

# Post-High School Planning Calendar August 2017

## JUNIOR YEAR

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### WINTER

- View the “Doorways” presentation on the Post Grad Center website and begin gathering information on colleges, trade/technical schools, military, apprenticeships, etc.
- Talk to your parents, older siblings, your guidance counselors, teachers, neighbors and/or friends of your family about their experiences with post high school education.
- If college bound (or possibly college bound), develop a profile of your “ideal” college. What are your criteria? (2 yr/4 yr, location, size, majors, sports, etc.)
- If college bound (or possibly college bound), research ACT and SAT test dates, including SAT subject tests

### JANUARY

- **Life After Littleton Night** at LHS (Post-high school planning for everyone - college, trade & tech, military, apprenticeships, etc.)

### FEBRUARY

- **ATTEND INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR MEETING** during February, March, or April. This meeting is by invitation during an off period or lunch. You will get vital information at this meeting...do not miss it!

### MARCH

- **ATTEND INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR MEETING** during February, March, or April. This meeting is by invitation during an off period or lunch. You will get vital information at this meeting...do not miss it!
- Spring break is a good time to get out and visit a few colleges, trade schools or apprenticeship programs. Sign up with the school/program for an info session and tour.

### APRIL

- **ATTEND INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR MEETING** during February, March, or April. This meeting is by invitation during an off period or lunch. You will get vital information at this meeting...do not miss it!
- Preliminary “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list on Naviance (if college-bound), or personal list if considering an alternative to college.
- Early to mid April: State SAT administration at LHS

### MAY

- Think about which teachers from Junior year you may ask to write you letters of recommendation. It's best to wait until fall of Senior year to ask the teacher.

## **SUMMER**

- Relax
- Do something productive. Get involved, work, volunteer, find an internship, etc.
- Visit colleges - it can be a little tricky to find times when students are on campus. Late May and early June or mid-August is usually best.
- Make interview dates for fall college visits
- Aug. 1: Common Application opens. Start it! You will thank yourself later!
- Start drafting your college essay(s).

## **2017-18 SAT TEST DATES**

<u>SAT DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u>
Aug. 26, 2017	July 28, 2017
Oct. 7, 2017	Sept. 8, 2017
Nov. 4, 2017	Oct. 25, 2017
Dec. 2, 2017	Nov. 2, 2017
Mar. 10, 2018	Feb. 9, 2018
May 5, 2018	Apr. 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018

## **2017-18 ACT TEST DATES**

<u>ACT DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u>
Sept. 9, 2017	Aug. 4, 2017
Oct. 28, 2017	Sept. 22, 2017
Dec. 9, 2017	Nov. 3, 2017
Feb. 10, 2018	Jan. 12, 2018
Apr. 14, 2018	Mar. 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018

## SENIOR YEAR

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### FALL (September - December)

- ATTEND INDIVIDUAL **SENIOR MEETING** IN POST GRAD this semester. The information from this meeting will help you avoid confusion and mistakes!
- If you're looking at college alternatives, further research trade/technical school, military, apprenticeships, etc., and make a list of programs that interest you.
- Sign up for and attend visits by college admissions reps to LHS - list available on Naviance and on bulletin boards.
- Move colleges from "Thinking About" to "Applying To" list in Naviance.
- Check Early Decision and Early Action deadlines (each college is different!).
- Carry out college visits, interviews, overnights (minimize time out of classes in the fall).
- Verbally request teacher recommendations as soon as possible (several weeks before deadline, preferably), and enter requests into Naviance. Detailed instructions can be found on the Post Grad website under "College Planning and Exam Calendar."
- Request transcripts as you apply to colleges. This must be done at least 10 school days ahead of your application deadline.
- Arrange to have official copies of your standardized test scores (SAT/ACT) sent directly from the testing agencies to the colleges to which you are applying. LHS can report your scores on your transcript, but ALL scores will be reported...you cannot choose which ones. You need to opt out of this if you do not wish all of your scores to be reported. Also, many (but not all) colleges require that the test scores come directly from the agencies.

