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College Application Timeline - Junior Year

January–February 2025

- [ ] **If you haven't already, schedule your Junior ICP (Individual College Planning) meeting with your counselor:**
  - Email your counselor to confirm a time to meet.
  - Rediscover the **Scoir college search tools** so you can use them independently.
  - Map out your **ACT/SAT plan**.
  - Discuss which core teacher from your junior year (and two alternates) you'd like to ask for a **college letter of recommendation**.

- [ ] **Expand your initial college list in Scoir:**
  - Use **Scoir filters**, see **admission data,** and **scattergrams** to check academic fit.
  - Have a **range of colleges** that include **likely, target, and reach schools.**
  - Study the **college websites** to learn which programs of study interest you, identify what appeals to you about campus culture, and make note of admission requirements.
  - **Demonstrate interest** - connect with College Representatives during **lunchtime visits at Valor**, **email them** if you have questions, and register on the college website for an **official campus visit**.

- [ ] **Follow up on ACT/SAT plan (established at your Junior ICP meeting):**
  - Begin **test prep,** if you have not started yet.
  - **Register for official test dates** according to the timeline discussed in your ICP meeting.
  - Plan to take 3 official exams. (SAT or ACT)

- [ ] **ACT/SAT important dates and deadlines:**
  - February 8: ACT date (registration deadline has passed, but check ACT.org for late registration)
  - February 21: Registration deadline for the March 8 SAT

- [ ] **Athletes wanting to continue at the collegiate level :**
  Email Mr. Zach Wilson, College Recruiting Coordinator, (zach.wilson@valorchristian.com) to schedule a meeting (if you haven't met with him already).

- [ ] **Course Request Month: February**
  - An email will come from your counselor to schedule a 20-minute meeting.
  - Meet with your counselor and make firm decisions on what courses you need to take next year.

March–April 2025

- [ ] **College Fairs:**
  - Check the Valor Newsletter for outside Spring College Fair opportunities.
  - **March 6** - Christian College Fair at Valor.

- [ ] **Spring Break and Engage Week: March 17-28**
  Visit college campuses and work on Discovery hours.

- [ ] **ACT/SAT important dates and deadlines:**
  - February 28: Registration deadline for the April 5 ACT
  - March 8: SAT date
  - April 8: **ACT at Valor** (no registration needed)
  - April 18: Registration deadline for the May 3 SAT

- [ ] **LOR Request Week: April 28-May 2**
  Juniors will receive information during Life Group (April 25) on action items for the following week. **See the gold Letter of Recommendation Process document** for details on this important and time sensitive process.

May–June 2025

- [ ] **Work on your Activities List** to aid in the completion of the Activities section of the Common App.

- [ ] **Refine and start finalizing your college list.**

- [ ] **Research and make a list of application requirements** for each of your colleges.

- [ ] Register to attend one of our **College Application Workshops:**
  - Session 1: June 2-6
  - Session 2: June 16-20
  - Session 3: June 23-27
  - Session 4: July 7-11
  - Session 5: July 14-18
  - Session 6: July 21-25

- [ ] **ACT/SAT important dates and deadlines:**
  - May 3: SAT date
  - May 9: Registration deadline for the June 14 ACT
  - May 22: Registration deadline for the June 7 SAT
  - June 6: Registration deadline for the July 12 ACT
  - June 7: SAT date

- [ ] **Common Application:**
  - Create account.
  - Start the "Common App" section.
  - Do not work on the "My Colleges" tab until after August 1. (rollover date)

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July - August 2025

- ☐ **ACT/SAT important dates, some TBD:**
  - July 12: ACT date
  - August 23: Potential SAT date

- ☐ **Organize your college process:**
  - **Record your deadlines** in your calendar.
  - **Make a checklist** of your application requirements.
  - Make sure **all colleges are in Scoir (finalized list).**
  - **Add colleges** to the Common App.

- ☐ **Common Application**
  - Continue work on Common App **in preparation for your Counselor to review in the fall**.
  - Please **do NOT submit** until the Counselor Application Review is complete.
  - Start college supplemental questions, if you are able.

- ☐ **Check college websites:**
  - To see if you need any **additional letters of recommendation.**
  - **Scholarship opportunities** and deadlines.

- ☐ **Senior ICP Meeting:**
  - See **mid-August email** to access scheduling link for this important meeting with your Counselor.
  - Folllow **Senior Checklist** provided at ICP meeting.
  - Schedule **Application Review date** with your Counselor.
  - Prepare to submit application **2 weeks prior to deadline.**

THE COMMON APPLICATION

- ☐ **Instructions for the Common App**
  1. Go to commonapp.org/apply.
  2. Create first-year student account.
  3. Use a professional personal email address.
  4. We recommend completing the majority of your Common App before the start of your senior year.

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- ☐ **Build a college list in Scoir**
  1. Click on the My Colleges icon.
  2. Add schools of preference to the "following" column.
  3. Click on the Discover icon to input parameters to build a list based on your preferences.

College Application Review

- ☐ **Instructions for Application Review**
  1. Schedule App Review due date at your Senior ICP meeting.
  2. Print a copy of your completed application and essay.
  3. Submit to your Counselor by due date.
  4. Pick up your application and essay in 5-7 days.
  5. Make edits to application and essay, as needed.
  6. Submit to college 2 weeks prior to their deadline.

ACT/SAT Registration

- ☐ **Visit the official websites of the testing agencies:**
  - ACT: act.org
  - SAT: collegeboard.org

- ☐ **Create an account,** if you do not have one.

- ☐ **Register for test**
  - Hint: upload your photo at the time of registration...one less thing to do later.

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