

Calendar for Seniors '11 ~ Full Year

August/September 2010

Be sure to sign up for a Fall SAT: October 9th or November 6th (also offered Dec 4).

www.collegeboard.com

ACT offered Oct. 23 and Dec. 11

Finalize your list of Safety, Target, and Reach colleges that you plan to apply to.

E-mail or call these schools to get up to date applications and information.

Carefully consider your responsibilities if applying for Early Action or Early Decision. Every school has different guidelines and deadlines.

Begin an organizer/FOLDER for each college you are interested in; this will help you keep track of important papers, letters, and info they send you.

Begin working on your college essays and resumes; show your rough drafts to English teachers for help.

Get off to a good start academically. Remember, all colleges want to see first quarter grades AND WON'T MAKE A DECISION UNTIL THEY DO!!!!

October 2010

Review for the SAT.

Attend the Sunday October 3 **College Fair** at Northern Essex Community College (1-3:00pm)...good opportunity to grab those applications you don't have yet.

Plan college visits and interviews. *Remember to send thank-you notes to admissions counselors. This makes a good impression.*

Ensure that you have requested all necessary recommendations.

Begin filling out your applications. *Carefully read over the application before writing anything in, and ensure that you ask your counselor for all appropriate paperwork (follow procedures).*

If you apply for Early Decision/Action, watch your deadlines.

Look online for necessary CSS Profile paperwork. *Some colleges require these forms in addition to the FAFSA forms...please check your college regulations to see if they require it.*

October 9~ SAT Administration. Don't forget your admission ticket and picture ID.

October 23~ACT Administration.

Check to see if the colleges you are interested in require an SAT Subject Test **many of the big schools do require them.** If it is required, sign up as soon as possible (remember, you can take 3 exams in one day).

November 2010

November 6 ~ SATs being offered at local high schools. Don't forget your admission ticket.

Send in your Early Decision and Early Action applications.

Keep organized and up to date!!

Keep your eyes open for PMA's Annual Financial Aid Information Night! This information session is extremely helpful in filling out CSS Profile forms and FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms.

Begin researching outside resources for scholarships...remember that most scholarship info begins to filter in the Guidance office in February. *Check your college websites financial page for scholarship info!!!*

YOUR TWO TOP COLLEGE APPS SHOULD BE COMPLETE AND MAILED BY THE THANKSGIVING BREAK!!!!

December 2010/January 2011

Finish your college applications and make sure they are in the mail on time.

ACT offered December 11

December 4~ SAT administration at local high schools.

December ~ Financial Aid Information session for Senior parents at PMA. Flyers will be sent home to parents.

January 1st, 2011 ~ File your FAFSA forms.! Do not attempt to file them before this date, as they will not be considered. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov ~ WATCH FOR IMPOSTER WEBSITES!!!

You will not receive financial aid if you do not fill out this form.

February/March 2011

Counselor will send out mid-year reports to colleges

Check for local and national scholarships ~ **Visit your local public high school for additional scholarships that may not be available at PMA.**

Keep your counselor informed of college acceptances.

Have you sent all necessary paperwork for Financial Aid?

April/May 2011

Review your college responses and SAR (Student Aid Reports) with your parents and counselors.

Send in any necessary deposits to the college of your choice!

Make final decisions before the common deadline of 5/1.

Congratulations on a job well done!!! YOU'RE A GRADUATE!!!