



Summer To-Do List

FOR RISING GRADE 12 STUDENTS



CHARLOTTE
COUNTRY DAY
SCHOOL



Request Teacher Recommendations by May 30

- Ask your teacher in person for a recommendation letter in support of your college applications.
- After your teacher agrees to write for you, complete the **Teacher Recommendation Request Form** (found in Scoir as an “Assignment”). College Counseling will give the completed form to your teacher. You do not need to complete this form for your advisor.



Register for the SAT/ACT

- Check both the ACT and College Board websites for 2025–26 test dates.
- If you have not yet completed testing, register for a date this summer or early fall.



Start Your Common Application Essay

- Essay prompts are posted online: First-year essay prompts (commonapp.org).
- Your counselor is available over the summer to help you brainstorm ideas and provide feedback!
- Write your essays in a separate document—do not compose essays within the Common App.



Start the Common Application Supplementals After August 1

- You may create an account prior to August 1, but please only complete basic demographic/personal information.
- The college-specific Supplements to the Common App will not be available to the Class of 2026 until August 1.
- At the **required College Application Boot Camp Program on Thursday, August 28**, Country Day college counselors will help you complete your Common App.



Narrow Your College List

- Summer is a great time to visit college campuses.
- Research colleges using Scoir, virtual tours, and information.
- As you narrow your list, mark schools as “following/applying/not interested” in Scoir.
- Maintain a balanced final list with a mix of likely, possible, and reach schools. Your college counselor can help you curate your list.
- Reach out to your college counselor over the summer for help!



Optional: Complete the Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR/SSAR)

- Some colleges and universities require students to complete the Self-Reported Student Academic Record (SRAR) during the application process.
- You may create an SRAR account and work on it over the summer. We will also assist you with the process at Boot Camp.

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