

College Corner

November 2017

Important Dates 2017-18

November 2	Deadline for registering for the December SAT
November 3	Deadline for registering for the December ACT
November 4	SAT Test Date
November 5	LOSFA's College Goal Sunday Event
November 6	Millsaps Collge visit – Library – 9:20 a.m.
November 15	University of Alabama visit – Library – 2:10 p.m.
December 9	ACT Test Date
January 12	Deadline for registering for the February ACT
February 10	ACT Test Date
March 9	Deadline for registering for the April ACT
March 20	Explore (7th and 8th)
March 21	Plan (9th and 10th)
April 14	ACT Test Date
May 7-18	AP Exams



SENIORS

It's not too late!

Although the November 1st early application deadline has passed, you still have time to meet some of the November 15th early deadlines (which include popular options like Tulane and LSU). In addition, remember that these are “early” deadlines... all the colleges still have regular admission deadlines later in the year (most are around January). If you feel like you are too late to apply somewhere that's absolutely NOT TRUE. There are plenty of colleges out there that would be a good fit for you and there is still plenty of time to apply.

FAFSA and CSS Profile

In order to qualify for financial aid and/or scholarships, students will need to complete the [FAFSA](#), the “Free Application For Student Aid”. In addition, some schools also require a second financial aid application called the [CSS Profile](#) which is usually used by selective private colleges and universities. These forms will allow colleges to determine your family's “Estimated Family Contribution” (EFC) which, in turn, will allow them to determine your “Demonstrated Need” for college. This could qualify you for federal or institution grants and/or loans to help pay for college.

College Goal Sunday

The Louisiana Office for Student Financial Assistance will be hosting “College Goal Sunday” this weekend on November 5th. At this event, they will be on hand to offer free assistance with completing the FAFSA. Students and/or parents can register for the event at: <https://www.osfa.la.gov/register>

JUNIORS

Make a testing plan

You will want to spend this year finalizing your best ACT or SAT score... ideally by September of your senior year. This will mean that you will need to strategize when you are taking your exams and how to organize your preparation and tutoring time to improve your scores. Mark all the dates in your school planner so they don't sneak up on you and you'll have plenty of time to prepare.

Start working on your college list

Start working on a targeted list of colleges that you're interested in so that you can plan some visits. Your list should have some balance and consist of 3 kinds of schools: likely (those you are going to get into), target (schools that have an average entering freshman with similar GPA and test scores to yours), and reach (the highly selective school that you may not get in to, but you want to give it a try).

SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN

Extracurricular activities

Stay engaged with the clubs and organizations that you joined at the beginning of the year! Now is the time for you to establish yourself within the club and begin to develop some leadership opportunities for later. Keep track of all your activities and accomplishments so that you can list them on your resume for college applications later!

Upcoming College Preview Days & Information Sessions



Kickoff LSU

8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

November 10th and 20th.

LSU Student Union

To register: <http://www.lsu.edu/experience/events/students/kickofflsu/>



Loyola Fall Open House

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

November 11th, 2017

To register: <http://apply.loyno.edu/fall-open-house>



UL-L Preview Day

8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

November 11th, 2017

University Student Union

To register: [UL-L Preview Day](#)



Tulane Campus Preview Days

November 11th

Lavin-Bernick Center

To register: <http://admission.tulane.edu/visit/special-programs/campus-preview-days>



Lion Pride Preview

November 17th, February 3rd, April 13th

Student Union

To register:

<https://www.southeastern.edu/admin/admissions/events/lionpridepreview/index.html>