

JUNIOR: College Planning Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Get a good GPA all year long! Most colleges based scholarships on Senior Year Trimester 1's GPA!
- Sign up for the SAT or ACT. **If possible with Covid. Right after Algebra II is ideal!** Counselors have fee waivers for those that qualify for free and reduced lunch.
- Check the [Ongoing Career/College calendar!](#)

OCTOBER

- Sign up for AP tests this month! See your AP teacher and check Naviance. Remember that you do NOT need to have taken an official AP course to participate.
- Attend Sheldon's College Week! Check in with Career Center
- Attend **Scholarship/Financial Aid Night**
- Junior Interview in Naviance
- Check the [Ongoing Career/College calendar!](#)

MARCH/APRIL

- **Find a test center for SAT or ACT** (at time of this writing 10/1/2020, ACT is in process of creating a virtual test. Due to COVID safety measures there are VERY limited testing slots if any in the state of Oregon.
- **If possible with Covid:** Obtain the SAT - SAT Subject - ACT schedules and register for your appropriate test. Make sure you take the optional Writing portion. Scores can count toward your essential skills tests! [How to register for SAT](#) [How to register for the ACT](#)
- [OSAC Scholarship](#) **DUE March 1st** (Yes, Juniors can apply!)
- Take SAT or appropriate test. Prepare for the SAT test using *Khan Academy*.
- Meet with your counselor for on-going post-high school planning.
- AP test sign up starting **March 1st through Naviance**, deadline is before Spring Break. Check your Naviance email address for reminders! Remember that you do NOT need to have taken an official AP course to participate.

MAY

- AP Testing / IB Testing (Remember you can take the AP test without having taken a class!)
- Take the SAT or ACT (Can take these up to 12 times). Counselors have WAIVERS for the fees if you qualify for free and reduced lunch.
- Begin to request teacher recommendations if needed (not all colleges or scholarships require these)– form downloadable from Naviance.
- Request catalogs, financial aid materials and applications from colleges.
- Begin a filing system for catalogs, applications and correspondence. (email folders/tags)
- Call college admissions offices for appointments for interviews and/or tours and attend a class in your potential major(s). You CAN do virtual tours!

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

- Take the appropriate college admissions test at least twice (SAT - SAT Subject - ACT).
- Review catalogs received.
- Prepare a tentative list of schools to visit. Upload list into Naviance using Super College Match or "Colleges I'm Interested In." Example of an amazing [college comparison spreadsheet](#).

~TOP 10 CHECKLIST FOR COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS~

- ☐ 1. Arrange a senior conference with your counselor to discuss career/college options and requirements; including graduation requirements and college admissions.
- ☐ 2. Continue your research on colleges/post high school plans. Select 2-4 colleges you are seriously interested in attending. Read college guides and catalogs; check college web pages; visit college campuses; attend SHS college visitations and local college fairs. Keep track of all admissions and financial aid deadlines and requirements for each school you plan to apply to.
- ☐ 3. ~~Register for the SAT + Writing, ACT + Writing, and/or SAT Subject Tests~~ Consult Naviance, college catalogues, or web pages for testing requirements for admissions. ***Over 99% of the nation's colleges have gone test blind or test optional for the class of 2021.***
- ☐ 4. You and your guardian attend the Post High School Planning Night with OUS (see SHS Calendar). College representatives present on community colleges, 4 year public colleges, and 4 year private colleges. School counselors will go over Naviance.
- ☐ 5. Check out Sheldon's career center web site at <https://shs.4j.lane.edu/career-center/>
- ☐ 6. Fill out a [Recommendation Form](#) (found in Naviance, left hand side under "Pages") to request a letter of recommendation from your counselor and/or teachers. **Only do so if the colleges and/or scholarships you are applying for require a letter of recommendation.** Make copies of this form after you fill it out and set up a meeting with the staff member you would like to write you a letter. ***This must be done at least two weeks in advance.*** Counselors and teachers are not available to write letters of recommendations over Winter Break, so please plan accordingly.
- ☐ 7. Complete the college application process. Decide on whether the [Common Application](#) would save you time. Not ALL schools accept the Common App, but a LOT do. Fill out the application form carefully; confer with your English Teacher or counselor if you need assistance with your college essay; order an official transcript through Naviance. If you see a postage stamp within Naviance...it means that a paper copy needs to be submitted through our registrar. Check with teachers and counselor to confirm they have sent your letters of recommendation. Write "Thank You" notes to the people who have written letters for you.
- ☐ 8. Gather information on scholarships and other financial aid. Log in to Naviance and use the Scholarship Search Engine and consult the Scholarship list. This is updated throughout the year. Check internet resources; look through scholarship books; talk to your coach; etc. Ask your guardian to attend a Financial Aid Workshop. Submit your [FASFA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form after October 1st, but before November 1st. Both you and your guardian will have to have an FSA ID to submit your form electronically. www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ☐ 9. Wait for acceptance/denial letters and info from colleges regarding financial aid packages. Decide on the college you will attend. Request a final transcript from the Records Office. Notify colleges you got accepted to whether or not you will attend their college.
- ☐ 10. Update your Naviance profile of the college you plan to attend and any scholarships you have been awarded. Do your Senior Exit Survey on Naviance – this is mandatory.
- ☐ 11. Make sure that you have marked your FINAL Transcript to be sent to the college of your choice within Naviance. The actual sending of this transcript cannot happen until grades are submitted (after the school year).