12TH Grade College Planning

CHECKLIST

***MANDATORY* (Please enter these dates into your family calendar.)**

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✔	DATE	EVENT/TASK
	AUGUST 16,17	• ***High School Orientation** (8/16 returning 10th-12th grade students); New students 8/17 orientation.
	AUGUST	• Make an appointment through **Cialfo** to meet individually with **Ms. Bialy (G-Z)** or **Ms. Fierro (A-G)** to go over college application plans and create a college application list. • Finalize college applying list and recommendation letter requests. • Finalize Common App essay. • Send your Common App essay to your counselor to proofread. • Update community service hours on X2vol.com. • **Link Common Application to Cialfo account.** • **Sign FERPA on Common App.** • **August 14th: deadline to register for September 19th ACT** • **August 22th: SAT exam** • **August 28th: deadline to register for September 12th SAT**
	AUGUST 27	• ***Senior Parent Breakfast & College Kickoff at 8:30 am.**
	SEPTEMBER	• Work on finalizing college essays and supplements. • Finalize application information. • Finish sending teachers your brag sheets. • Begin submitting college applications after meeting with Ms. Bialy or Ms. Fierro. • **September 11th: deadline to register for October 17th ACT** • **September 12th: SAT exam** • **September 18th: deadline to register for October 3rd SAT** • **September 19th: ACT exam**

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	OCTOBER 1	• **Begin submitting FAFSA online**
	OCTOBER	• Fill out and submit **CSS Profile** for private universities (if required). • Fill out **SSAR** if applying to UF, FSU, FAU, USF, FL Poly, etc. • Fill out **SPARK** for UCF if applying there. • Finalize and submit Early Action applications before October 15 and November 1 deadlines. • **October 3rd: SAT exam** • **October 17th: ACT exam** • **October 23rd: deadline to register for November 7th SAT** • **Create/update Raise.me and Big Future profile for scholarships.**
	OCTOBER 15	• **Florida colleges EA/ED deadline (UF, FSU, UCF)**
	NOVEMBER 1	• Priority deadline for submitting FAFSA online with previous tax-year info. • **Deadline for Early Action (non-binding) and Early Decision (binding) admissions.**
	NOVEMBER 10	• *__Financial Aid Information Night for students and parents at 7:00pm__
	NOVEMBER	• **November 6th: deadline to register for December 12th ACT** • **November 7th: SAT exam** • **November 20th: deadline to register for December 5th SAT**
	DECEMBER	• **Apply for Bright Futures Scholarships, if eligible (deadline 1/31).** • **December 5th: SAT exam** • **December 12th: ACT exam** • Finish college applications with January deadlines
	JANUARY 31	• ***Complete 100% of community service requirements. All hours must be in X2vol account.** • **Deadline to apply for Bright Futures Scholarships, if eligible.**
	JANUARY-MAY	• Inform Ms. Bialy and Ms. Fierro of all acceptances and scholarships. • Update college decisions on Cialfo. • Apply for scholarships. • Visit top college choices and narrow down your final choice.
	APRIL 15	• **Grad Bash at Universal!**
	MAY 1	• **National College Decision Day!** • **Deadline to notify chosen college, submit deposit and sign up for orientation.**
	MAY 3	• **College Day at DSA** (Seniors wear a college t-shirt or sweatshirt of where they will be attending with jeans).
	MAY 22	• **Graduation!**