT exam; act.org

March 9
SAT exam

March 21
PreACT exam at GDS

March 27
Virtual 9th Grade Program

March 29 - April 5
Spring Break

APRIL

April 1
Regular Decision Notification

April 11
Senior Pennant Wall Day

April 13
ACT exam

April 17
Parent Quarterly Coffee with College Counselors 8:30am

April 19
Last day to register for May SAT; collegeboard.org

April 25
Senior Rock Your College Shirt Day

MAY

May 1
Deposit Deadline - commit to only one college by paying a security deposit

May 3
Last day to register for June ACT; act.org

May 4
SAT exam

May 6 -10
First week of AP Testing

May 13 - 17
Second week of AP Testing

May 17
Last day to register for June SAT; collegeboard.org

May 24
Graduation

JUNE

June 1
SAT exam

June 8
ACT exam
A GREAT COLLEGE IS...

1. **ONE WHERE YOU CAN GET IN.**
   I’m not suggesting that any school that wouldn’t admit you simply isn’t a good choice. But much as a romantic interest isn’t your soul mate if the interest isn’t returned, a college isn’t a truly great choice unless it’s one that admits you. Make sure the bulk of your list is comprised of schools that will say yes.

2. **ONE WHERE YOU CAN BE HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL.**
   I know this means looking into the future. But if you approach your college selection process with this metric in mind, you’ll move past things like rankings, what your friends tell you, and other factors that don’t actually measure the quality of a college for you.

3. **ONE THAT YOU CAN AFFORD.**
   You don’t know for sure whether or not you can afford a college until your financial aid package arrives. But as I’ve written before, affordability is part of fit. And a strong argument can be made that a college isn’t a great college for you if you end up taking on debt that will take you 30 years to pay off after you graduate.

   Put another way, if you can’t get in, if you won’t be happy and successful once you’re there, and/or if you can’t pay for it, it’s not a great college. It might still earn a place on your list. But approaching your college search with these three elements in mind will ensure that you end up with plenty of great college options from which to choose.

   *From the Collegewise blog*

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**GRADERS MATTER, BUT SO DO OTHER THINGS…**

- Establish a relationship with your advisors and teachers; everything you do in school gives teachers content for their letters of recommendation
- Check in with your college counselor
- Record your story and update your Naviance resume
- Schedule college visits in-person and online
- Have honest conversations with your parents about what you want in a school
- Get involved with activities that you feel passionate about
- Research colleges, ask questions and take notes
- Challenge yourself to go beyond your comfort zone
- **HAVE FUN!**