

# Applying to College- A guide for Juniors at PHS

Applying to college & managing deadlines is the student’s responsibility. While parent involvement is critical, this is an opportunity for the development of self-reliance, practice in time management, and ownership.

Avoid procrastination! While there is much to manage over the next three semesters, planning and acting ahead of deadlines will ease your anxiety and promote a sense of control and calm.

College is not just about where you can “get in”, it’s about spending the next 4 years (at least!) of your life somewhere. Think carefully about what you want for your college experience and start making a list of colleges based on those preferences. Visiting campuses is the best way to see what kinds of schools appeal to you.

Ask lots of questions!! Ask parents, teachers, friends, neighbors, counselors, and anyone you know about their college experience. This is valuable information and will help inform your college search process.

Regularly check the “News” section of school loop and listen to daily announcements for important information on deadlines, special events, workshops, scholarships, etc.

Open an email account just for the college application process. Check frequently and respond promptly.

Remember that SATs/ACTs are just tests & only one part of the application. Don’t let them stress you out!

Visit the PM/HS College & Career Center webpage for comprehensive information on college planning. Start checking the Scholarship Binder (updated continuously).

<b>SAT/ACT test dates</b>			
<b>SAT: Register at <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a></b>		<b>ACT: Register at <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a></b>	
<b><u>Test Date</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Test Date</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline</u></b>
November 3, 2018	October 5	October 27, 2018	September 28
December 1, 2018	November 2	December 8, 2018	November 2
March 9, 2019	February 8	February 9, 2019	January 11
May 4, 2019	April 5	April 13, 2019	March 8
June 1, 2019	May 3	June 8, 2019	May 3

## On Line Resources

- www.lhpusd.com/domain/1435.....PM/HS College & Career Center webpage
- www.collegeboard.com.....College search, scholarship information & more
- www.wisechoice.com.....Comprehensive college search and matching system
- www.californiacolleges.edu.....Comprehensive info on all colleges & universities in California
- www.assist.org.....Explore colleges by major & programs of study
- www.calstateapply.edu.....Comprehensive info on California State University (CSU) system
- www.universityofcalifornia.edu.....Comprehensive info on University of California (UC) system
- www.aiccu.edu.....Information on California’s independent colleges
- www.naicu.edu.....Information on Independent colleges nationwide
- www.ctcl.org.....Colleges that Change Lives, a book & website about nontraditional schools
- www.fafsa.ed.gov.....Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Funding for college

## Standardized Test Score Improvement Options

**CSM Community Ed: SAT prep course:** ph (650) 574-6149 website: <http://communityed.smccd.net/> Course meets every Sat. in April, 1:30-5:30, \$189. Online review courses also available (see website)

- **2 Free Test Prep Websites** .....<http://www.ineedapencil.com> AND [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)
- **The Princeton Review:** Private tutors and group classes available..... <http://www.princetonreview.com/>
- **Khan Academy:** Free online test prep and practice test..... <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>