

MAY EDITION

SPRING 2023

# THE NEXT STOP



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# IMPORTANT DATES

- **JUNIOR SAT REGISTRATION: (WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG)**
  - JUNE 3 – MAY 4 DEADLINE FOR REGULAR REGISTRATION / LATE REGISTRATION IS MAY 23 (LATE FEE \$30.00)
    - REGISTER WITH ZIP CODE OF YOUR LOCATION ON JUNE 3
- **UNDERCLASSMEN**
  - TERM 5 FINAL – JUNE 1 (a little over 3 weeks away)
- **SENIOR DATES:**
  - SENIOR PARADE – MAY 19 (START OF SENIOR LEAVE WEEKEND)
  - SENIOR AWARDS & SENIOR DINNER
    - JUNE 1 – TIME IS TBD
      - (THE EVENT OCCURRED IN THE EARLY EVENING LAST YEAR TO HELP WITH PLANNING PURPOSES. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW
  - GRADUATION
    - JUNE 2 @ 10AM ON THE PARADE FIELD (NO TICKETS REQUIRED)



# ADVISORY

The Corps of Cadets meet in the Chapel on designated Fridays for post-high school topics and information

- **LAST ADVISORY WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 26**
- **TOPIC: OVER THE SUMMER**

# ACADEMIC COURSE REQUESTS 23-24

- ALL RISING 9<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> CADETS MET WITH THE DESIGNATED ACADEMIC COUNSELOR TO SET COURSE REQUESTS FOR THE 23-24 ACADEMIC YEAR
  - MRS. HILL – LAST NAME A-K
  - DR. BENSON – LAST NAME L-Z
- ALL RISING 9<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> CADETS AND FAMILIES RECEIVED AN EMAIL DETAILING AN OVERVIEW OF THE MEETING:
  - Post-high school plans, meeting graduation requirements, diploma requirements, and other pertinent information
  - The last of the emails were finalized and sent at the beginning of the week
  - We are in the process of replying to any emails with questions and/or concerns
- THESE COURSES ARE TENTATIVE; THEY ARE REQUESTS ALIGNED TO MEET GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

**SENIORS:**  
**ADMISSION DECISIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **SENIORS – PLEASE SEND US ANY ACCEPTANCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED ASAP. (IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY)**
- **MAKE SURE IT IS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION FOR ACCEPTANCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS – CAN BE A SCREENSHOT OR FORWARDED EMAIL.**
- **YOU ALL ARE VERY CLOSE TO SURPASSING LAST YEAR’S SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL!**
  - **Right now your total is \$3.6 million and counting...**



# DECISION DAY CELEBRATION

# DECISION DAY

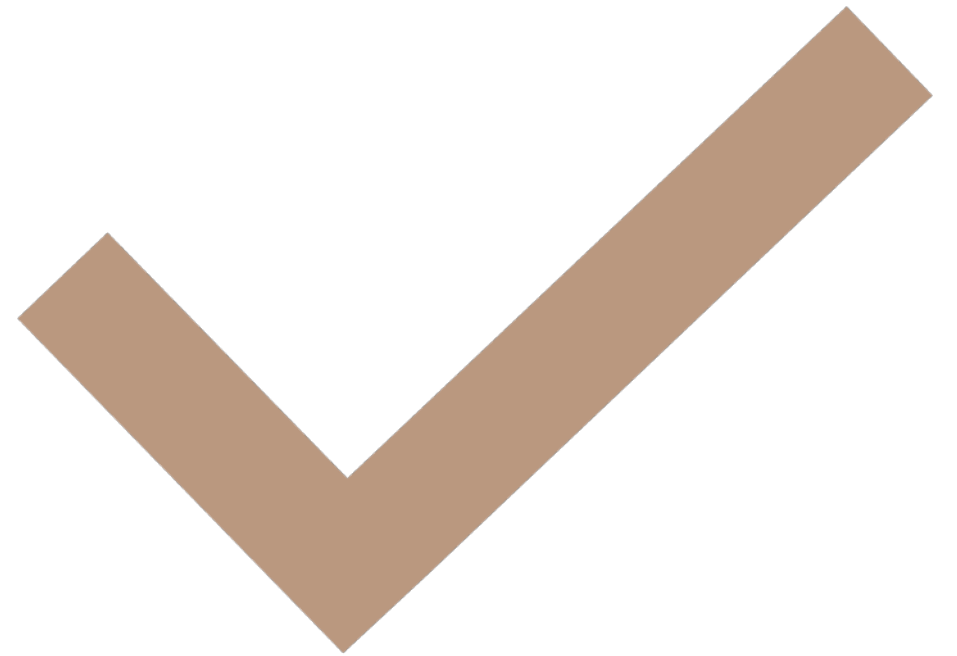
- MAY 1 IS NATIONAL DECISION DAY – THIS IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A DEPOSIT TO SECURE A SPOT FOR THE FALL
- THE ANNUAL COLLEGE T-SHIRT PHOTO TOOK PLACE IN THE MORNING
- THE CADETS HAD A BINGO / SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITY TO COMPLETE THROUGHOUT THE DAY (VOLUNTARILY)
- LUNCH TIME FESTIVITIES (CUPCAKES, SPARKLING GRAPE JUICE, PHOTO BOOTH, \$25.00 AMAZON GIFT CARD RAFFLE, CONFIRMING BOARDING PASS DESTINATION, SIGNING THE CLASS OF 2023 POSTER, POLORAID/PICTURES)





