

3-MONTH checklist



SENIOR YEAR SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER TO-DOS

At Private Prep we use a team approach to support students in all aspects of learning. We've incorporated these in to a list of big to-dos so you and your child can get the year started on the right foot.

PARENTS OF SENIORS

- ✓ Start thinking about ways to give your high schooler more responsibility and independence. Can they be in charge of waking themselves up? For having prescriptions filled?
- ✓ Have your child take ownership of their college application, from contacting admissions offices, to getting in touch with their Guidance Counselor and taking charge of managing admission deadlines.
- ✓ Encourage your child to seek out help with their College Admissions Essay from a Private Prep coach, English teacher or independent college admissions consultant.
- ✓ Be mindful of your own emotions and stress levels surrounding the college admissions process. Your child will feed off your energy, so stay calm and confident.
- ✓ Encourage your child to focus on the best fit schools, rather than the highest ranked. Don't focus on one "dream school"; understand there will be multiple schools where your child can thrive.

SENIORS

- ✓ Start the year off strong at school. Your grades still count!
- ✓ Complete your college essay and any supplements.
- ✓ Get to know colleges and attend any info sessions hosted by them in your area or at your school.
- ✓ Research and add application deadlines to your calendar. Consider whether you plan to apply to Early Decision and/or Early Action.
- ✓ Learn the protocol at your school for getting recommendations and transcripts.
- ✓ If you're taking the October SAT/ACT or November SAT, your scores are still often fair game for early applications, but there won't be enough time to preview your score. You can usually notify colleges that scores are on their way, but make sure schools of interest are direct recipients of your score reports.
- ✓ Finalize any ED and EA applications due in November.
- ✓ After November deadlines: exhale and pat yourself on the back. Give yourself a week off from college stuff. You deserve it!

The first months of school are important for setting a strong foundation for the year ahead. Contact us if have any questions or need guidance along the way.

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