

Realms High School Junior/Senior Checklist

Junior Year

Fall

- Take the PSAT in October
- Do something that demonstrates initiative or interest in post-graduation plans: volunteer, travel, work, intern...
- Research colleges, college majors, potential careers using the best fit characteristics and Bigfuture.org.
- Attend a college fair and college representative information sessions.
- Artists...National Portfolio Day offers portfolio review. It's best to prepare in fall. (www.portfolioday.net)

January

- Continue to make a preliminary list of colleges you would like to investigate further, and narrowing down your list.
- Many college applications ask for a social security number. If you don't have one, contact the closest Social Security office to obtain a number.
- Artists...Attend National Portfolio Day in Portland (www.portfolioday.net)
- If you plan to take the SAT and want to take a prep class, sign up now or check out Khan Academy.

February

- Meet with your Crew Leader and School to College/Career to discuss your preliminary list of colleges. Find a good fit. Be optimistic and realistic when applying to colleges.
- If you plan to take the March redesigned SAT 1 test and need to take a prep class, do so in February. Prep classes (fee-based) are offered by a variety of professionals or Khan Academy.
- Register for the March SAT 1.
- During Crew listen for College Visits, Field Trips or Job Shadow opportunities, as well as on the College & Career Board/Calendar.

March

- Research admissions, scholarships, and financial aid for the colleges on your list. Register as a prospective student on these websites.
- Use Spring Break (and beyond) to check out prep books to study.
- Attend Oregon Public Universities Spring visit

April

- Register for the May/June Redesigned SAT 1 and/or the May/June SAT II Subject Tests. (www.sat.collegeboard.com)
- Take the Realms HS sponsored ACT test.
- Continue to evaluate colleges, universities and educational programs. Compare pluses and minuses of each school.
- Look into summer jobs or apply for summer academic enrichment programs.
- Look for opportunities to volunteer and accumulate community service hours (looks good on college and scholarship applications)
- If you plan to apply to one of the military academies, start the process.
- ASVAB test – military test

May

- Attend a college fair to get more information about colleges on your list. NACAC sponsors college fairs in the fall and spring. Visit the NACAC website (www.nacac.com) to see the schedule.
- Plan for summer. Take classes at COCC, secure an internship, job or volunteer opportunity.
- Visit colleges. Phone or email to set up appointments. Interview with admission counselors if you can.
- Take the redesigned SAT 1, SAT 11 and the ACT.

June

- Visit colleges. Get on campuses. If you travel in the summer, stop at campuses and see what you like and/or dislike about them.

July

- Visit colleges, take tours, schedule interviews and ask questions. Choosing a college can be a difficult decision. Opinions of those who know you best can be extremely helpful.

Senior Year

August

- Continue to refine your list of colleges and/or choices.
- Begin preparing the actual admission process.
- If you are an athlete and plan on playing in college, contact the coaches at the schools you are applying and ask about intercollegiate and intramural sports programs and athletic scholarships.
- Get a copy of your ACT test scores from the office. Create username and password for ACT log-in. Send scores to colleges.
- Do you want to graduate with an Honors Diploma? See your Crew Leader for more info.
- Males – Register for Selective Service System when you turn 18.

September

- Register with Parchment.com
- Determine private and out-of-state college admission deadlines and requirements and begin to apply.
- Register for college entrance tests (SAT < SAT II, ACT, as needed)
- Attend College Essay and Common App Workshops at school.

October

- FAFSA – the FAFSA Application opens.
- Redmond and Portland College Fairs
- Begin scholarship search.
- Determine public in-state college admission application deadlines and their requirements and begin to apply.
- Attend College Fair in Redmond with school.
- Attend NACAC National College Fair in Portland with school.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors and employers. Make personal contact with letter writers. Please give them at least 3 weeks to write your letter.
- Register and/or take college entrance tests (SAT, SAT II, ACT as needed).
- Attend college presentations.

November

- November 1 – 30, window for applying to U of California/California State Colleges; Early Action or Early Decision deadlines.
- Attend college presentations.
- Attend Financial Aid Night.
- Use the scholarship list on the College & Career website.
- OSAC and Oregon Promise application opens.
- Attend COCC/OSU Preview Day
- Typically, early action, decision, registration deadlines for college admissions.
- Make sure your transcript has been sent to all colleges that which you are applying.

December

- Deadline for applying for Military Academies.
- Observe scholarship deadlines (12/1-3/1 for many Oregon state colleges).
- Admission applications due to most colleges.
- ASVAB - military test.
- FAFSA filing on January 1.
- Student & Parent set up FSA-ID for FAFSA filing.
- Thank you letter to everyone who wrote you a recommendation.

January

- OSAC – start and accumulate your activities chart and essays – final deadline March 1.
- Oregon Promise Grant – For those attending a community college first year.
- Scholarships – apply for as many as possible.
- Check College & Career calendar to see what upcoming field trips, job shadow opportunities and college campus trips are coming up.

February

- Staff will meet with seniors who are in jeopardy of not graduating.
- Apply for Oregon Promise Grant (community college bound).
- Follow up with colleges, make sure your application and supplemental information is complete and has been received.
- Observe scholarship deadlines (12/1-3/1 for many Oregon state colleges)
- Send mid-year grades to colleges, if necessary.

March

- Notification of regular admission college acceptance begins.
- 3/1 Last day to submit OSAC scholarship.
- Research and complete applications for local scholarships.

April

- Check on grades from online and district courses.
- Sign up for COCC placement testing.
- Attend Admitted Student Day events at campuses you've selected.
- Before May 1, compare college acceptances and financial aid packages. Make a school selection!
- Send you selected college a notification and any required deposit.
- Notify other colleges that you will not be attending.

May

- 5/1 National College Decision Day
- Register for community college fall classes.
- COCC placement testing.
- All online classes must be completed.
- All class projects and assignments are due.