# SENIOR SUMMER TO DO LIST

SENIOR PRE-COLLEGE  
SUMMER CHECKLIST



## ACADEMIC

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- Talk to your high school counseling department and follow the process to request your final transcript be sent to your college's admission office.
- If you wish to apply for college credit, share AP exam score(s) with your college's admission or registrar's office.
- Find out if you will need to take math, writing, or foreign language placement exams.
- If you are assigned an academic advisor, schedule an appointment early and learn how to register for your first semester courses.
- Make sure you return all forms sent by your college over the summer in a timely manner. If you will be away, make arrangements for someone to check your mail/email.

## FINANCES

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- Find out when your first tuition and housing bill is due and share the dates with any adult(s) in your life who may be helping you pay for college.
- Complete the paperwork for any student loan(s) you've accepted as part of your financial aid package.
- Create a budget and think about how you will cover expenses such as books, personal items, travel, and entertainment. If appropriate, open a checking account and obtain a debit or credit card.
- If you plan to work part-time, do some research in advance on your work-study or off-campus job options.

## TECHNOLOGY

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- Set up your new college email. Most colleges will guide you via an online student portal.
- Check to see if there are specific computer requirements and decide what other gadgets and technology you will need. Your college's bookstore or computing resources department may have recommendations and offer special discounts.
- Determine whether printing is available with easy access.

## HEALTH & MEDICAL

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- Get a checkup from your primary care doctor and dentist. You will likely be asked to submit the results of a recent physical exam and demonstrate your vaccination history. Proof of immunizations, including Covid and meningitis, is typically required.
- Check your college's requirements for health insurance. You will either need to provide proof of your own insurance or enroll in your college's student plan (which can be costly).
- If you take prescription medications you'll need to make arrangements to avoid an interruption in your medication supply.
- If you wear glasses or contacts, go to the eye doctor and make a plan for obtaining the supplies you will need.

## HOUSING

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- Complete your housing forms on time. Late forms may result in less appealing options.
- Contact and connect with your new roommate(s).
- Mark your calendar with the dates for move-in and new student orientation.
- Review the checklist your college provides you for dorm room essentials and items not permitted.
- Learn how to do your laundry.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

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- If you will have a car on campus (some schools do not allow first-year students to bring cars), obtain a parking permit (if applicable).
- If commuting to campus, make a transportation plan to get to college on the first day of class.

