

# MHS Class of 2021: College Planning Timeline

## Spring/Summer 2020

- ❑ Register for late Summer or Fall SAT and/or ACT tests. For updates about testing, click here:
  - [AP Updates](#)
  - [SAT Updates](#)
  - [ACT Updates](#)
- ❑ Research colleges in **Naviance Student** (accessed via Blackboard Homepage) and save colleges to *Colleges I'm Thinking About*.
  - Additional information:
    - [Junior Focus Day Presentations](#)
    - [McLean Student Services YouTube Channel](#)
- ❑ Take virtual college tours. Most colleges have virtual tours available directly on their websites.
- ❑ Participate in the **College Application Workshop** sessions - May 6, 13, 20, and 27
- ❑ Complete the [Student Questionnaire\\* and Parent Questionnaire\\*](#). This questionnaire provides counselors more information for recommendation letters. **Please submit your questionnaire to your counselor between June 1 and August 25.**
- ❑ Think about teachers you want to ask to write a **letter of recommendation** on your behalf. You are encouraged to request recommendation letters with teachers before summer break. You can make this request via email.
- ❑ Select one teacher to complete the [Teacher Comment form\\*](#). This is for a teacher who is **not** already writing a letter of recommendation for you. The teacher comment form provides additional information to inform the counselor letter of recommendation. Please copy/paste this link and email it to your requested teacher:  
<https://forms.gle/HYwBZVyhTC1ASw9x5>
- ❑ Polish up your *Resume\** to send to your counselor. For a sample resume, click [here](#). If you do not have a resume and would prefer to use our Activities Builder google doc, based on the college application's activities list, you can click [here](#).
- ❑ Many college applications are available on August 1. Begin preparing for the actual application process: draft application essays; collect writing samples; and assemble portfolios or audition tapes. To brainstorm essay topics, click [here](#). Review [Common Application](#) and [Coalition Application](#) essay prompts.
- ❑ Register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) if you hope to play Division I or II sports.
- ❑ Begin looking for scholarships on Naviance. Check out the [FAFSA4caster](#) to estimate your eligibility for federal student aid.

## **Fall 2020**

- ❑ Return [Transcript Request\\*](#) forms at least 30 days in advance of college deadlines
- ❑ Complete college applications - be aware of application and priority scholarship deadlines
- ❑ Fill out the [FAFSA](#), which is available October 1, 2020 and apply for scholarships

\*All forms are also available in the Student Services office and online here:

<https://mcleanhs.fcps.edu/student-services/college-and-career-center/mhs-senior-college-packet>