

College Counseling Timeline – Junior Year

Fall

- Stay focused on academic and extracurricular pursuits
- Take PSAT during school day at Mount de Sales
- Start thinking about what you want in a college (programs, location, size, culture)
- Begin planning college campus visits
- Consider test prep for SATs and/or ACTs, and begin studying
- Sign up for winter/spring SATs and/or ACTs
- Attend college representatives visits to Mount de Sales

Winter/ Early Spring

- Junior Launch Parent Meeting
- Classroom college and course advisement begins
- Individual student appointments with college counselor
- Parent conferences with college counselors begin and are held through Easter Semester
- Begin researching colleges and developing a college list using a tool such as *Naviance*
- Attend college representatives visits to Mount de Sales
- Take first SAT and/or ACT
- Bishop's Holiday – an ideal time to visit college campuses
- Begin working on resume and application essay(s) through English class

Late Spring

- Individual student appointments with college counselor
- Attend college representatives visits to Mount de Sales
- Spring Break – an ideal time to visit college campuses
- Easter Holiday – an ideal time to visit college campuses
- Colleges that Change Lives College Fair, Atlanta, GA
- NACAC College Fair, Atlanta, GA

Summer

- Sign up for SATs, Subject Tests, and/or ACTs if you plan to sit for a fall administration
- Visit college campuses
- Begin to plan personal college application timeline (Early Action vs. Regular Decision)

College Counseling Timeline – Senior Year

Fall

College counseling sessions in English classes
Senior Parent Meeting – Early September
Students complete Senior College Survey on *Naviance* - required
Parents complete Senior Parent Survey on *Naviance* – recommended
Submit pink transcript release form to college counseling office
Continue testing, if necessary
Finalize college list
Create individual application timeline with deadlines and requirements for each college
Begin working on applications (Early Action deadlines are typically Oct 15 – Dec 15)
Research financial aid requirements and deadlines
Personally contact teacher(s) to request a recommendation
Attend Common Application Workshop if applicable
Attend other applicable lunchtime workshops as necessary
Attend college representatives visits to Mount de Sales
Parents complete FAFSA, which opens October 1 (required for HOPE scholarship)

Winter/ Early Spring

Complete applications for schools with January – May deadlines
Research and apply for scholarships
Put down deposits and complete housing application for the school you have decided to attend

Late Spring

May 1 – National deadline for confirming enrollment
Complete Graduation Survey by May 1, identifying where final transcript should be sent
Graduate!
June 30 – deadline for MDS to submit transcripts to GSFC for HOPE Scholarship