

The Oak Hill Advisor

College Planning Newsletter

Welcome Class of 2017!

This is a pivotal year—a year of defining moments. Academically you will be focused on college applications, decisions, commitments, testing, and of course Graduation. Personally you will be focused on your friends, fun, and that bittersweet moment when you leave ‘The Hill’ for the last time as a student, knowing that it had its challenges, but also knowing that you are prepared to move on to the next stage of your life’s journey.

What are your options after high school? The College Counseling office is here to guide you through that exploration. In partnership with you and your parents, we will help you through the complex and sometimes confusing college application process.

You will have access to the College Lab five days a week after school. You will also be able to make appointments to meet with Mr. Hill during periods 5, 6 and 7 to discuss detailed college plans. Taking advantage of and being productive in College Lab will be a crucial part of your senior year. We will see you there!



College Lab Hours

Monday-Thursday.....Open Lab
(3:35pm-5:00pm)
Periods 5, 6,7..... By Appointment Only
Friday.....By Appointment Only

Note: College Lab hours are subject to change based on the busy OHA schedule

The Senior Year “To Do List”

- **Check requirements:** You're in the final stretch, so don't veer off track. Make sure you're completing all of the requirements for graduation as well as course requirements of the colleges on your list.
- **Finish testing:** Retake the SAT, ACT or subject tests if needed. Testing early in the fall will give you time to apply early.
- **Ask for recommendations:** Early in the school year, ask two teachers who can offer different perspectives on your performance if they are willing to write letters on your behalf. Choose teachers with whom you have good relationships, and who will effectively communicate your academic and personal qualities.
- **Apply:** Fill out each application carefully, and ask someone to look over your essays with a critical eye. Check that your colleges have received records and recommendations from your high school, and have your SAT or ACT scores officially sent to your colleges. A month from the date you submit your applications, contact your colleges and confirm that your applications are complete.
- **Follow the money:** Many colleges require the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS/Financial Aid Profile forms to be submitted by February. The earlier the better!
- **Make the choice:** Explore the colleges where you've been accepted. Visit their campuses again, talk with alumni, attend a reception or open house for accepted students. Then confidently make your college choice official by sending in your deposit.

THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE OFFERS SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THROUGHOUT ALL ASPECTS OF THE COLLEGE PROCESS. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO US:

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