2025-2026 SMCC College Planning Timeline

Dates/events are subject to change

Freshmen Class

- September 23: Freshman Class meeting
    - Pre-ACT test prep, intro to SCOIR
- October 1: Pre-ACT test
- December 9: Freshman Class meeting
    - Pre-ACT test results, intro to college basics, final exam preparation
- December 12: Career Day
- April 21: Freshman class meeting
    - Course selections, Freshman year reminders, update resumes

Sophomore Class

- October 1: Pre-ACT test
- December 4: Sophomore Class meeting
    - Pre-ACT test results, standardized testing/Methodize test prep set up, update resumes, create YouScience accounts
- December 12: Career Day
- Spring: Sophomore career research project in English classes
- February 24: Sophomore Class meeting
    - Take career assessment & discuss results, reminders about college planning, update resumes
- April 22: Sophomore Class meeting
    - Course selections

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Junior Class

- August 25: EPR Financial Planning, 5pm
- September - November: College rep meetings. Students can register in SCOIR. Parents are encouraged to attend!
- September 25: Junior Class meeting
    - Prep for PSAT, college brainstorming, update resumes
- October 1: PSAT test
- October 15: FAFSA/College Financial Aid Night, 6pm

- November 18 (6pm) OR December 2 (6pm): Junior/Parent College Planning Workshop
    - SCOIR for college and scholarship search, College Planning Handbook, timelines, college visits, standardized testing/prep, scholarships, financial aid, college application process, job shadowing info
- December 12: Career Day
- January-March: Individual meetings with Juniors to discuss college choices/application process
- February 14: National ACT test date
- March 10: ACT test that all juniors will take in school. SMCC will cover the cost of the in-school test.
- April 11: National ACT test date
- April 23: Junior Class meeting
    - Course selection, important reminders for junior year
- April 27: Job Shadowing Day
- June 13: National ACT test date. Consider retaking the ACT.

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Senior Class

- August 22: Senior Class Meeting
    - SCOIR review, college application process, letters of recommendation, transcripts, senior English college essay writing assignment
- August 25: EPR Financial Planning, 5pm
- September - November: College rep meetings. Students can register in SCOIR.
- September 6 and/or October 18: Consider re-taking the ACT
- September 19: Senior Class meeting
    - College Financial Aid and how to apply for scholarships
    - Next steps- what to do once you have been accepted
- September - October: Individual meetings with seniors (optional, but highly recommended):
    - Discuss college applications, scholarships, deadlines, request letters of recommendation and transcripts
    - Seniors MUST submit copies of all acceptance letters and scholarship offers to Mrs. Beattie-Smith
- October 10: No School- schedule college visits
- October 15: FAFSA/College Financial Aid Night, 6pm- all seniors and parents are highly encouraged to attend!
- November 1: College Application Deadline

- April 17: Senior Class meeting
    - Update final college decisions, scholarship info, senior exit surveys, making transition from high school to college
- May 1: Decision Day
- May 13: Senior Recognition Night