

11th Grade College Prep Activities

September

Place a check once you have completed the following items, and answer the following questions.

_____ Log into your Naviance account. Open up the “About Me” tab and click on “Checklist.” Fill this out with the classes that you passed in the last semester last school year, and whatever classes you passed in summer school. Check with your advisor if you are unsure.

_____ Log into your Naviance account. Open up the “Colleges” tab and click on “Colleges I’m Thinking About.” Start looking at colleges that you’re interested in. You can use the search function in Naviance to help narrow down your search according to the characteristics you are looking for in a college. (By now you should have at least 5-6 colleges on your list!)

_____ Log into your Naviance account. Open up the “Journal” and address the following prompt: What sort of experience am I looking for after I graduate high school? For example, do I want to be at a school with a strong research focus? A strong sports program? A big Greek culture? A small-school feel?

_____ Register for the PSAT. You will do this in your team or class.

The date that 11th grade is taking the PSAT is: _____

_____ Begin practicing for the PSAT. Check with your advisor for prep materials, or find some online! Your performance on the PSAT as an 11th grader will determine your eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship, so be prepared!

October and November

_____ Return permission slips to your team teachers for College Day if you haven’t already. Where is your team going?

_____ Log in to your Naviance account. Open up the “About Me” tab, and click on “Resume. Add the activities you are currently engaged in.

_____ Attend at least 1 session of office hours for each of your teachers.

_____ Log into your Naviance account. Open up the “Journal” and address the following prompt: Where did you go for College Day? What about this college appealed to you? What about this college did not appeal to you? Is this a college that you might consider applying to? Why?

_____ Talk with your advisor about when the next college information night is and if you need to register. The next college information night will be held on _____.

_____ Log into your Naviance account. Open up the “Colleges” tab and click on “Colleges I’m Thinking About.” Look and see which colleges you are thinking about require an SAT and/or an ACT score. The following colleges I am thinking about require an SAT and/or an ACT score (include the required score too!):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

SAT registration deadlines are in April! Make sure that you register on time! The ACT is offered approximately every 8 weeks, so you can register whenever you are ready.

December and January

_____ Visit a college over break!

Colleges in the San Diego/Orange County area I could visit over break:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Colleges in other areas that I would like to visit:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

_____ Read something over break! It could be for a class or for your own enjoyment. It could be about anything! Something I will read over break is _____.

_____ You will have received your PSAT results in December or January. Schedule a time to sit and review them with your advisor. Make sure that you bring your results with you!

The time and date that I will meet with my advisor to review my PSAT results is: _____

_____ Look over the Naviance surveys you took last year and make any applicable changes.

February

_____ Log into your Naviance account. Open up the “About Me” tab and click on “Checklist.” Fill this out with the classes that you passed this past semester. Check with your advisor if you are unsure.

_____ Ask your advisor when the National College Fair is:

Date: _____ Location: _____

_____ Talk with your parents about attending!

March

_____ Prepare your SLC

_____ Based on the courses you have already taken, you may want to take an SAT Subject Test (AKA SAT II). Log into Naviance, and click on the “Colleges” tab. Using the search function, look and see if any of the colleges you are thinking about require an SAT II.

The following colleges I am thinking about require an SAT II:

- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

Based on the colleges I am thinking about, I will register for the following SAT II tests (include dates):

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

_____ Look at colleges in your area to see if they have a summer program you are interested in. Most colleges offer some sort of program of high school students for a week or two in the summer. Take a look around!

I am interested in the program at _____
and I am going to talk with my parents about enrolling on _____.

April

_____ Attend at least 1 session of office hours for each of your teachers.

_____ Update your Naviance resume with any additional extracurricular activities, awards, community service hours, etc.

_____ Confirm registration for your SAT tests. I am taking the SAT on _____.

May

_____ Log in to your Naviance account. Open up the "About Me" tab, and click on "Journal." Address the following prompt: Where did you go for College Day? What about this college appealed to you? What about this college did not appeal to you? Is this a college that you might consider applying to? Why?

_____ Check with your advisor regarding summer school. Remember, you'll need to take summer school for any classes that you didn't pass with a C- or higher.

_____ Confirm your final Internship arrangements.

June

_____ Look into enrolling in a community college course during the summer. You can even get the tuition fee waived with a simple form called a K-12 Waiver. Pick one up from the community college you plan on attending, and Isaac, Mr. Gooch, or Sheila can sign it.

_____ Check with the senior teachers to make sure that you have the summer assignment.

_____ Begin practicing the UC personal statement. Check with your advisor for a sample prompt.

_____ Begin practicing the Common App. Essay. Check with your advisor for a sample prompt.