

Summer College Planning 2017-18

June - August

- Continue to research all colleges of interest. Gather information about academics, campus life and financial aid opportunities. Use *Naviance* and resources found on www.pvcollegecounseling.com.
- Talk about college costs as a family. Visit the Net Price Calculators for your desired schools at <http://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx> to determine approximate out of pocket costs as well as the FAFSA4caster for aid eligibility <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate>.
- Narrow your college list to fewer than eight to ten schools (2 selective, 3 target, 3 likely). Only apply to schools you are both willing *and* able to attend. This is a suggested maximum; you needn't apply to this many and most Pine View students do not. Add your colleges to *Colleges I'm Applying to* in Naviance
- Create a checklist for test scores, essays, recommendations, financial aid applications, and deadlines for each college to which you are applying (there are templates on the PV website).
- Register for a fall administration of the SAT sat.collegeboard.org or ACT www.actstudent.org if necessary. Determine whether you are required to take SAT Subject Tests.
- Most applications open in August. You should begin Early Action/Early Decision as well as all Florida public university applications (see below).

- If applying to Florida Public universities:
 - Please note the FSU (mid-October) and UF (early November) deadlines. These applications will open by mid-August). Both will be using the *Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success* application exclusively. The *Coalition* essay topics have been released and can be found at <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/students.html>. For all other colleges please use the *Common Application* or the institution-specific application.
 - A transcript will be sent home in August in order for you to complete the SSAR component of the UF and FSU applications.
 - Other State University campuses use priority rolling admissions plans. Plan to apply early. While essay prompts will likely remain the same as last year, you may wish to wait.

- If applying to private colleges and many out-of-state public universities you should use the *Common Application* www.commonapp.org. A few select colleges still use their own application.
 - The 2017-18 application cycle for the *CommonApp* opens for submission on August 1st. You may begin completing the application now (entered information will be "rolled over").
 - The *Common App* essay prompts can be found at <http://www.commonapp.org/whats-appening/application-updates/common-application-announces-2017-2018-essay-prompts> Begin developing and writing your essay NOW.
 - Think about the teachers you might ask to write letters of recommendation (two are usually required). Make initial requests in person upon return from summer break. You will then request electronically through *Naviance* (additional directions will follow in August).
 - If you have not done so you can make an appointment with Mr. Bergman to review your transcript, test scores, extracurricular activities and to discuss college questions and plans.

- **Special Circumstances**
 - If interested in participating in college athletics you must register with the *NCAA Clearinghouse* to ensure eligibility (<http://www.eligibilitycenter.org/>).
 - If applying to one of the U.S. Military Academies, the application and congressional nomination process has begun. Contact each service academy directly and begin the application.

