

College Preparation Timeline: Freshman Year

Fall/Winter

Action	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Take challenging courses.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Get involved with extracurricular activities.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT in October.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Start a calendar with important dates and deadlines. Utilize Maceas calendars to help you.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your counselor to discuss your high school and college goals.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Make the grade; get off to a good start with grades because they do impact your rank and GPA.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilize resources for academic assistance (teachers, power hours, etc.).	

Spring/Summer

Action	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Look for a great summer opportunity- job, internship or volunteer position.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Look for summer enrichment programs- leadership camps, college campus programs.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for challenging honors, AP, and college preparatory courses for next year.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Read and write voraciously.	

Naviance

Action	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Explore Naviance.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Begin filling out your Brag Sheet on the "About Me" tab. Include all freshman year activities and accomplishments.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Begin filling out your Game Plan on the "About Me" tab.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take the Strengths Explorer Inventory (on the "About Me" tab) to uncover talents and reveal potential strengths.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Begin thinking about and searching for colleges that might interest you. Add those you think are a good match to your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list on the "College" tab.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Use Method Test Prep to begin preparing for the SAT and ACT.	

College Preparation Timeline: Sophomore Year

Fall/Winter

Action	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Take challenging courses.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep working hard to maintain good grades.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Get involved with extracurricular activities.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT in October.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Start a calendar with important dates and deadlines. Utilize Macess calendars to help you.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your counselor to discuss your high school and college goals.	

Spring/Summer

Action	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Look for a great summer opportunity- job, internship or volunteer position.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Look for summer enrichment programs- leadership camps, college campus programs.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for challenging honors, AP, and college preparatory courses for next year.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep reading and writing voraciously.	

Naviance

Action	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Continue exploring Naviance.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Update your Brag Sheet on the "About Me" tab to include sophomore activities and accomplishments.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take the Personality Type Inventory (on the "About Me" tab) to see which careers match your personality style. Use this information to begin researching college majors.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Update your Game Plan on the "About Me" tab.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check out the Resume Builder on the "About Me" tab.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Continue researching colleges that might interest you. Update your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list to reflect your current interests on the "College" tab.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Use Method Test Prep to prepare for the SAT and ACT tests.	

College Preparation Timeline: Junior Year

Fall/Winter

Action	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Get involved with extracurricular activities: find leadership opportunities.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep grades up.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT in October.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Start a calendar with important dates and deadlines. Utilize Macess calendars to help you.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your counselor to discuss your high school and college goals.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Athletes (prospective Division I or Division II) complete a BMHS Student Transcript Release Form AND register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Register to take the SAT and/or ACT in the Spring.	

Spring

Action	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Take the SAT (1-2 times) and/or ACT.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Look for a great summer opportunity- job, internship or volunteer position.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Look for summer enrichment programs- leadership camps, college campus programs.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for challenging honors, AP, and college preparatory courses for next year.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Naviance frequently and identify the Counseling Center college visits you want to attend. Sign up for the visits on Naviance.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Think about 2 teachers you want to ask to write a recommendation for you.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend college fairs, open houses, and information sessions during the Spring especially utilizing Easter Break to find out more about colleges.	

Summer

Action	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for the SAT and/or ACT.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take part in a summer job and/or enrichment program to build your resume.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete your senior year Holy Cross Service Hours.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Begin working on college applications and essays.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges.	

Naviance

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Use the online SAT and ACT Preparation Program (Method Test Prep).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gather info about student aid and scholarships.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update your Brag Sheet on the "About Me" tab to include junior activities and accomplishments.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update your Game Plan on the "About Me" tab.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check out the Career Interest Profiler on the "About Me" tab.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continue researching colleges that interest you. Update your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list to reflect your current interests on the "College" tab.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update your resume in the Resume Builder on the "About Me" tab.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign up for the in-school college visits through Naviance.	

College Preparation Timeline: Senior Year

September

- ☐ Complete your list of "Colleges I'm Thinking About" on Naviance.
- ☐ Access college applications and financial aid information from college websites.
- ☐ If your colleges use the Common Application set up an account at: www.commonapp.org. Make sure you know requirements and deadlines.
- ☐ Register by September 3 (or September 22 with late fee) for the October 3 SAT.
- ☐ Plan college visits and interviews.
- ☐ Review for the SAT and ACT exams using Method Test Prep on Naviance.
- ☐ Review transcripts and college choices with Miss Treichel or Ms. Auchmoody.
- ☐ Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.eligibilitycenter.org if being recruited for collegiate athletics. Request a transcript from your counselor when NCAA registration is complete.
- ☐ September 18 is the deadline for the October 24 ACT.
- ☐ September 24: Senior Parent Information Night, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria.

October

- ☐ Register by October 9 for the November 7 SAT or SAT Subject Tests.
- ☐ Continue to prepare for the SAT and ACT.
- ☐ Read college applications and know all deadlines and requirements.
- ☐ Polish college essays and applications. Attend October 14 workshop 12:00 p.m.-2 p.m. at BMHS.
- ☐ See your counselor to review and check applications, if needed.
- ☐ Take SAT October 3 (bring proper ID and ticket).
- ☐ Access CSS Profile at www.collegeboard.com if required by the college.
- ☐ ACT is given October 24 (see www.actstudent.org).
- ☐ Bring transcript request forms to your counselor any time (must be two weeks prior to deadlines).
- ☐ Request teacher recommendations if required, at least two weeks before your first due date. (Give teachers a completed copy of the Recommendation Request form and see your counselor to update your recommendation requests in Naviance.)
- ☐ October 14 is the deadline for all applications with a November 1 deadline to be in your counselor's hands. Those arriving later will not be guaranteed by deadline.

November

- ☐ Take SAT on November 7 (bring proper ID and ticket).
- ☐ Continue to bring transcript request forms to your counselor any time (must be two weeks prior to deadlines).
- ☐ Continue to request teacher recommendations if required (two weeks notice).
- ☐ November 6 is the deadline for the December 12 ACT.
- ☐ November 4 is the deadline for all applications with a December 1 deadline due to Thanksgiving break. Those arriving later will not be guaranteed by deadline.
- ☐ November 5 is the registration deadline for December 5 SAT.

December

- ☐ December 1 is the deadline for all applications with a January 1 deadline to be in your counselor's hands. Those arriving later will not be guaranteed by deadline.
- ☐ December 8: Financial Aid Workshop, 6:30 p.m., cafeteria.
- ☐ Take SAT or SAT Subject Tests on December 5 (bring proper ID and ticket).
- ☐ ACT is given December 12 (see www.actstudent.org).
- ☐ December 28 is the deadline to register for January 23 SAT.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete all other applications over Christmas break.
January	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
<input type="checkbox"/>	See your counselor to let them know of any applications you have decided not to complete.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be aware that we will send seventh semester grades to all colleges for which you have completed applications.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Last chance to improve SAT scores is January 23.
<input type="checkbox"/>	January 8 is deadline for February 6 ACT.
February	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be sure all materials requested by colleges are in (call the admissions office for verification).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Last chance to improve ACT scores is February 6 (see www.actstudent.org).
March, April, May	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 1 send confirmation deposit to the college you will attend and please notify all other colleges of your decision (in writing).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bring copies of acceptance letters and scholarship/financial aid awards to your counselor.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Give final decision to your counselor for final transcript.