

The College Application Calendar

September

- Complete the Senior College Questionnaire (available in my office)
Fill it out with your parents or guardians
- Make an appointment to meet with me
Sign- up sheets are available outside my office
- Start a file for each college you are interested in
Download page from collegeboard.com and/or the college site
- Check on application and financial aid deadlines
- Check whether your choice schools have rolling admissions, early decision and/or early action options
- Attend the college fair at Duquesne on September 21st.
- Make plans to visit some or all of the schools you are interested in
- Check the Guidance Department site on the Central Catholic homepage and look at the Schedule of Visits by college representatives
- Begin drafting your essay for those schools which require an essay
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation. Give them a due date.
- Register for the October/November SAT and/or SAT Subject Tests or the September/October ACT
- If applying to a school with rolling admissions (like Penn State), apply NOW!

October

- Mail any applications in time to reach the colleges by the deadlines
- College applications with deadlines of November 1st should submit the information to the Guidance Dept. by October 13.
- College applications with deadlines of November 15, December 1 or December 15 should submit the information to the Guidance Dept. by October 31st.
- Check with the Guidance Dept. office to make sure that the transcripts you have requested be sent have indeed been sent.

- If applying for early decision or early action, apply NOW!!
- Submit financial aid applications for early decision and early action schools
- Register for the December/January SAT, ACT and SAT Subject tests
- Have official test scores sent by the testing agency to the schools to which you are applying.
- All teacher letters of recommendation should be done by November 1.
- Draft essays for college applications should be near final draft.
- Do well on First Quarter exams!!

November

- Take the ACT and/or SAT Subject Tests if appropriate. Don't forget to have test scores sent to the colleges on your list.
- Finish any college applications that have not yet been submitted.
- The Guidance Department deadline for college applications is Monday, November 3rd. This means if you have an application deadline of January 1, 2009, your applications (transcript requests) must be in the Guidance Dept. by Monday, November 3rd.

December

- If you applied for Early Decision, you should have an answer by now. If you are accepted, follow the instructions to accepted students.
- Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, December 3rd. However, these applications are not guaranteed to be sent before the holiday break.
- Applications will be accepted again starting January 5, 2009. Absolutely no services will be available from December 19 until January 5, 2009.

January

- Do well on your semester exams!
- Request transcripts of your first semester grades be sent to the colleges to which you have applied.