

College Corner

December/January 2017

Important Dates 2017-18

January 12	Deadline for registering for the February ACT
February 10	ACT Test Date
March 9	Deadline for registering for the April ACT
March 10	SAT Test Date
March 20	Explore (7th and 8th)
March 21	Plan (9th and 10th)
April 14	ACT Test Date
May 5	SAT Test Date
May 7-18	AP Exams
June 2	SAT Test Date
June 9	ACT Test Date
July 14	ACT Test Date



College admission tips for the holidays

My first tip for ALL students is: Don't forget to recuperate and relax!

SENIORS

In the spirit of the holidays, write thank you notes to your recommenders!

Follow up on early admission decisions.

Submit any regular decision applications still pending. Most regular admission deadlines are in early January.

Submit your FAFSA if you haven't already done so.

Check all your college portals to make sure all documents, test scores, financial aid forms, etc have been received.

Set up the rest of your college visits for any schools you've applied to, but haven't seen yet.

JUNIORS

Organize your college information. You're getting a LOT of mail now... get yourself a filing system to keep all your printed materials that you want to keep straight.

Prepare for standardized tests.

Start your resume. You will need a resume of your activities and accomplishments to use with college applications.

Start talking to your family about your college goals.

Continue narrowing down your college list.

Start planning a college trip to visit schools. Mardi Gras or spring break are great opportunities to see some schools.

SOPHOMORES & FRESHMEN

Make the grade. Continue to keep your grades up and set up those early years for a solid GPA.

Plan courses. Now is the time to strategize what classes you want to take next year based on your college goals.

Volunteer and community activities. If you aren't already, think about what you want to get involved in!

Read, read, read. Holidays are a great time for pleasure reading... it's fun and keeps your brain engaged!

Visit schools. It's never too early to start thinking about what schools you want to visit as you start to explore options.

Summer Programs

Applications are opening now for summer programs, so now is a good time to start thinking about how you want to spend your summer. Here are a few programs that have been sent to our office in recent weeks that you may be interested in:



Sooner Discovery

This is a 4 week, on campus program that allows students to earn college credit at the University of Oklahoma. It is a full college immersion experience. Eligible students must be rising juniors or seniors and have either a 24 ACT score or an unweighted 3.0 GPA.

<http://www.ou.edu/content/summersession/soonerdiscovery.html>



Tulane STEM School Program

The Tulane Summer Enrichment Institute in STEM is designed to inspire the future generation to pursue careers and academic disciplines in STEM. Students in middle school or high school will take hands-on courses and receive college credit. Start and end dates vary.

<http://summer.tulane.edu/pre-college/stem>



Summer at UChicago

Discover the awesome course opportunities for high school students this summer at the University of Chicago. Within a supportive campus community, students from all over the globe are exposed to diverse ideas in classrooms taught by world-class faculty and instructors. In the classroom, students are given the chance to take intellectual risks, dive more deeply into subject matter, and discuss questions that go beyond the realm of their high school curriculum.

<https://summer.uchicago.edu/high-school-students>



Summer Experiences at Wash U

Students have the opportunity to enroll in courses for credit and study alongside undergraduates. Students select from a broad range of stimulating introductory courses in the humanities, math, sciences, and social sciences. High School Summer Scholars live on campus in one of our top-ranked, air-conditioned residence halls. In addition to coursework, students participate in specialized seminars, academic support groups, and a variety of weekend and evening social events.

<https://summerexperiences.wustl.edu/>