

# 4 Year College Planning Calendar

From Mr. Tom Woodford, Hilliard Schools College Counselor

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Grade 9</b>	
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take Challenging courses. Plan to take courses in these subject areas for the next four years.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 4 years of English</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 years of Social Studies (4 years for Honors Diploma)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 4 years of Math (Alg. 2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 years of Science (Lab Sciences- Chemistry and/or physics)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 years of Foreign Language in the same language</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 year of Fine Arts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 credit Financial Literacy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get involved in extra-curricular and club activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use school resources to explore career interests - SchoolLinks</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Credit Plus meeting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend 9<sup>th</sup> Grade College Planning meeting</li> </ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get involved in extra-curricular and club activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Study for semester exams</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take part in career interest inventory with your counselor</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Finalize courses for next year. Have a conversation with your parents and current teachers about honors or AP courses.</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register for summer school, summer workshops, and enrichment programs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet with counselor about planning for college or attend a college planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend the NACAC college fair</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Study for final exams!!!</li> </ul>
<b>Summer Months</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges, volunteer for community service, begin job shadowing.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work and save money for college</li> </ul>

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<b>Grade 10</b>	
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Get involved in extracurricular and club activities.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend the College Fair</li></ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend 10 Grade College Planning meeting</li></ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Credit Plus meeting</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Study for exams!!</li></ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Review transcript and cumulative grade point average.</li></ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Research ACT/SAT prep courses</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Review class selection for next year</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly register for ACT/SAT</li></ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Pre-register for summer school; workshops/enrichment programs</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT-10</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend NACAC College Fair</li></ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Review results for PSAT-10</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Study for final exams!!!</li></ul>
<b>Summer Months</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Use College Board account to prepare for PSAT</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly take ACT/SAT</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Community Service</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Job Shadowing or work</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Save money for college</li></ul>

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Grade 11	
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for extra-curricular and club activities – Take on Leadership Role</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sign up &amp; attend sessions w/ college reps who visit your high school</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Think about goals, reasons for attending college and career plans</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register for the PSAT/NMSQT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend the College Fair</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend Financial Aid Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT/NMSQT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sign up &amp; attend sessions with college reps who visit your school (list is in Naviance)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade College Planning meeting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get early financial estimate. Go to net price calculator on college websites.</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider important factors for college: 2/4 year, location, cost, atmosphere, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Do practice questions for ACT/SAT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register for ACT/SAT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend a College Credit Plus meeting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Study for exams</li> </ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review PSAT results with counselor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review updated transcript with cumulative grade point average</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register for ACT/SAT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take ACT/SAT</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Search college websites</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plan college visits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register for ACT/SAT</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review classes for next year. Select challenging classes that meet college requirements.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review transcript/course requests to make sure all graduation requirements will be met.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create a file for each college that you may be interested in.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> College visit during spring break</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> College search – college visits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pre-register for summer school, workshops, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create community service opportunities for summer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade College Application meeting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Fair</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take the SAT at school</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Get Common App essay prompts</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for exams</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Compare schools you have collected information about.</li> </ul>
<b>Summer Months</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Narrow down college options to 5 – 7 schools. Try to visit schools.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take ACT/SAT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work on college essay</li> </ul>

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Grade 12	
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create your Common App account</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register for ACT/SAT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Know financial aid and college deadlines</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sign up and attend sessions with college reps that attend your school</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Request letters of recommendation from teachers/counselors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend the College Fair</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Search for scholarship information (MeritAid.com, FastWeb.com, PrincetonReview.com, Columbus Foundation website)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> College Visits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend a financial aid meeting (FAFSA meeting)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend 12th Grade College Planning meeting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to fill out college applications – Submit when finished!!</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply for Admission</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sign up and attend college reps visits at your high school (sign up in Naviance)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin to fill out FAFSA – go to: FAFSA.GOV, studentaid.gov</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Register to get a FSA ID – Student &amp; one parent must have one. FSAID.ed.gov</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GOAL: TURN IN ALL APPLICATIONS!!! Be aware of early application deadlines</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> College interview (some colleges require an interview)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Practice for college interview</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fill out scholarship applications</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Begin looking at local scholarships</li> </ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Request mid-year reports to be sent to colleges (if required)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Research local scholarships</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review SAR Report (Student Aid Report)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review all financial aid report from colleges; loan programs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fill our local scholarship applications</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review financial packages sent from colleges</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Decision month – send deposit to college you plan to attend</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respond to colleges. Typical deadline is May 1 if you plan to enroll.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Notify your school Guidance Office of decision.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Request for final transcript to be sent to your college of choice.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Request college transcripts to be sent to the college you plan to attend.</li> </ul>