

CLASS OF 2018

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TESTING DATES / REGISTRATION DEADLINES

SAT

Oct. 7 / Sept. 8

Nov. 4 / Oct. 5

Dec. 2 / Nov. 2

ACT

Oct. 28 / Sept. 22

Dec. 9 / Nov. 3

Registration Fee

\$46

CEEB Code

060-251

Register online or pick up registration materials in the College Center.

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.com

Students interested in highly selective schools need to allow time to take SAT Subject Tests (sometimes required)

CONSIDER WHO YOU ARE

College may be one of the largest investments you ever make in regard to time and financial and emotional demand. Although you may be eager to get the stressful issue of *where are you going to college?* out of the way, be cautious of making a hasty decision. Consider this, would you let someone else design, build and decorate your dream home without giving any input? You should think about college in a similar way; you have a unique personality with individual preferences and priorities that need to be fully explored as you consider your college options.

Put away the notion there are *right* and *wrong* answers and think about the following questions: Are you conservative when making life decisions? Or do you find change and new environments stimulating? Are you passionate about global issues or do you prefer to be apolitical? Do you want

your classmates to have similar thoughts and interests as you? Or do you value diversity?

Do you enjoy being challenged by others academically? If you've enjoyed being known by your peers and teachers in high school, how will it effect you if you get lost in the crowd of thousands of students?

What are the pieces of your personality that make you unique? What motivates you? How would your parents or best friend describe you to a total stranger? What are your passions? How do you expect college to shape you?

These are not easy questions to answer, but setting aside time for introspection will set you in the right direction to find a college. In the next few weeks, day dream, in detail, about a day at college a year from now and write down what your ideal college would look and feel like.

SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST

- ❑ Research and select 4-8 colleges to which you want to apply
- ❑ Register to retake the ACT or SAT
- ❑ Create at least one account to start college applications
- ❑ Note ROTC & Military Academy deadlines
- ❑ Visit with college representatives / attend college fairs
- ❑ Meet with Mrs. Cooper if you need help getting organized

ADMISSION PLANS—TERMS & DEFINITIONS

Regular Admissions: Students are required to apply by a fixed date. Admission decisions are based on a student's academic qualifications & non-academic talents, experiences, and geographic, socioeconomic & ethnic demographics. Decision notifications are sent in the spring. (ex. Colorado College)

Rolling Admissions: Admission decisions are made on a continual basis after receipt of all required application materials. Students are evaluated by an admissions standard defined by the college as opposed to competing with other students. Notification usually takes 3-4 weeks. (ex. UNC)

Open Admission: Colleges grant acceptance to all high school graduates without regard to GPA, test scores or specific high school courses. Test scores are used for placement purposes. (ex. PPCC)

Early Decision: A *BINDING* admission agreement that enables a student to submit an application in early Fall; receive admission notification in December. If accepted, students must withdraw any other applications & commit to attend that school. Students may only apply to ONE school using the *early decision* application.

Early Action: Students are allowed to apply early & receive admission notification in a shorter time frame. Students may apply to more than one college under early action & are not bound by contract to attend.

RESOURCES

Recommended Websites

Visit these websites to learn more about your personality & possible careers.

Personalitytype.com

[Jung Typology Test](#)

[Education Planner](#)

[College Compass](#)

Recommended Books

(available in Mrs. Cooper's office)

Fiske Guide to Colleges

Creative Colleges

America's Best Colleges

Colleges that Change Lives

UPCOMING EVENTS

US Air Force Academy Forum: August 26

9:30a-4:00p Arnold Hall—2308 Cadet Drive, US Air Force Academy, CO 80804 Learn about Academy cadet life and the application process. Register [here](#). See flyer on College Bulletin Board for more details.

Jesuit Excellence Tour: September 7

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Denver Marriott Tech Center
4900 S. Syracuse Street, Denver, CO 80237 Meet reps from:

Creighton University	Marquette
Fairfield University	Regis University
Gonzaga University	Rockhurst university
Loyola Marymount	Saint Joseph's University
Loyola Maryland	Saint Lewis University
Loyola Chicago	Seattle University
Loyola New Orleans	University of San Francisco

Senior Parent Night: September 14

6:30-8:00 p.m. Thomas MacLaren School
Information for parents of seniors to help navigate the college application and selection process with their senior.

DEFINING YOUR COLLEGE MATCH

Consider the following criteria as you define what is most important to you in a school :

- Geographic location—urban v. rural, distance from home
- Type of college
- Student body size / typical class size
- Academic Programs
- Selectivity (how difficult is it to be admitted?)
- Social Atmosphere
- Religious Climate
- Extra-curricular Activities
- Sports (including intramurals)
- Student Body—Diverse? Liberal? Pretentious? Local? Intellectual? Sports-oriented?
- Housing Choices— on-campus v. off-campus housing
- Cost
- Financial Aid availability