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**12th Grade Monthly List of Activities**

**August**

* **E-mail colleges to request information on admissions requirements, financial aid, housing and deadlines, etc.**
* **Work on the essays required for the college/university applications.**
* **Update your resume. Be sure to include all of your volunteer work and extracurricular activities.**
* **Make sure that you have the classes needed in your graduation plan and required at the college or university that you are planning to attend.**
* **Take as many challenging (possibly AP, or Dual Credit) courses as you can.**

**September**

* **Keep a college binder to organize your passwords, applications and communication with colleges.**
* **Update your planner with deadlines.**
* **Register for and take the**[**SAT**](http://www.collegefortexans.com/cfbin/extpage.cfm?SiteID=9)**&**[**ACT**](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/elecreg.html)**, and**[**SAT**](http://www.collegefortexans.com/cfbin/extpage.cfm?SiteID=9)**Subject Tests, or any other exams required for admission to the colleges to which you are applying if you have not done so.**
* **Difficulty paying ACT or SAT registration fees? If you are on Free/Reduced Lunch see your counselor for a fee waiver.**
* **Keep up with the scholarship bulletins throughout the year.**
* **Prepare your application carefully. Follow the instructions, and PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!**
* **Submit test scores, transcripts and pay application fees. (If you are on Free/Reduced Lunch see your counselor about a waiver)**
* **Contact you Admissions Rep from the colleges you have applied! Get to know them!**
* **Attend College Night!**

**October**

* **Check that you are scheduled to graduate at the end of the year.**
* **Meet with your counselor early to discuss your plans, transcript requests, fee waivers, and letters of recommendation (2 weeks’ notice).**
* **Attend FAFSA night at your school.**
* **Request your FAFSA ID # at**[**www.pin.ed.gov**](http://www.springbranchisd.com/instruc/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/OLK1/www.pin.ed.gov)**.**
* **Begin the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student) at**[**www.fafsa.ed.gov**](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)**.**
* **Continue to apply for scholarships.**
* **Collect college acceptances and document scholarship offers.**
* **Begin a +/- chart for each school you are admitted to help the decision process.**

**November**

* **Check for scholarship opportunities in counselor’s office, websites (see below), etc. and complete and submit application forms before deadlines.**

**December**

* **Decide on a college/university.**
* **Make needed housing deposits to hold a place on campus and begin to search for a room mate.**

**January**

* **Complete all necessary financial aid forms; fill out at least one form that can be used for federal aid.**
* **Check to see if you will need to fill out a CSS/Financial Aid Profile.**

**February**

* **If possible, visit the colleges that most interest you.**
* **Check for scholarship opportunities in counselor’s office, websites (see below), etc. and complete and submit application forms before deadlines.**

**March**

* **Continue attending college sessions hosted at your school.**
* **Continue to check for scholarship opportunities in counselor’s office, websites (see below), etc. and complete and submit application forms before deadlines.**
* **Compare the colleges/universities that you have been admitted to and determine which college/university you will be attending.**
* **Check AP Exam Registration dates.**

**April**

* **Verify that the college admissions office has all your paperwork.**
* **Review your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).**
* **Review the financial aid packages offered by the different universities.  Remember that you have a choice regarding what you will accept and what you will decline. Work with your parents through this process. Be ready to commit by May.**

**May**

* **Take**[**AP Exams**](http://www.collegefortexans.com/cfbin/extpage.cfm?SiteID=15)**(Advanced Placement Program).**
* **Register for and take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) e.g**[**THEA**](http://www.collegefortexans.com/cfbin/extpage.cfm?SiteID=6)**(Texas Higher Education Assessment), COMPASS, etc. if required at college or university that you are planning to attend.**
* **Finalize your housing arrangements.**

**June**

* **Review your financial aid package; determine if you will need additional monies for college.**
* **Submit your request to the registrar for your final transcript which needs to be sent to the college/university that you will be attending.**