



Holy Family High School

College Counselor

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SENIORS

READ!

Read the books on your summer reading list. The single best way to improve your vocabulary is to read. An improved vocabulary will increase your standardized test scores and improve your writing. And, it will help you get good grades in this, the most important semester of coursework to college admission offices.

REGISTER FOR ACT/SAT AND PRACTICE

The next ACT date is Saturday, September 11th. The registration deadline is August 6th. Register at www.actstudent.org. The next SAT date is October 9th. www.collegeboard.com

RESEARCH AND VISIT COLLEGES!

Hopefully at this point you have a good idea of where you intend to apply to college. If you are unsure, step up your research: visit websites and campuses of colleges that interest you.

MEET WITH MR. WILSON

If we have not met to discuss your college plans, schedule an appointment! I plan to have follow-up meetings with each senior sometime in the first couple months of school.

CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON WWW.COLLEGEINCOLORADO.ORG

This site offers free test preparation, career planning, and more. You can register for the College Opportunity Fund (in-state tuition discount) as well.

CREATE A RESUME/WORK ON ESSAYS

The typical essay question is: In 500 words, name a significant moment, experience, event, person in your life and describe its effect on you.

REGISTER ON WWW.SCHOLARSHIPS.COM AND/OR WWW.FASTWEB.COM

JUNIORS

The grades from your next three semesters of school will be the most important factor to college admissions offices. Continue to improve your study habits and interest in learning!

Hopefully, you have found activities in which you like to participate. You should take on positions of responsibility and leadership this year.

SOPHOMORES

Continue to develop your study habits and extra-curricular involvement.

FRESHMEN

It is important to start high school on the right foot. Be sure that you are doing the work required of you in each of your classes. Do your best and ask for assistance as needed.

Building relationships with your teachers offers many benefits.

Establish your study habits early. The later you are in your high school career, the tougher it is to make improvements in your GPA.

Look for opportunities to develop non-academic skills such as: leadership, creativity, responsibility, special talents, and individuality.

Involvement in activities is a great way to make friends.

The earlier you become involved in activities, the easier it will be to achieve leadership roles in those activities.

The more activities you try early, the easier it will be to determine which activities hold the most interest to you.

Be a “doer” not a “joiner”.