

TIME LINE FOR COLLEGE 2009-2010

Junior Year

January

- Decide which date(s) you plan to take the SAT and/or ACT by obtaining information in the Counseling Center (see other side).
- Research career opportunities.
- College representatives begin to visit WWSHS. Passes to meet college reps must be obtained from the Counseling Center secretary.

February

- Start college search in earnest. Use college search program www.careercruising.com.
- Register for the April ACT test and/or May SAT test.

March

- See your counselor if you have questions regarding your college search.
- Use college handbooks and catalogues for more in-depth research.
- Consider college campus visits in conjunction with Spring Break travel
- Meet with college representatives visiting Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

April

- Register for the June ACT and/or SAT if necessary.
- Continue to check on college representatives visiting the school.
- Become familiar with the financial aid process. Information is available in the Counseling Center.
- Complete the PSAE in School which includes an ACT exam (April 28 and 29). Sign up is done during school through PE classes.
- Explore colleges in more detail.
- Attend ICE College Fair at North Central College on Monday, April 12th ~ 6:30-8:30pm ~ featuring almost 200 in-state and out-of-state college and universities.

May

- Start to narrow your college choices by using all materials available, including computer search programs, college visit notes, reference books, etc.

August

- If pursuing an athletic scholarship, complete an NCAA application form available online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and turn in NCAA forms to the Registrar.

September

- Register for the ACT and/or SAT if you have not yet taken them or you want to improve your score.
- The Counseling Center may have Illinois college applications by the end of this month; you may also download the application or contact a particular college for a paper copy. **Most colleges prefer applications to be submitted online.**
- Analyze application instructions to find out information required and deadline date.
- Internet scholarship search may be accessed by using www.fastweb.com, www.collegezone.com, or Prep HQ (access through WWS website).
- Meet with college representatives visiting Wheaton Warrenville South High School.
- Complete CSS/Profile financial aid form – appropriate for selected schools only.
- Attend College Fair at College of DuPage.
- If applying for early decision/action, acquire and complete the necessary forms.

October

- Look at Scholarship Bulletin on Prep HQ.
- Register for SAT Subject tests if the colleges to which you are applying recommend or require them.
- Schedule college campus visits.
- Apply to Illinois state public universities.
- Apply early to colleges that have a rolling admissions policy.

Senior Year

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November

- Use Thanksgiving as a target date for completion of college applications.
- Parents attend Financial Aid Night (hosted by WWS).

December

- Access appropriate financial aid form – FAFSA in the Counseling Center or go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. **Online is most efficient and preferred method.**
- Continue to investigate sources of financial aid.
- Prepare for semester final exams. These grades are important to colleges considering your application.

January

- Mail or submit on-line application for Federal Aid (FAFSA), or other individual college financial aid forms as soon after January 1st as possible. These forms will require current tax information.

February

- Complete common application for local scholarships and turn them into the Counseling Center by **February 24, 2011 at 11:00AM.**
- Be aware of application deadlines for college housing.

April

- Evaluate college acceptance letters and select the best college for you. Advise all other colleges of your decision by May 1st.

May

- Fill out a request for your final transcript to be sent to the college you will be attending in the fall.

Application Process

1. Complete online or paper application (online is preferred by most).
2. Letters of recommendation may be necessary. To request that a teacher write a letter:
 - a. Give the writer a minimum of two weeks
 - b. Compose a resume of activities, interests, and accomplishments to help the writer brag about you. Use the letter of recommendation template on the WWS website.
 - c. These may be sent with or without the other application materials depending on the school.
3. Fill out WWS Transcript Request Form (green form in office or print from WWS website)
4. Give application, all supplemental materials (ie, teacher recommendation letters, counselor form, essays, resumes), transcript request form, stamped addressed envelope, and transcript fee (\$5) to your counselor.
5. Contact ACT/SAT to have test scores sent.

Financial Aid Facts

1. Sources of Aid <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Federal and State Programs b. Post-Secondary schools c. Private agencies d. Local & National Organizations 	2. Sources of Information <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Publications available in Counseling Center and libraries b. College computer search c. Scholarship page on Prep HQ d. Financial Aid Night Nov. 2008 	3. Basis of Aid <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Merit can be academic, ethnic, special talents, and athletic prowess. b. Need computed using FAFSA forms submitted after Jan. 1st 2010
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TESTING DATES

School Code – 144380

ACT Test

ACT Test Date	Registration Date
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2009
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010

SAT Test

SAT Test Date	Registration Date
January 23, 2010	December 23, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010

It is recommended that college bound students take the ACT and/or SAT in late spring of their junior year. To qualify for Honorary Illinois State Scholarship Program the ACT must be taken in February, April or June of the junior year. All juniors must answer "Yes" to question "W" on the ACT registration folder.