

# The Oak Hill Advisor

## College Planning Newsletter

### Keeping “Senioritis” at Bay

Stay focused during this busy time of year.

It’s easy to lose focus after a semester of writing essays, asking teachers for recommendations and working in College Lab for endless hours after school. However, now is the most important time in the application process as final deadlines approach, financial aid applications need to be filled out and there is scholarship money to discover. Not to mention making your final college choice as acceptances roll in. Staying focused and finishing the year strong are critical to any senior’s long-term success.

#### FAFSA, Financial Aid and Scholarships

If you haven't already, fill out your FAFSA application. If you are looking for more scholarship money, research scholarships online or on college/university websites. A great resource for scholarships is [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

#### Acceptance and Commitment

Once you’ve been accepted to a school or schools, it’s important to start thinking about your final decision. May 1st is the deadline for commitments to most schools, but if you are sure of your choice, it will benefit you to commit earlier when it comes to requesting orientation dates, housing, etc.

### CLASS OF 2018

Juniors!! Let’s start thinking about college!

#### Spring

>Meet with your guidance counselor after spring break to develop your senior schedule, enrolling in the most challenging courses for which you are qualified.

>Register for a spring ACT/SAT test. We require at least one of the two tests, but we advise juniors to take both the ACT and SAT this spring, and then compare scores to retake their stronger test next fall. A small number of colleges also require an SAT Subject Test.; check their websites.

>Make this summer count! Consider summer opportunities on college campuses, employment, shadowing or volunteering.



#### Helpful College Research Sites

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
[www.collegeresults.org](http://www.collegeresults.org)  
[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

#### College Lab Hours

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

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

#### KNOW YOUR DEADLINES!!

As deadlines approach for February, March and April, or even if your school has Rolling Admissions, it is best to get your applications in **As Soon As Possible**.

#### OUR GOAL in COLLEGE LAB:

All Applications submitted by February 15th

#### 2017 OHA Testing Dates

SAT: May 6th  
ACT: April 8th

#### How to Register:

Students taking the SAT or ACT must register online by creating an account and completing the registration process on the test's website below:

SAT: [www.collegeboard.com/student](http://www.collegeboard.com/student)

ACT: <http://www.actstudent.org>

**IMPORTANT:** If you have already made an account in the past, please do NOT make a new one! Locate your account info through the online functions or call the College Board or ACT.

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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