MHS Class of 2022: College Planning Timeline

Spring 2021

- Register for late Summer or Fall SAT and/or ACT tests. For updates about testing, click [here](https://www.fairtest.org).
  - SAT Updates
  - ACT Updates
  - AP Updates
- Research colleges in [Naviance Student](https://www.naviance.com) and save colleges to [Colleges I’m Thinking About](https://www.collegesearch.com).
- Additional information: [McLean Student Services YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com)
- Take virtual college tours. Most colleges have virtual tours available directly on their websites.
- Participate in the [College Application Workshop](https://www.naviance.com) sessions - Dates will be announced
- 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 at the end of junior year. You can make this request via email.

Summer 2021

- Complete the following items, due to your counselor by the first day of school. You will receive access to these items in May.
  - Student/Parent Questionnaire
  - Teacher Comment Form
  - Resume or Activities List
- 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](https://www.commonapp.org). Review [Common Application](https://www.commonapp.org) and [Coalition Application](https://www.coalition.org) essay prompts.
- Register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](https://www.ncaaconline.com) if you hope to play Division I or II sports.
- Begin looking for scholarships on Naviance. Check out the [FAFSA4caster](https://www.fafsa4caster.com) to estimate your eligibility for federal student aid.

Fall 2021

- 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](https://www.fafsa.gov), which is available October 1, 2021 and apply for scholarships