

SENIOR: College Planning Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Curriculum Night at Sheldon, Naviance presentation given highlighting Common App
- [Scholarship/Financial Aid Night](#) (multiple offered by different 4j schools)
- Check Career Center for upcoming [College Visits and College Fairs](#).
- Check your graduation requirements with your counselor. If you are planning on playing sports in college, check the [NCAA Clearinghouse](#) for credit requirements <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- ~~Obtain the SAT – SAT Subject – ACT schedules and register for your appropriate tests. TAKE the optional writing tests offered with the ACT/SAT.~~ Counselors have waivers for students that qualify for free and reduced lunch. Class of 2021, most colleges entrance is test optional.
- Prepare college applications. **Note:** *Early decision/Early Action applications are usually due around November 1st.*
- Set up a senior interview with a counselor.
- Contact an Armed Services Recruiter for info if the military is an option you would like to explore.
- Request teacher recommendations - Download from Naviance or on the Career Center Website.
- APPLY for the FSA ID <https://fsaid.ed.gov> for the FAFSA

OCTOBER

- 1st - First Day to apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Register for AP Exams (watch Naviance and connect with AP teachers on how to)
- ~~□ Mid-October All School Testing Day: Complete CRLS and Essential Skills tests~~
- ~~□ College Fair at the University of Oregon~~
- ~~□ Portland National College Fair- Oregon Convention Center~~
- ~~□ National Performing & Visual Arts College Fair at the Portland Art Museum~~
- [Check Career Center and Naviance for upcoming College Visits and additional College Fairs](#) Check in with College/Career Coordinator to see if there are additional opportunities.
- If listed in Naviance under, “Colleges I’m Interested In,” then you will get email notifications when they visit! SWITCH colleges in Naviance from “Colleges I’m interested in to “Colleges I’m Applying to”
- Attend Open Houses at colleges virtually.
- ~~□ Register for the SAT and SAT Subject – ACT exams! Watch those deadlines!~~
- Continue to work on applications.
- Check the scholarship bulletins in the Career Center.
- Discuss personal essays with English teachers, guardians and others.



NOVEMBER

- Attend College Fairs.
- Check Sheldon Event Calendar for FAFSA WORKSHOPS with experts from local colleges
- [OSAC Scholarship](#) (600+ scholarships) window OPENS: **Oregon Promise and Chafee Grant (former and current foster youth)**
- Speak to College Representatives
- Continue to work on applications.
- Check scholarship bulletins for updates.
- ~~□ Do you need to take the SAT or ACT again? Register NOW! December is the LAST time you can take these tests and still qualify for big money at state schools. Make sure you add at least one state school to your score reports.~~

DECEMBER

- Review the SAR (Student Aid Report) to make sure the information is correct. You should receive it

electronically 3-5 days after you submit your FAFSA. If you filled it out via paper it could be 3-4 weeks.

- ❑ Continue College Application Process (check in with your admissions representative from college)
- ❑ Pick up Letters of Recommendations well before leaving for Winter Break! Your counselors and teachers are not available to write recommendations or fill out forms over winter break!
- ❑ ~~This is the LAST SAT or ACT you can take for state schools to receive your scores in time for scholarship consideration!!!!~~

JANUARY

- ❑ Check with your prospective college about additional financial aid application forms and requirements.
- ❑ Continue College Application Process
- ❑ January 1st is a HUGE deadline for most colleges. [University of Oregon](#)
- ❑ Continue Scholarship search

FEBRUARY

- ❑ Provide midyear reports (if required by your colleges) to your school counselor for submission.
- ❑ February 15th is the deadline for [Oregon State University](#).
- ❑ Start writing thank you notes to college reps that may have gone out of their way to help you, and for teachers that wrote letters of recommendations for you.
- ❑ Continue Scholarship search. Check Community Colleges for Scholarships.
- ❑ Work on **OSAC Scholarship** www.oregonstudentaid.gov 600+ Scholarships with ONE application

MARCH-APRIL

- ❑ **1st of March 5PM PST** LAST DAY to apply for **OSAC** (Oregon Student Access Commission) Scholarship.
- ❑ Watch *college portals*, mail and email for admission letters and financial aid awards.
- ❑ Compare your admissions offers forms and requirements.
- ❑ *If waitlisted*, notify the admissions office that you are still interested.
- ❑ Plan a summer job, internship or other opportunity for enrichment.
- ❑ Time to make a decision. Most schools ask that you choose a school by May 1st. Make sure to notify your school counselor or the Career Center what college you decided to go to.
- ❑ Continue Scholarship search - Many applications are due in the spring.
- ❑ Submit an application to community college if that is where you decided to go. Find out when their orientations are.
- ❑ Take placement tests for Community Colleges.

MAY

- ❑ Notify your counselor of any scholarships you have received.
- ❑ Notify (in writing) the schools you have decided not to attend.
- ❑ Make sure you have received the necessary forms for housing, health insurance, financial aid etc.
- ❑ Pursue additional student loan options if necessary.
- ❑ Notify colleges of any private scholarship awards.
- ❑ Mail in deposit to ONE college by their due date.
- ❑ Sign and return the financial award letter if you accept the offer.



JUNE-AUGUST

- ❑ Request your official final transcript to be sent to your new school within Naviance.
- ❑ Request end of year reports from your counselor..
- ❑ Double check any final deadlines for housing, financial aid, etc.
- ❑ Accept your financial aid from your school/college.
- ❑ Attend all advising days, open houses, orientation programs that are offered by your college.
- ❑ Send thank you letters to any scholarships you have received.
- ❑ Notify your counselor of where you will be attending or plans for the following year.
- ❑ Congratulations Graduate!
- ❑ Enjoy your summer!!!!