

9th Grade College Prep Activities

September

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

- _____ Get your Naviance account information. Your login will be your High Tech High email address. To get your password, check with your advisor.

- _____ Find out the best way to get in touch with your advisor. The best way to get in touch with my advisor is _____ and that address/number is _____.

- _____ Get a schedule of upcoming PSAT/SAT/ACT dates. Remember, as a 9th grader you don't need to take any of these tests. However, a little practice never hurt. Talk to your advisor about PSAT practice materials. Registration is usually in September! Don't miss out!

- _____ Log into your Naviance account. Click the "About Me" tab. Open up the "Journal" and address the following prompt: Why is college important to my family?

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

October and November

- _____ Check out the different extracurricular activities available through the school. Check with your advisor if you are unsure about what these are. What is one that sounds interesting to you?

Colleges are looking for you to be more than a transcript. They want to see that you have passions, are interested in the world around you, and will add to their campus culture. What are three things that you do outside of school that a college may be interested in?

- _____ Attend at least 1 session of office hours for each of your teachers. This helps your teachers get to know you, and it's better to have them know you than not. Likewise, lots of people will come to office hours at the end of the semester when they are concerned about a grade. Make sure that you attend a session of office hours prior to having trouble! Think of some reasons why you might attend office hours if your grade is not in trouble:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

_____ 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?

_____ Log in to your Naviance account. Open up the “About Me” tab, and click on “Resume.” This is where you will document your extracurricular activities, sports, clubs, youth groups, community service, etc. Add the activities you are currently engaged in.

_____ Talk with your family about saving for college. Even if it’s just a few dollars per month, it can help!

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 _____.

February and March

_____ 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.

_____ Prepare your SLC

_____ Ask your advisor when the National College Fair is:

Date: _____ Location: _____

_____ Talk with your parents about attending!

_____ 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!

University of California San Diego (UCSD): _____

California State University San Marcos (CSUSM): _____

San Diego State University (SDSU): _____

University of San Diego (USD): _____

Others? _____

April, May, and June

_____ 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?

_____ 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.

_____ 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.