CLASS OF 2021  
College Admission Planning Calendar  
JUNIOR YEAR – 2019-2020

FALL TERM 2019 (September – December)

- Begin researching college options: print, web, human, and video resources. Request applications, catalogues, viewbooks.
- Attend visits by college admission representatives to Derryfield during free periods—List available in MSA.

SEPTEMBER
- September 24: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the **October 5 SAT**.
- Saturday, September 14: ACT administration.
- September 27: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the **October 26 ACT**.
- College Financial Planning Night - September 25 at 5:30 Lyceum.
- NEACAC COLLEGE FAIR at SNHU, Thursday 9/26 9:00 - 11:00 AM (https://www.neacac.org/fall-college-fairs-2019).

OCTOBER
- NEACAC COLLEGE FAIR at Northern Essex CC (Haverhill, MA) Tuesday, October 1 6:00 - 8:00 PM.
- October 3: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the **November 2 SAT**.
- Saturday, October 6: SAT I and II administration.
- Junior College Workshop: Monday, October 7 5:30 - 7:30 PM - Kick-off to the college search process
- NEACAC COLLEGE Fair at UNH Tuesday, October 8 9:00 - 11:00 AM (https://www.neacac.org/fall-college-fairs-2019).
- Saturday, October 26: ACT administration.
- NACAC STEM College Fair at Northeastern University Sunday, October 27 1:00 - 4:00 PM. https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/stem-college-and-career-fairs/boston-stem-college-and-career-fair/

NOVEMBER
- November 8: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the **December 7 SAT**.
- November 8: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the **December 14 ACT**.

DECEMBER
- Make an appointment to meet with your college counselor between December and April. Parent questionnaire due to your counselor when you meet.
- Saturday, December 7: SAT I and II administration.
- Saturday, December 14: ACT administration.

WINTER-SPRING 2020 (January-June)

- Individual family meetings with your college counselor continue. Parent questionnaire due to your counselor when you meet.
- Develop a profile of your “ideal” college. What are your criteria?
- Complete Junior Reflection/Self-Assessment Questionnaire and submit to the College Office by the end of February break.
- Begin gathering information on colleges.
- January 10: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the **February 8 ACT**.
- February vacation is a good opportunity to visit a range of colleges in session to assist in the discernment process.
- Saturday, February 8: ACT administration.
February 14: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the March 14 SAT.

Late February: Register for “Destination College” - NH’s Statewide College Planning Event for high school juniors and their parents, to be held at Saint Anselm College on Saturday, March 28. This family event is free, but pre-registration is required and space is limited. https://www.nhheaf.org/dc.asp

February 29: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the April 4 ACT.

MARCH
- Saturday, March 13: SAT I administration (SAT II Subject Tests are not offered).
- School vacation is a good time to get out and visit a few colleges while they are in session.
- Saturday, March 28: Plan to attend “Destination College” - NH’s Statewide College Planning Event at Saint Anselm College. Pre-registration is required to attend. https://www.nhheaf.org/dc.asp

APRIL
- April 3: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the May 2 SAT I or II.
- Saturday, April 4: ACT administration.
- Junior College Night - College Admission from the College Perspective - A panel of college admission officers will be at Derryfield to share their thoughts on the college quest and to answer your questions. This forum is for students and parents. - Early April.
- COLLEGE FAIR at Pinkerton Academy, date TBD
- COLLEGE FAIR at St. Paul's School, date TBD
- COLLEGE FAIR at Phillips Exeter Academy, date TBD
- Senior year course scheduling
- Thursday, April 30 - NACAC COLLEGE FAIR at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center 6:00 - 8:30 PM https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/boston/

MAY
- Saturday, May 2: SAT I and II administration.
- May 8: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the June 6 SAT.
- May 8: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the June 13 ACT.
- Summer SAT Review Course sign-up due.
- Plan summer college visits and make sure you have met with your college counselor at least once.
- Monday, May 18 - Junior College Essay Workshop (during the school day)

JUNE
- Saturday, June 6: SAT I and II administration (some juniors will take SAT II subject test on this day).
- Saturday, June 13: ACT administration.
- June 19: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the July 18 ACT.
- Teacher Recommendations - Request recommendations from junior year teachers before leaving for the summer.

SUMMER 2020
- Relax.
- Do something productive. Get involved, work, volunteer, find an internship, etc.
- Visit colleges—the last few weeks in August are the best time because most colleges have students back on campus. Make interview dates for fall college visits and make note of upcoming Fall Open House events.
- Start a few drafts of your college essay. You will need to have two drafts of essays when you return to school
- Prepare for the SAT/ACT.
- Saturday, July 18: ACT administration.
- July 26: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the August 29 SAT.
- August 14: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the September 12 ACT.
- Saturday, August 29: SAT administration.
- Common Application - goes online on August 1. Summer vacation is a good time to start this form, but we will go over this in detail during Senior Retreat the day before classes start.
SENIOR YEAR – 2020-2021

FALL TERM 2020 (September – December)

