

Malibu High School

JUNIOR YEAR “PREP FOR COLLEGE” CALENDAR

Summer before Junior Year

- Make up D and F grades on your transcript.
- Set goals for your Junior year. Do you have a challenging class schedule? What activities will you continue your involvement in?
- Get familiar with Naviance: Have you logged in? Have you created a resume? Plan on adding to this resume as you go through your Junior year.
- Have fun and do something productive!

August-September

- Focus on doing well in your classes. The Junior year is looked at very closely by colleges.
- Visit the College and Career Center and say hi to Ms. Nguyen.
- Check the CCC website or Naviance for upcoming college visits and sign up on Naviance to meet with the college reps.
- If the college you are interested in is not visiting Malibu HS, check the college website for scheduled visits or receptions in the Los Angeles area.
- Student athletes interested in playing Division I or II sports should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Learn about recruiting guidelines. Make sure you are meeting all eligibility requirements, especially taking college prep courses at MHS.

October

- Attend the Samohi College Fair.
- Take the PSAT at MHS.
- Attend Financial Aid Night at MHS.
- Log into Naviance and familiarize yourself with its services.
- Attend a college rep visit.

November

- Review your grades and make sure you are on your way to finishing positively in all your classes.
- Set up a place and files for college materials. Purchase or borrow college books. Read materials to familiarize yourself with the college admission process and the language. If you need help finding appropriate college resource books, visit the College and Career Center.
- Take a Mock SAT/ACT exam.
- Complete a career assessment in Naviance: Do What You Are 2.0.

December

- Plan holiday visits to colleges. If you are visiting family out of town, visit a local college, even if it is just to walk around the campus.
- Register for the March SAT.
- Study hard for your finals, and do well!

January

- Receive PSAT results and study the materials to prepare for the SAT.
- Decide if you will take the SAT or ACT (or both) and what type of preparation is right for you. Then make arrangements early. For a list of test prep resources, go to the College and Career Center.
- Register for the March SAT.
- Register for the April ACT.

February

- Make an appointment with Ms. Nguyen to discuss your college options.
- Using Naviance, start your college list.
- Check out the College Road Trip Nation videos in Naviance.

March

- Continue to make an appointment with Ms. Nguyen (if you haven't done so already) to discuss your college options. Learn about the colleges that interest you by visiting their websites and other useful online resources.
- Take the SAT (the real thing!), if appropriate.
- Consider visiting colleges over Spring Break. It is best to see the campus when classes are in session.
- Register for the May or June SAT/SAT Subjects, if appropriate.
- Register for the June ACT, if appropriate.
- Attend Junior College Night with your parents.

April

- Make an appointment with Ms. Nguyen (if you haven't done so already) to discuss your college options. Continue learning about the colleges that interest you by visiting their websites and other useful online resources.
- Take the ACT (the real thing!), if appropriate.
- Think about how you want to spend your summer. Summer school for advancement? Internship? Travel? Work? Whatever you do, choose something that is of serious interest to you rather than an activity that you think will "look good" on your resume or college application.
- Attend the NACAC College Fair in Pasadena or in Ventura County. Visit <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/> for more information.

May

- Make an appointment with Ms. Nguyen (if you haven't done so already) to discuss your college options. Continue learning about the colleges that interest you by visiting their websites and other useful online resources.
- Take the AP Exams, if appropriate.
- Take the SAT Subject exams, if needed.
- Narrow your college list. Consider visiting some of these colleges over the summer.

June

- Take the ACT or SAT, if appropriate.
- Take the SAT Subject tests, if needed.
- Study hard for your finals!
- Student athletes must register with NCAA Eligibility Center (if you haven't done so already) and send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Finalize summer plans including college visits.

Summer before Senior Year

- Make up D or F grades on your transcript.
- Continue working on the list of colleges you want to attend.
- Visit each college website and read all requirements for admission.
- Organize yourself with a folder or binder. Write down all deadlines and requirements.
- Make sure **you** have established an application account online for **each** college on your list.
- Make a list of all essay and short answer topics for each college. Brainstorm ideas for all essays.
- Register to take the SAT and/or ACT exams in the fall, if needed.
- Request admission or alumni interviews for schools that require it.
- Think about which teachers you would like to ask to write your recommendation letters.
- Work on the brag sheet questionnaires available in Naviance Family Connection.
- Don't forget to enjoy your summer!

Other Important Notes

- Naviance is a great resource, so please use it!
- Regularly visit the MHS College and Career Center website for notices and events.
- Malibu High School's CEEB Code is **051-896**. You will need this for SAT/ACT registration and college applications.
- It is never too early to begin researching for scholarships. For guidance, go to the CCC website or simply Google. Be wary of scholarship search or placement services that charge fees. It does not make sense to pay someone to find you a scholarship!