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**Fall Semester Timeline**

* **August:**
  + Start your year off right: Talk with your guidance counselor about your options and your plans. Be sure to ask about test dates for the PSAT, ACT, or SAT. You’ll need to register up to six weeks ahead of time.
  + Sign up for courses with your eyes on the prize: college and money to pay for it! A tougher course load may pay off with scholarships and may get you a better chance to get admitted to the school of your choice.
  + Start investigating private and public sources for financial aid. Take note of scholarship deadlines and plan accordingly.
  + Sign up for activities to boost your college applications: job shadowing, community service, etc.
* **September:**
  + Consider signing up for ACT test.
  + Find out about schools you are interested in attending. Treat your school selection process like a research paper: Make a file and gather information about schools, financial aid, and campus life to put in it. Go to a college fair, and learn as much as you can from the Internet about schools.
  + Begin planning college visits. You want to observe a campus when classes are going on.
* **October:**
  + Take the PSAT if you think you may have a chance to do well on it. You’ll get the results by Christmas.
  + Do your top college picks require essays or recommendations? Now is the time to begin planning your essays and choosing whom you’d like to ask for a recommendation.
* **November:**
  + Sign up for the ACT, if you haven’t already.
* **December:**
  + Continue to do college searches and career exploration
  + Take the ACT or SAT.

**Spring Semester Timeline**

* **January:**
  + Meet with your guidance counselor again to develop your senior schedule.
* **February:**
  + Think about lining up a summer job, internship, or job shadow.
  + Plan campus visits for spring semester or summer break.
  + Memorize your Social Security number if you haven’t already. It will be your identity on campus.
* **March/April:**
  + Create an activity resume (if you haven’t done this already).
  + Take college visits.
  + Finalize your senior class schedule.