

Sophomore Year College Planning Timeline

Concentrate on academic preparation and continue to develop basic skills and co-curricular interests.

SEPTEMBER

- Consult your counselor about the PSAT (Preliminary SAT). The PSAT is essentially a practice test to help you prepare for the SAT.

OCTOBER

- Attend the Columbus Suburban College Fair at Otterbein University on October 7th from 1-3 PM. (www.college-fair.org)
- Take PSAT on October 10th, 2018 for practice for the SAT and next year's PSAT.
- Keep a record of your co-curricular involvement, volunteer work and employment.

NOVEMBER

- Make sure you are "on top" of your academic work! If necessary, meet with your teachers for additional help.
- Save your best work in academic courses and the arts for your academic portfolio (all year).

DECEMBER

- Receive your PSAT scores. You will receive both the score report and the actual test that you completed so you will be able see where you excelled and where you did not.

JANUARY

- Keep studying!!
- Attend the Sophomore College Planning Evening on January 16th, 2019. We will be joined by an admission representative and will discuss topics such as the college fit, college testing, and college visits.
- Look for volunteer activities to develop your interests.

FEBRUARY

- Begin to research colleges! Visit the Guidance Office, browse through Naviance or go to the web at <https://www.stcharlesprep.org/students/st-charles-guidance-office/>

MARCH

- Select your courses to meet your academic needs for next year.

APRIL

- Consider registering for the SAT II: Subject Tests (www.collegeboard.com), see your counselor to discuss. These one hour subject exams test you on curriculum you have completed. Many selective colleges require the SAT Subject tests. Students may take no more than three at any one sitting, and students may sit for the test at SAT test dates through December of the senior year.
- See your counselor for advice on course selection.
- Continue to research career options and consider possible college majors to help you get there.

MAY

- Plan now for wise use of your summer. Consider participating in a special summer program (the Guidance Office will have a listing of these). Also look into opportunities at the Guidance Office webpage. Please be sure to consider volunteer activities as well.

JUNE

- Take the SAT Subject Tests if you registered previously for it and it made sense for you.
- Consider registering for a test preparation course over the summer or in the fall for the PSAT/SAT.
- Make your summer productive. Continue to read, read, read!
- Visit College campuses!