## **FAMILY**

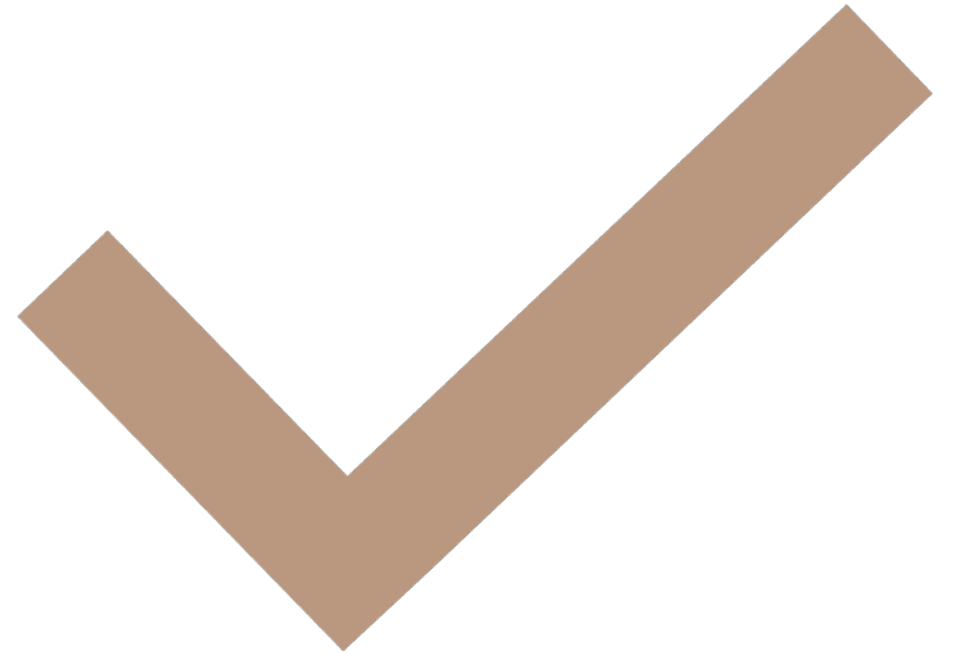
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- Establish a communication plan with your family. Set expectations and limits around visits, phone calls, and texts.
- If your college offers a formal Family Weekend in the fall semester, share the dates with any adult(s) in your life who may wish to attend.

# JUNIOR TO DO LIST

SUMMER COLLEGE

APP. TASKS



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## 1. Narrow Down Your College List

- a. Ensure you have a well-balanced college list that meets your needs. See Handout: How to Build a College List

## 2. Visit College Campuses (even if it means virtually)

- a. An on-campus visit is important to building the college list. It's a Goldilocks situation: Is it too big? Is it too small? Is it just right? See Handout: College Tour Questions and Evaluating a College Visit

## 3. Work on College Essay

- a. See Handout: College Essay Prompts

## 4. Ask for Letters of Recommendation

- a. See Handout: Letters of Recommendation

## 5. Create a High School Resume

- a. Begin listing all activities/clubs/sports/awards/work experience/family obligations/community service/volunteer/travel you've participated/won during high school.
- b. Doesn't need to be formal, just listed out to include in the application process.

6. Research Scholarships and credible scholarship websites
  - a. <https://www.usnews.com/education/scholarships/search>
  - b. <https://app.goingmerry.com/counselors/home>
  - c. <https://www.scholarships.com/>
  - d. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>
7. Study for Standardized Tests
  - a. Use Khan Academy for their SAT Review or the Princeton Review books are very helpful
8. Learn about Financial Aid Requirements
  - a. FAFSA Requirements and documents needed. CSS Profile requirements.
  - b. StudentAid.gov
9. Work or Volunteer
  - a. Allows you to experience different career path/options and is great experience for a college application

## 10. Leverage Social Media

- a. Colleges will look at your social media. Take the time now to clean it up/delete posts that could negatively affect any admission offer

## 11. Make Alumni Connections (if possible)

- a. Current students and alumni of the institution you are interested in are great resources during the college search process

## 12. Start filing out applications!

- a. Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/> (See Handout: Common App Process)
- b. HBCU Common App: <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
- c. Coalition App: <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- d. School's Personal Application through their admission page.
- e. You'll have to check and see how the schools require you to apply on the school's admission page.

# HELPFUL TID-BITS

- FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES – CONTINUE WORKING ON EARNING STRONG GRADES TO MAINTAIN A STRONG GPA
- HIGH SCHOOL RESUME: [CollegeBoard High School Resume](#)
  - KEEP A RUNNING RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS
  - JOBS
  - SPORTS / CLUBS
  - VOLUNTEER SERVICES / LEADERSHIP ROLES (INCLUDE LENGTH OF COMMITMENT)
  - AWARDS RECEIVED
  - EDUCATION (HIGH LEVEL COURSES AND GPA)