

### **Entering Sophomore Year**

Take some time to reflect on your freshman year. Did you perform as well as you wanted to academically? In



terms of your extra-curricular activities, what would you like to pursue, drop, or commit more time

to? Then, have a fun and relaxing summer! This may be the last summer during high school where you can do things like go to camp or travel without being concerned about whether or not you are having a challenging summer experience.

### **Entering Junior Year**

Take some time to reflect on this past year. In which extracurricular activities are you interested in stepping up to a leadership role? Are you prepared to take on as rigorous a course-load as you can reasonably handle this upcoming year?

If you think you might be interested in qualifying for a National Merit Scholarship, consider prepping for the PSAT which is given in October of junior year. In addition to relaxing, take some time this summer to do something worthwhile where you can learn something about yourself and your interests, such as volunteering, shadowing, interning, or working.

### **Entering Senior Year**

This summer should be committed to an experience that can be tied to your academic interests, whether it be volunteering, securing a paid or unpaid internship, or working.

Most students will take at least one more SAT or ACT test in the fall and possibly another SAT Subject Test. Check the test dates now so you can set up a realistic test prep schedule this summer. You will have too many obligations in the fall to prepare well at the last minute. You can check the test dates and registration deadlines at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

Now is also the perfect time to research colleges and finalize your list. If you did not get to visit as many schools as you would have liked this past year, then put aside some time for college tours. Although the summer is not the ideal time to tour a school, it is still better than not seeing a school you might seriously consider.

Finally, summer is the perfect time to decide on an essay topic and tackle this oftentimes daunting process. If you start now you have the luxury of time on your side.

### **Graduating**

Congratulations! You've worked hard, have hopefully committed to a school, and are ready to relax! But first, there are just a few outstanding items that you should not neglect. First, don't forget to send your final transcript to your college of choice. Second, say thank you to all the counselors and teachers who have helped you along the way, especially those who took the time to write you a thoughtful recommendation letter. Finally, make sure you read all the mail that comes from your new school so you don't miss a housing or class registration deadline.

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