

Recommended Monthly Activities

12th Grade

August

- Finalize class schedule
- Finalize college choices (A maximum of 7 is recommended)
- Pick up schedule of classes for Senior Year
- See counselor before school starts to make any necessary class changes that will affect your graduation status or college admission
- Begin to plan college essays
- Review testing, essay, recommendation letters, and other application requirements for the colleges you are interested in. Begin to plan college essays. Map out when you will take additional tests (if any are needed) in the 1st semester: SAT Reasoning Test, ACT and/or SAT Subject Tests.

September

- Register for SAT Reasoning Test, ACT and/or SAT Subject Tests
- If applying for Early Decision or Early Action, get started!
- Work on essays for college applications
- Look into what scholarships you may be uniquely qualified for. Browse additional databases for more scholarship opportunities. Keep checking back on scholarships throughout the school year.
- Prepare personal information resume. This will be used for scholarship applications, to obtain reference letters, and for college applications
- Register for financial aid Profile (for most private colleges only)
- Attend appropriate college rep visits all fall
- Parents: attend Senior Parents' Night and financial aid workshops
- Make sure all credits earned from courses taken at other schools get on transcript

October

- Register for UCs and CSUs on line
- Priority filing for CSU 10/1 – 1/30
- Look at the prospective student page of colleges you find attractive. Review what tests are required for those schools. All UCs and most private colleges require the ACT or SAT **and** two or three SAT Subject Tests.
- Take ACT or SAT Reasoning Test or SAT Subject Tests if needed
- Plan college visits and interviews
- Submit Early Decision or Early Action application
- Request teacher recommendations. (Submit stamped, addressed envelopes)
- Make a file for each college
- If applying to private universities, meet with a counselor re school reports & letters of recommendation
- Attend application and essay workshops on campus
- Begin Common Scholarship application

November

- Check all your Live Oak and college deadlines
- Attend college/career nights
- Send Early Decision or Early Action application
- Submit Private University report forms as soon as they arrive (with stamped, addressed envelopes)
- Keep files up-to-date
- Submit UC applications
- Submit CSU applications for priority filing by Nov. 30
- Send test scores to each campus to which you are applying
- Attend appropriate college rep visits
- Continue pursuing scholarships you may be uniquely qualified for. Browse additional databases for more scholarship opportunities. Watch for scholarship listings in *Bulletin* and on the Live Oak website and in the counseling office

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12th Grade (Continued)

December

- Finish all draft applications and essays for private universities.
- Complete Common Scholarship application and turn in by early December deadline!
- Submit all required materials to private colleges before the winter break
- If planning on college athletics, register with the NCAA Clearing house (if not already done). Go online to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net Request your transcript for NCAA
- Watch for scholarship listings in *Bulletin* and on Live Oak Website
- Attend Student Financial Aid workshops

January

- File FAFSA after January 1
- Ask parents to attend Parent Financial Aid workshops
- Watch for scholarship listings in *Bulletin* & on Live Oak website and the Counseling office
- Submit mid-year report forms and transcript requests to Registrar
- Send special talent documentation or extra information if applicable
- Respond to colleges' requests for additional information

February

- Submit GPA Verification form for financial aid and California colleges to Registrar

March

- Deadline for FAFSA for financial aid (March 2nd)
- Sign up for AP Exams for all AP classes. If you are taking an AP class, you are expected to take the AP test in order to receive an elevated GPA for the class.
- Some colleges respond!
- Send new material or information to colleges (when asked)
- Inquire about opportunities at community colleges
- Apply for local scholarships. Continue pursuing scholarships you may be uniquely qualified for. Browse additional databases for more scholarship opportunities.

April

- All colleges should respond
- Choose your college and Send deposit by May 1
- Write "thanks, but no thanks" letter to colleges you will not attend
- If you are on a wait list, respond
- Register for community college
- Community college placement tests (check which colleges, accept Gavilan's results)

May

- Take AP Exams in all AP classes. If you are taking an AP class, you are expected to take the AP test in order to receive an elevated GPA for the class. AP testing results may also give you the opportunity to receive college credit (university policies vary).
- Fill out housing forms
- Register for sensible college courses
- Subject A test for UC/CSU bound (if needed)
- Attend Senior Awards Night

June

- Graduation – Congratulations and good luck!
- Have a great summer!
- Request final transcripts to send to college