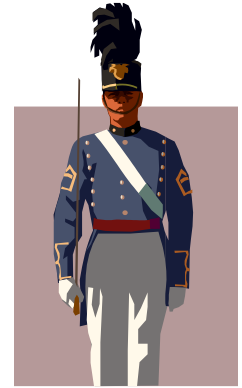


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Senior Year Info and Timeline

(what to expect your senior year)

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!!! Decisions and Deadlines !!!

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Options After High School

- Work
- Military
- Trades
- Apprentice programs
- Community College
- College

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Military Service

- Enlist with specific branch through recruiter
- ROTC Scholarship followed by active duty in reserves
- Apply for appointment to one of the service academies (should have been started in junior year)

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Reasons for Attending College

- Achieve a personal goal
- Increase earning power
- Prepare for a career and expand learning
- Participate in extracurricular activities and social life
- Gives options and opens doors

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Consider College Characteristics

- Majors and educational programs
- Type of school and degrees offered
- Admission policy
- Location and size
- Costs and financial aid
- Campus activities
- Support services

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ED vs. EA

- Early **DECISION** plans are binding: A student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college.
- Early **ACTION** plans are nonbinding: Students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1

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NCAA/NAIA

- Future College Student Athletes
- Registration required by end of Junior Year

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NCAA Eligibility

- Division I/II
- Check eligibility requirements on NCAA website
- Completed on-line at <http://www.ncaa.org/>
- Obtain an unofficial transcript from counselor to complete the application
- Submit an official transcript

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NAIA Eligibility

- Check eligibility requirements on NAIA website
- Completed on-line at <http://www.playnaia.org/>
- Obtain an unofficial transcript from counselor to complete the application
- Submit an official transcript

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September

- Check transcript to make sure you have all the credits you need for your choice of school.
- Re-take the ACT/SAT. Check to see which test the college requires.
- Start narrowing down the list of colleges for applications. What schools should I apply to?
 - 1-2 Reach schools (Dream)
 - 1-2 Good fit schools (Realistic)
 - 1-2 Safe schools (Fall-Back Plan)
- Access applications online.
- Finalize [Student Brag Sheet](#) or update your resume
- College Representatives visit in C4

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September cont...

- Parents: Start organizing financial information for FAFSA
- Set up FSA ID for both student and parent; student and parent can NOT use the same emails or cell numbers

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October

- Work on and complete college applications (Ask teachers, parents, and friends to read first drafts).
- Create a file for each of your college choices, and keep it organized. Consider a master calendar of deadlines.
- Have standardized test scores sent to your list of colleges.
- Begin working on scholarship applications.
- Stay FOCUSED!!
- College Representatives visit in C4

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October cont...

- Request letters of recommendation
- Complete early decision or early action applications according to deadlines. (Make sure you understand your rights and obligations before committing to Early Decision.)
- Attend local or regional college fairs and financial aid fairs with your parents.
- File NCAA Clearinghouse application for Division I and II sports. All test scores and HS transcripts must be sent directly to the Clearinghouse. Test scores on transcripts will not be accepted. Register 9999 on testing registration like colleges. (similar for NAIA Eligibility)

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Submitting Applications

- Apply early. Be aware of rolling admissions vs. deadlines.
- Don't assume anything. Even if you match the college's profile, certain departments have capacities.
- Consider visits, overnight stays, and interviews when possible at your top college choices.



Submitting Applications cont.

- Be aware of deadlines!!! Do not wait until the deadline to complete online apps.
- Many colleges have a deadline of November 1, December 1, February 1, or March 1
- If a school is NOT test optional then check ACT/SAT scoring reassessment timelines to see if scores will be received by deadlines
- CHECK EACH COLLEGE!!!

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Submitting Applications cont.

1. Make sure all personal info accurate
2. Check for application fee and have payment ready
3. Essay if required
4. Letters of Recommendation, no more than 3 (do not submit any if they are not requested on the application)
5. Any other required materials
6. Some transcript requests come automatically to the high school counseling office via email or portals but not always. It is best to alert the guidance office when a transcript is needed and give a few days notice.

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The Common Application

- More & more colleges now use the Common Application.
- Once completed, copies may be sent to any number of participating colleges.
- Used by 500+ colleges/universities!
www.commonapp.org

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Letters of Recommendation

- Request for Recommendation
- Do not submit a letter of recommendation if the college does not require one
- 2-3 weeks notice shows courtesy
- Ask someone who knows you well
- Provide recommender with
 - Forms (if required) with necessary information filled out
 - A stamped, addressed envelope (if required)
- Write a THANK YOU note!

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November

- Follow up with teacher recommendations
- Send thank you notes to teachers completing a recommendation
- If not already submitted...start submitting applications. Keep in mind college deadlines.
- College Representatives visit in C4

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December

- FAFSA opens December ?
- Continue submitting applications, watch deadlines.
- Continue search for scholarships; many deadlines approaching
- If you have been following this timeline, you should be right on track; enjoy the holidays. If you are behind, this can be a great time to catch up. It is not too late to apply to many schools and the federal financial aid program. Take time over your winter break to complete applications and any required essays.

