



OAK HALL SCHOOL  
SCHOLARSHIP · LEADERSHIP · SERVICE

# COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR

## FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE YEARS

- Study hard and earn strong grades; your academic record at Oak Hall begins with the 9th grade year.
- **9th Graders:** Meet with your assigned Academic Advisor to discuss your academic and plan ahead regarding academic course selection for future years.
- **10th Graders:** Meet with your assigned academic or college counselor about academic course selection and scheduling, future SAT preparation, summer opportunities (academic programs, pre-college programs, leadership seminars, employment) and particular extracurricular engagement.
- Take the PSAT 8/9 in 9th grade, the PSAT/NMSQT and the Pre-ACT in 10th grade (required).
- Get involved in a select number of extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, SGA, off-campus organizations, volunteer agencies) and seek leadership opportunities when available. Note: the colleges do not have preferred activities; a student's involvement can take many forms.
- Attend Rising 10th and 11th Grade College Night.
- Visit colleges campuses. Important Suggestion: At this point *any* college visit is worthwhile. In other words, in the course of a summer road trip, chose two convenient colleges to visit. These may or may not be places of genuine interest at this point but they should include a large public university and a smaller private college as representative institutions. This experience may help you determine what scale of college best suits you at this early point in your journey.

## JUNIOR YEAR FALL

- Maintain a strong academic record. Enroll in the academic courses that are most appropriate for you.
- Continue your involvement in extracurricular activities. Consider leadership opportunities. Keep a record of your extracurricular, volunteer, and community service hours.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October (required).
- Begin to login to your Naviance account and use the Naviance program to research colleges and universities.
- Attend meetings with college representatives from schools you might be interested in.

## JUNIOR YEAR FALL CONTINUED

- Attend College Fair at Santa Fe College.
- Consider registering to take the ACT or SAT in December
- Throughout your junior year, you should read for pleasure (newspapers, magazines, novels, biographies -- anything that interests you) at least 30 minutes a day. More than anything else you can do, this will help improve your verbal skills, help you in your English and humanities classes, and help improve your SAT/ACT scores.

## JUNIOR YEAR WINTER/SPRING

- Review PSAT/NMSQT results with your assigned college counselor
- Attend College Night I in January with your parents
- Begin assembling your preliminary list of colleges. (Your goal should be to be reasonably well informed about 20 colleges you might be interested in.)
- Login to Naviance Student to do the following:
  - Fill out Student Questionnaire.
  - Prepare an activity resume of your school and community activities.
  - Parents fill out Parent Brag Sheet/Survey Form.
- Meet with your assigned college counselor and/or your adviser when signing up for courses for next year. Review Oak Hall School graduation requirements, Bright Futures Scholarship requirements, and college admission requirements.
- Take the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT, and SAT Subject Tests (if required by the colleges you are considering).
- Ask your teachers for letters of recommendation for summer academic programs and for college admissions
- Plan your summer activities: employment, college visits, reading, volunteer work, travel.
- If you are interested in applying for an ROTC scholarship or a service academy, start the application process.
- If you are considering playing a sport at a Division I or II college or university, you should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

## SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR

- Narrow down your college list.
- Create accounts for the Common Application. Begin to research the essay prompts and brainstorm potential essay topics.
- Attend the Oak Hall "Kickoff the Senior Year" Program

## SENIOR YEAR FALL

- Attend “Kick Off to College” Senior night with families and students
- Meet with your College Counselor by the end of September. If you are applying Early Decision (ED) or Early Action (EA), meet with your College Counselor in late August or early September.
- Review and update your activity resume, which will go out with all your college applications.
- Attend meetings with college representatives.
- Register for the FAFSA and CSS Profile after October 1st if you plan to apply for financial aid, <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> and <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>
- Submit an application for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
- Attend College Fair at Santa Fe College in August and/or the NACAC National College Fairs in Jacksonville or Orlando in October.
- Register for and take the SAT and ACT. Make sure to send your test scores to the schools where you plan to apply.
- Meet with your College Counselor to narrow down and finalize your list. You should have a balanced list with "competitive", “target,” and “likely” choices.
- Complete early decision applications (if applicable) and turn them in to your College Counselor by mid-October.
- **ALL APPLICATION CHECKLISTS MUST** be turned in to your College Counselor prior to Midterm Exams. **Because of the tremendous number of applications we have to process in December, we cannot guarantee application checklists turned in after this deadline with an early January deadline will be processed by the deadline.**

## SENIOR YEAR WINTER/SPRING

- Make sure your College Counselor has all mid-year reports which are submitted to colleges in mid-January.
- February – April: Decisions begin to arrive. All admission decisions should be received by April 1.
- May 1 is National Candidates Reply Day: Colleges will give you until May 1 to make a decision unless you have been wait listed. Notify ALL colleges where you have been accepted of your decision.
- ***NOTE: All acceptances are CONDITIONAL. An appropriate level of academic work and good citizenship must be maintained through graduation if acceptance is to become final. Unless you have been wait listed at a college, we will only send out one final transcript.***