● Continue researching college options: print, web, human, and video resources. Request catalogues, viewbooks.
● Schedule an appointment to meet with your college counselor.
● Sign up for and attend visits by college admission representatives to Derryfield—List and sign up link available on MSA in Senior College Counseling Group.
● Early Decision and Early Action deadlines (each college is different!). Inform the College Office if you are considering submitting early applications.
● FAFSA and CSS Profile financial aid applications due in November for Early Action/Decision
● College visits for interviews and overnights (minimize time out of classes in the fall). Interview appointments should be made 4-5 weeks in advance.
● Teacher Recommendations - should be requested from teachers at least five weeks before any deadline and requests must be entered into SCOIR.
● Seniors arrange to have official copies of their standardized tests scores (SAT/ACT) sent directly from the testing agencies to the colleges (Derryfield does not report scores to colleges on the transcript). Four reports are free if sent directly from the test administration. Many schools now allow for self-reporting of test scores on your application. Check each school’s policy.
● Be aware of colleges with rolling admission deadlines as many of these schools will fill their class early, resulting in qualified applicants being placed on a waitlist (Quinnipiac University is an example of one such school).

SEPTEMBER

● Return to school with two drafts of your college essay that will be used in the new LEAD college class.
● Meet with your Counselor to update them on your college planning and where things stand.
● College Office meets with senior parents - TBD
● CSS Profile (if required) financial aid forms can be filed. This is especially important for Early Action/Decision applications.
● September 3: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the October 3 SAT.
● Saturday, September 12: ACT administration.
● September 18: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the October 24 ACT.
● College Financial Planning Night - TBD
● NEACAC COLLEGE FAIR at SNHU
● Early September: Requests (via SCOIR) and Teacher recommendation forms due to senior year teachers.

OCTOBER

● October 1: FAFSA can be filed. This is especially important for Early Action/Decision applications.
● NEACAC COLLEGE FAIR at Northern Essex CC (Haverhill, MA)
● NEACAC COLLEGE FAIR at UNH
● October 7: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the November 7 SAT.
● Saturday, October 3: SAT I and II administration (a must for seniors with deadlines before and including December 1 --- especially if SAT II Subject Tests need to be taken in November).
● Proofread and revise application essays for early deadlines. Make sure another person has also looked at it.
● Saturday, October 24: ACT administration.

NOVEMBER

● November 1: Some Early Decision/Early Action Application Deadlines
● November 5: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the December 5 SAT.
● November 6: Students must have registered online with a credit card and photo ID if planning to take the December 12 ACT.
● Saturday, November 7: SAT I and II. Keep an eye on Subject Test requirements.
● Be sure that you have arranged for official reports of tests results to be sent (SAT/ACT) to colleges, as needed.
● Proofread and revise application essays. Make sure another person has also looked at it.
● November 15: Many Early Decision/Early Application Deadlines are due.
● **November 30:** *Priority filing period* deadline for many public universities such as Penn State, U. California, U. Maryland and SUNY.

### WINTER-SPRING 2021

#### DECEMBER
- **December 1:** Final college list submitted to College Office via SCOIR.
- **December 1:** Applications should have been submitted to any college with a rolling admission plan.
- Deadlines for some interviews and applications.
- Be sure you have arranged for official reports of tests results (SAT/ACT) to be sent to colleges, as needed.
- **Saturday, December 5:** SAT I and II administration. Most colleges require testing to be completed on this date.
- **Saturday, December 12:** ACT administration.

#### JANUARY
- Write thank you notes to teachers who wrote recommendations.
- Take advantage of local alumni interviews for many colleges.
- **FAFSA** and **CSS Profile** (if required) financial aid forms should be filed by now. Take note of institutional forms as well.
- Colleges on *rolling admission* will begin to notify students of their admission decisions.

#### FEBRUARY
- Contact each college/check each college portal to make sure that your admission file is complete.
- College list update form including top college choices due to College office - Date TBD

#### MARCH
- Many decisions will be received this month.

#### APRIL
- All colleges mail admission decision letters (or post decisions in their portals) before April 15.
- Keep the College Office informed as you hear from colleges, and about your final decision.
- Visit colleges to which you have been admitted if you have not already done so (stay overnight and attend classes whenever possible).
- Remain on waiting lists of colleges only if you are seriously interested: most final decisions will be made by the colleges in May and June.
- Be sure to respond before the official “National Candidates' Reply Date” on **May 1** to the college you plan to attend and to include whatever deposit is requested. Never submit deposits to more than one college (you may submit a deposit at one college while remaining on the waiting list at another college).
- Write a letter/email of thanks to other colleges where you were offered admission, politely declining their offer.

#### MAY
- **May 1:** National Candidate Reply Date - Seniors must have deposited at only 1 college of choice.
- Farewell breakfast with College Office - Date TBD
- Pay attention to college course registration forms and deadlines. Be sure to process immediately housing applications and other documents.

#### JUNE
- Final transcripts sent to colleges that a student plans to matriculate in the fall. The Derryfield School will automatically send your transcript to the college in which you have enrolled.

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