



# The Class of 2021

## September and October planning list:

Welcome back! We are navigating new waters in the COVID 19 world. To help you navigate the college application process, we are updating our forms to be available online so that you can email them to Mrs. Ottman (tottman@rhnet.org) for quicker processing.

1. If you are applying for Early Decision, start preparing your applications now and be aware of the Early Decision deadlines, which are usually in October and November. The Counseling Center Staff requires ten school days plus mailing time to process applications. Think about your submission dates to meet college deadlines. Read all the instructions on college applications thoroughly to find out what information is required (test scores, essays, recommendations, etc.) and when it must reach the college.
2. Attend some virtual college visits! Details for upcoming college visits will be available on the College and Career Center website. All college visits to the high school will be posted in Naviance Student. Check for updated information throughout the year and how to sign-up.
3. If you have not taken the SAT or ACT, or you think you can improve your test scores by retaking these tests, plan to retake them in the fall. Register online for these exams. **Pay attention to registration deadlines and the photo requirement.** Register for the Collegeboard SAT (Subject) tests if the colleges you are applying to require them.
4. Create a complete checklist of test registration deadlines, fees, test dates, college application deadlines, and scholarship deadlines.
5. Make sure you are documenting all of your activities, including clubs, sports, volunteering, leadership, awards, work, etc. You will need this information when completing your college and scholarship applications.
6. Schedule your senior appointment. At this session, your counselor will discuss graduation requirements, post-high school plans, and other pertinent topics. If you are considering applying Early Decision or Early Action, make your senior appointment early so we can discuss this option and how to proceed. Be ready to ask questions!
7. As soon after **October 1<sup>st</sup> as possible, complete your FAFSA** online and any additional forms required by the college. Don't forget to list the code numbers for the colleges you want to receive the information. **Don't assume that you won't receive any aid; apply for financial aid and let the professionals make that decision.**
8. Visit [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) and register for your "FSA ID". Your parent/guardian must also register for their own FSA ID.

Email your school counselor with any questions or concerns.

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