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Financial Aid: Apply early. Apply right

- Prior-Prior Year tax data used
- For example 2024-2025 College Year means file 2022 tax data via FAFSA as early as December 2023
- Encourage parents to submit early for maximum aid
- Electronic reports
 - SAI=Student Aid Index
 - FAFSA Submission Summary

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Searching for scholarships

- [Check guidance website](#) (local scholarships are published and due in the spring)
- File holders in guidance office
- Check for parent's employers, church, or community affiliations
- Colleges and Departments
- Google or other search engine to look
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.scholarshipopportunity.org/schoolsoup/
 - www.scholarships.com
 - www.goingmerry.com/

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Selective Service

- Men 18 or older must register for the selective service to receive federal financial aid.
- Even if still in high school, 18 year old males must register to keep access to CCP classes at college.

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January

- Contact the admissions office at any schools to which you submitted regular applications to make sure these schools have everything they need from you.

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February

- Did any of the schools you applied to request your transcript showing first semester senior grades? If so, have you requested they be sent yet?
- Complete scholarship applications

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March

- March 1: Deadline for many applications
- Contact financial aid office at the schools to which you have applied - check on any follow up materials
- Colleges will be sending out “offers” in the form of an Award Letter with 2-3 weeks given to respond. **This may require logging into their individual school portal.**

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April

- From those schools that accept you, compare your financial aid and scholarship offers. Just because a school costs the most prior to aid it may not be the most after aid.
- Evaluate your options and make your acceptance choice. Find out what deposits you will be required to make to ensure your place in the freshman class.
- When you decide, notify the school of your commitment, submitting any required deposit check. If you applied to more than one college send the others notifications of decline.

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May

- Many schools require the acceptance notification letter by May 1st. Housing deposits may be due on this date too. Check with the college.
- Take the Advanced Placement exams for any AP subjects you took in HS.
- If you were placed on a waiting list for a particular school, and you decided to wait for an opening, contact that school and let them know you are still interested.

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May cont.

- Enjoy the Prom
- CCP Final Exams
- Senior Awards
- Commencement
- Cheers and sometimes tears!
- Fill out your

Senior Showcase form so that the Guidance Office will know where to send final transcripts (also contact college registrar to send any CCP credit transcript).

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July/August

- During the summer before your freshman year, you should participate in any summer orientation program for incoming freshmen and make any necessary arrangements for any medical exams or health insurance coverage if you have not previously done so.
- Register for classes at your college
- Prepare for your new adventure
- Start packing.....

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An Hour Well Spent?

Downloaded from <http://www.xavier.edu>

Here is how one college freshman spent the hour between two morning classes.

TIME...ACTIVITY

8:51 Leaves history class, talks briefly with friends outside.

8:54 Starts for library.

8:56 Meets friend, discusses plans for weekend football game.

8:59 Finishes discussion, heads for library.

9:02 Arrives at library, stops friend to check on when English theme is due.

9:04 Finishes discussion, enters library.

9:08 Settles down, starts to read history assignment.

9:14 Realizes history assignment is not due till next week, decides to work on tomorrow's English assignment instead.

9:15 Spots friend at another table, decides to check on English assignment.

9:16 Checks English assignment, discusses football team's prospects in game.

9:20 Finishes conversation, returns to study.

9:21 Counts number of pages in English assignment, realizes assignment cannot be completed in thirty minutes, debates future course of action.

9:23 Decides to read as much as possible anyway.

9:27 Finds English assignment boring, decides to check over math homework instead.

9:31 Discovers math homework hasn't been completed, begins working remaining problems.

9:40 Completes 2nd math problem, recognizes impossibility of working remaining ten problems in fifteen minutes, debates future course of action.

9:42 Decides to adjourn to coffee shop.

9:45 Arrives at coffee shop, purchases coffee and doughnut.

9:47 Joins group of friends discussing forthcoming exams.

9:54 Makes comment while leaving for 10:00 math class: "There just aren't enough hours in the day to get all this studying done."

9:59 Arrives at math class, hopes instructor won't give a quiz over homework assignment.

This student actually studied for less than one-third of a possible sixty-minute study period. The remaining time was squandered in a disorganized attempt to start studying. Unfortunately, disorganization and procrastination are typical of many college freshmen.

How about you? How much time did you waste today?

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QUESTIONS???

- Take time and plan.
- This will be an emotional time.
- As a review 5 main steps to take
 1. Register for the appropriate tests
 2. Submit your applications for admission
 3. Complete the FAFSA
 4. Compare acceptance offers from schools
 5. And finally, after you've accepted a school's final offer, have your HS/college send your final transcript to that school.

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Guidance Office Hours

- Regular School Hours
- Other times upon request
- Contact Kelli Walsh to schedule an appointment
 1. (740)984-2376 Ext. 1230
 2. kelli.walsh@fortfrye.org

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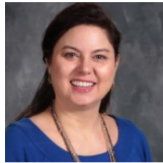
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Thank you for visiting!

- Do you need access to a computer?
- Would you like help with Infinite Campus? Keep in mind WCCC has separate IC access and email.
- Do you have any questions?

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