

# College Information Night

Freshmen

&

Sophomores



## Build your resume!

Choose high school courses and activities knowing that colleges look for challenging coursework, strong grades, and extracurricular activities. Find places to volunteer, build relationships, and cultivate stories.

## Prepare to crush those tests!

Start reviewing vocabulary words and spend some time mastering test-taking strategies to maximize your test scores.

## Make a list and do some research!

Make a list of colleges you would like to attend, and then do some research. Do these colleges have majors that interest you? Are they too big or too small? What kind of student life activities do they offer? Are good churches on campus or near by?

## Visit, visit, visit!

The best way to know if a college is a good fit for you is to visit the campus, and it is never too soon to start. Going on vacation during the summer? Plan to drop by the local college campus on your trip. Visiting different campuses will help you decide what kind of atmosphere fits you best.



# Tracking Activities and Awards

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**FRESHMAN YEAR SPORTS/CLUBS/COMMITTEES:**


**JUNIOR YEAR SPORTS/CLUBS/COMMITTEES:**


**FRESHMAN YEAR AWARDS:**


**JUNIOR YEAR AWARDS:**


**FRESHMAN YEAR SERVICE HOURS:**


**JUNIOR YEAR SERVICE HOURS:**


**SOPHOMORE YEAR SPORTS/CLUBS/COMMITTEES:**


**SENIOR YEAR SPORTS/CLUBS/COMMITTEES:**


**SOPHOMORE YEAR AWARDS:**


**SENIOR YEAR AWARDS:**


**SOPHOMORE YEAR SERVICE HOURS:**


**SENIOR YEAR SERVICE HOURS:**


# Planning for College Success



## AUGUST

- Review your high school courses and activities, remembering colleges look for challenging coursework, strong grades, and extracurricular activities.
- Meet with college admissions people as they come to LHS.
- Study for the PSAT
- Plan to attend college fairs and parents' nights in your area.

## SEPTEMBER

- Study for the PSAT
- Plan to attend college fairs and parents' nights in your area.

## OCTOBER

- Take the PSAT (at LHS).
- Research Advanced Placement (AP) or college courses you might take.
- Continue researching organizations that award scholarships to graduating seniors.
- You may need to apply for them the summer after your junior year.

## NOVEMBER

- Learn about eligibility requirements for federal and private student loans.
- Talk as a family about how much you can afford to spend on your education.
- Attend College Night.

## JANUARY

- Plan for the next round of tests: the SAT and the ACT.
- Attend financial aid nights in your area.

## FEBRUARY

- Investigate private scholarships and other aid programs. Check with your parents' employers, local membership organizations, or programs related to your intended course of study.
- Register for the SAT and/or ACT.

## MARCH

- Visit the three to six schools on your final list.
- Schedule an admissions interview and an overnight stay.
- Take time at each school's financial aid office to collect information.
- Begin preparing essays for admission and scholarship applications.
- Mark your calendar with the dates for future SAT/ACT tests.

## APRIL

- Prepare for AP examinations.

## MAY

- Take the SAT and/or the ACT.
- Take AP examinations.
- Mark your calendar with the dates for future tests.
- Ensure your Senior year schedule is finalized and includes all credits needed for graduation.
- Continue researching organizations that award scholarships to graduating seniors. You may need to apply for them the summer after your junior year.

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# Planning for College Success

Senior

## AUGUST

- Review the plan you made with Mr. Kasper last Spring and make sure you're on track with credits.
- Make a calendar with key application and financial aid deadlines.
- Begin sending college applications.
- Ask teachers, guidance counselors, and other adults who know you for letters of recommendation for scholarship and admissions applications.

## SEPTEMBER

- Have your Senior Picture taken.
- Gather the data needed for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Continue sending out college applications.
- Work on admissions application essays.

## OCTOBER

- Submit your completed FAFSA as soon after October 1 as possible.
- Use Testing Day at LHS to work on college applications. Some schools have early admission deadlines of Nov. 1.
- Take the SAT or ACT if necessary.
- Revisit your top school choices. Talk face to face with current students and faculty members at those schools.
- Continue to seek and apply for scholarship awards from a variety of sources.

## NOVEMBER

- Obtain financial aid applications from your colleges of choice.
- Continue sending out applications for colleges and scholarships. Some school have deadlines of Dec. 1.
- Attend College Fair night.

## DECEMBER

- Continue to work hard on your academics.

## JANUARY

- Many schools have admissions deadlines in January.

## FEBRUARY

- Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- Plan for AP exams.

## MARCH

- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. Pay particular attention to the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and discuss it with your parents and family.
- Look for emails about all important graduation dates, times, and locations.

## APRIL

- Watch the mail for acceptance letters and financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid packages.
- Choose a school and send in a deposit by May 1st.
- Contact your chosen school's financial aid office to ensure your application is complete.

## MAY

- Take AP examinations.
- Senior Retreat.
- Write thank yous to the people who wrote you letters of recommendation.
- Celebrate your high school graduation!