COLLEGE * CHECKLIST Spring of Junior Year Class of 2024

Senior Course Selections

What courses do you need to meet Nolan Catholic graduation requirements? What courses do you need to meet college entrance requirements for programs on your short list?

Challenge Yourself! Rigor of Senior year schedule is a factor in admissions decisions.

Test Plan - SAT, ACT, or CLT

| Test Options | | |
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| SAT School Day at NCHS - April 12th | Classical Learning Test - <u>CLTexam.com</u> | |
| SAT Dates - <u>collegeboard.org</u> | Test Optional Schools - <u>fairtest.org</u> | |
| ACT Dates - <u>ACT.org</u> | Prepare! <u>KHAN Academy</u> or <u>ACT Online Prep</u> | |

Naviance

| Colleges I'm Thinking About List | | | |
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| What's important to you in a college? Price, location, field of study? | Use Compare Me to see how your GPA and test scores stack up against admitted students. | | |
| Use Naviance's college search tools to explore colleges that fit your criteria. | Use Scattergram to see a graph of how admissible you are! | | |
| Do you have a safe school, good fit school, and a reach school – or two? | Talk to your parents about expectations, goals, cost of college, etc. | | |

Extracurriculars & Resume

 How can you get involved NOW? Volunteer, join a club, start a club, get a job!
 How can you improve or showcase your skills and interests!
 How can you demonstrate leadership, persistence, thoughtfulness, creativity, ingenuity?

The Goal is to have 10 ACTIVITIES to showcase on your college application!

Letters of Recommendation

| Why, Who, When, How? | | | |
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| Why? | Letters of Recommendation strengthen your application and are often required! | When? | MAY 1 |
| WHO? | 2 Junior Year CORE teachers (Science, Math, Social Studies, English, World Language, or Engineering) | How? | In Person! |

5 Steps Required for Letters of Recommendation! #1 FERPA RELEASE in Naviance (about me>surveys) #2 Letter of Recommendation Questions in Naviance (about me>surveys) #3 Resume in Naviance (about me>resume) #4 ASK 2 teachers and/or counselor #5 Complete the Letter of Recommendation FORM

Resources

- 1. Nolan Catholic College Newsletters HERE
- 2. College Visits at Nolan Catholic <u>HERE</u>
- 3. **Net Price Calculator**: Complete a financial aid and scholarship estimator for each college on your application list. Be informed about what your aid package from each school might look like! <u>HERE</u>