

Senior Year QUICK FACTS SHEET

SAT / ACT Testing

****YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING SCORES TO EACH COLLEGE THAT REQUIRES THEM****

It is imperative that you understand college entrance exam expectations for each college you are applying to. Take a peek at FairTest.org to determine if your schools are test optional. Dates and registration deadlines for fall 2023 exams are listed. →

In order to register, you will need our NHS code: **221-510**



ACT Date	Registration Deadline
Oct. 26	Sept. 20
Dec. 14	Nov. 8

SAT Date	Registration Deadline
October 5	September 20
November 2	October 18
December 7	November 22

Letters of Recommendation

Teachers require at least a three week notice
You must select two teachers!!

If you have not already done so, you need to firm up your teacher recommendations. Be sure to check back in with teachers you have already asked to ensure they are still willing. The next step is to add each teacher into your Naviance account:

- Click on the *Colleges* tab at the top
- Click on *Letters of Recommendation*
- Click on *Add Request*
- Find the teacher's name in the drop-down menu
- Write a short personal note to the teacher; be sure to thank them and include due dates!
- Click *Add Request*

You must repeat these steps for each teacher writing a recommendation.

Admissions Glossary

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The form that families fill out to apply for federal grants, loans, and work-study funds for college students

CSS Profile: Another financial aid application that **some** schools require

Early Action: Non-binding. You can apply to a school early in your senior year. You receive an early application review and notification of admission

Early Decision: Binding. You will have to sign a contract with the school at the time you apply to acknowledge that if you're accepted, you are obligated to attend that school

Regular Decision: The normal process by which students apply by published deadlines, with promise of receiving an admissions decision no later than April 1

Rolling Admissions: The college will review your application once all required materials have been received

College Admissions Checklist

- Complete FERPA in Common App
(we will do this in September with you)
- Match Common App & Naviance accounts
(we will do this in September with you)
- Senior meeting with your guidance counselor
 - Meet by September 31st if you are applying by October 15th
 - Meet by October 15th if you are applying by November 1st
 - Meet by October 31st if you are applying by November 15th
- Ask 2 teachers for recommendations; add those into Naviance
(Do not add your teachers or counselor into Common App.)
- Add any outside recommenders into Common App
- Add schools you are applying to into your Common App account
- Ensure your **entire college list** (regardless of how you're applying) is on Naviance
If a school is not listed in your "Colleges I'm Applying To" list, they will not receive your transcript or letters of recommendation from your counselor. Every 2 year and 4 year school is listed in Naviance; if you cannot find one see your counselor to help you get them added.
- Fix "application type" and due dates for each school listed
Are you applying EA, ED, RD, Rolling? Be sure each school has these listed correctly in Naviance. Remember, you must do this **at least 3 weeks before your due dates**, or your materials are not guaranteed to be submitted to your schools timely.
- Complete all parts of the Common App
 - Common App tab
 - Complete & upload Personal Essay
 - College specific questions
 - Additional essay questions
- Complete college applications for schools not on the Common App
You will do this directly on each school's website.
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

- Provide guidance counselor with copy of your resume or activity list
This should be a comprehensive list of everything you've achieved, completed, participated in, from 9th grade through present, including what you expect to participate in through the end of senior year. This can be a real resume or a bullet pointed list; whichever works best for you! (jobs, volunteer/community service, awards, sports, clubs/organizations, performances, outside courses you've taken, etc.) If you need a template, ask your counselor.
- Submit SAT/ACT scores through the CollegeBoard or ACT website
Only if you are not applying test optional. Remember, your counselor **does not** send your test scores; you do! Take a peek at the Fairtest.org website for a complete list of test-optional schools.
- Complete the Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)
Not all colleges require this document. Look at your online application portal after you submit your application (and keep an eye out on emails from the college) to determine if this is required. A quick peek at the college's admissions requirements can also inform you. If you do need to complete this step, see your counselor for a copy of your transcript to make this process easier.
- Register as a student athlete with NCAA (*future collegiate athletes only*)
If you are not hoping to play D1, D2, or D3 level athletics you do not need to worry about registering. This does not apply to intramurals or club level.
- Submit your applications by their due dates
 - CommonApp schools submitted
 - Non-CommonApp schools submitted
- Complete Financial aid forms [FAFSA and CSS Profile]
Please note, FAFSA will not be available to start until December 1st.
Check the financial aid website for each school to see which forms are required for each school and when they are due. This should be completed around the same time as your applications. Your parents/guardians will need to help you with the majority of this.

Upcoming College Events

College Admissions Rep Visits

College and Career Center

List of colleges with dates/times in Naviance

Head there for more information and to register.

Peabody Veterans Memorial High School College Fair

PVMHS Field House | October 10th - 6:30-8:30

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Counselor Assignments

Be sure to keep your School Counselor in the loop when it comes to your post-secondary planning process. We are here to help guide you in the right direction. It is imperative that you have a senior meeting to discuss your plans with your counselor. Counselor assignments are listed in the charts below:

A - Fisher	Ms. Fitzgerald
Flynn - Hall	Mrs. Phelps
Harding - Mashburn	Ms. Potter
Mazurana - Z	Mrs. Bohler

Contact Your Counselor

Ms. Christine Fitzgerald

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Mrs. Sara Phelps

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Ms. Melissa Potter

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Mrs. Kathleen Bohler

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College and Career Center

Our College and Career Counselor, Mr. Smith, is available to support you through the entire application process. His office is located in the College and Career Center, and he will play a crucial role in the college admissions and career planning process moving forward!

Mr. Aaron Ribaud-Smith

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