Start preparing now and get a head start on your college application planning.

**Junior Year Checklist for College Application Planning**

**College List**
- Envision dream school as subset of the most important institutions
- Explore independent colleges that match your needs and values
- Choose schools where you'll feel comfortable
- Research the application process

**College Visits**
- It is in your hands to arrange college visits and networking events for your seniors
- Plan your summer visits

**Gap Analysis**
- Fill out the FAFSA on time

**Spring/Summer**
- For the 1st and 2nd rounds, decide which colleges are most attractive
- Research the application process for the colleges you plan to apply

**Regular Decision**
- Receive your FAFSA and 1st round letters in time for Fall 1st term
- Check your application status

**SAI: Early Action/Early Decision**
- After reviewing your fall term GPA, decide which colleges to apply to and when
- Decide between regular action or early decision

**Summer Tools**
- SAT/ACT - pick a test
- Resume & LinkedIn
- Scholarship search

**College Sports**
- Complete an application for Division I or II college sports

**Senior Year**
- Complete the first year of the application process and finalize your college list
- Complete the second round of applications

**In Colleges**
- Review your college financial aid and determine eligibility for financial aid
- Complete the FAFSA and all financial aid applications
- Complete final drafts of your application

**College Sports**
- Complete an application for Division I or II college sports

**Volunteer with your application strategy plan.

**Complete the CSS Profile**
- Complete final drafts before senior year begins

**Summer Options**
- A narrative form of writing is required. One of our favorite openings is an anecdote.
- A student resume is different than your parent's resume
- Create a student resume that highlights your leadership and accomplishments
- Start preparing the material you will give each teacher to help them write the best LOR possible.
- Choose two/three teachers and ask them for LOR, ask them to help you with your LOR

**Junior Year Checklist**
- Are your activities and experiences strong enough? Are your test scores adequate for the schools on your list?
- Complete and turn in applications for schools with Regular Admission or ED II.
- Complete the FAFSA and all financial aid applications
- Complete and turn in applications for colleges with Early Decision (ED)
- Complete final drafts before senior year begins
- Complete the CSS Profile

**Evaluate Your College Options**
- Keep an open mind and be flexible
- Try to make the most of your time at college
- Start planning which ones you are going to take and register for them
- Take a numbers approach when categorizing. Examine the GPA and standardized test scores from past students.
- Examine admit rates and know how applying early will affect your odds.
- Decide if you want to go for binding early decision or restrictive early decision
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- Choose ED I or ED II

**Check your application status**
- Make sure you check your application status weekly
- Sign up to receive updates on your application status
- Receive your FAFSA and 1st round letters in time for Fall 1st term
- Complete the second round of applications

**Spring/Summer**
- Take the SAT/ACT
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