### SEPTEMBER

- ATTEND INDIVIDUAL **SENIOR MEETING** IN POST GRAD when invited. The information from this meeting will help you avoid confusion and mistakes!
- Late Sept.: Denver National College Fair ([www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org))
- Late Sept.: College Week at LHS (50+ college reps visit)
- Late Sept.: Out of State College Night at local high school ([www.collegefairs.org](http://www.collegefairs.org))
- Late Sept./Early Oct.: In State and Out of State College Fair and workshops at local high school ([www.collegefairs.org](http://www.collegefairs.org))
- Late Sept./Early Oct.: College essay workshop at LHS during lunches
- Work on rough drafts of essays. Have someone (parent, teacher, counselor etc.) proofread them.

### OCTOBER

- ATTEND INDIVIDUAL **SENIOR MEETING** IN POST GRAD when invited. The information from this meeting will help you avoid confusion and mistakes!
- Oct. 1: FAFSA can be filed using previous year's income information.
- Oct. 1: CSS Profile (if required) financial aid forms can be filed. This is especially important for Early Decision/Early Action applications.

- Oct. 15: Teacher letters of rec and transcript requested, and test results sent for all colleges with deadlines Nov. 1

## **NOVEMBER**

- ATTEND INDIVIDUAL **SENIOR MEETING** IN POST GRAD when invited. The information from this meeting will help you avoid confusion and mistakes!
- Nov. 1: Teacher letters of rec and transcript requested, and test results sent for all colleges with deadlines Nov. 15
- Nov. 10: Teacher letters of rec and transcript requested, and test results sent for all colleges with deadlines Dec. 1
- Be sure that you have arranged for official reports of ACT and/or SAT results to be sent to colleges.
- Nov. 30: Deadline for many public universities such as University of California

## **DECEMBER**

- Dec. 1: Final list of “Colleges I’m Applying To” on Naviance
- Dec. 1: Teacher letters of rec and transcript requested, and test results sent for all colleges with deadlines Dec. 15
- Dec. 10: Teacher letters of rec and transcript requested, and test results sent for all colleges with deadlines Jan. 1
- Dec. 15: Teacher letters of rec and transcript requested, and test results sent for all colleges with deadlines Jan. 15

## **WINTER (January - May)**

### **JANUARY**

- If you are looking for alternatives to 4 year college: ATTEND **ALTERNATIVES TO COLLEGE MEETING** during lunches in the Forum in January or February. Dates TBD.
- Jan. 15: Teacher letters of rec and transcript requested, and test results sent for all colleges with deadlines Feb. 1
- Write thank you notes to teachers who wrote recommendations.
- Alumni interviews in local area for some colleges
- FAFSA and CSS Profile (if required) financial aid forms should be filed. Deadlines vary by school from November through February.
- If you need to take/retake SAT/ACT, check registration deadlines and test dates on websites.

### **FEBRUARY**

- Feb. 1: Teacher letters of rec and transcript requested, and test results sent for all colleges with deadlines Feb. 15
- Contact each college to make sure your admission file is complete.
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### **MARCH**

- Many decisions will be received this month.

#### **APRIL**

- All colleges mail admissions letters before April 15.
- Update Naviance with results as you hear from colleges. This is important so that your final transcripts can be sent to your school.
- If possible, visit colleges to which you have been admitted if you have not already done so (stay overnight and attend classes whenever possible.)
- Be sure to respond **before May 1**, the official, national *Candidates Reply Date* to the college you plan to attend and to include any deposit required. Never submit deposits to more than one college (you may submit a deposit on one college while remaining on the waiting list at another college).
- Check with your school regarding on-campus housing registration. Pay any required housing deposit

#### **MAY**

- **May 1: National Candidate Reply Date** - Seniors must have deposited at only 1 college of choice
- Attend Senior Exit Interview in the Post Grad Center.
- Pay attention to college course registration forms and deadlines. Be sure to process housing applications and other documents immediately.

#### **JUNE**

- Final transcripts will automatically be sent to college that a student plans to matriculate in the fall. Student just needs to indicate this school on Naviance (will be done at Senior Exit Interview).
- Have a fun, restful, productive summer. Enjoy your parents and your friends. Make some money for your next year.

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