



Plan for Your Success.

Fall

- Finalize all early decision/early action applications. Remember, if you are accepted under the early decision option, you are expected to enroll at that college and to withdraw all other applications.
- Submit State University applications by the preferred date (Oct. 1st - however dates may range by college)
- Have a parent/guardian complete their portion of the FAFSA - open October 1, 2026. Go to www.fafsa.gov
- Complete the CSS - open October 1, 2026. Go to www.cssprofile.com
- Utilize your Khan Academy account to practice for the upcoming SAT on October 13, 2026. If you are still unsure how to link your collegeboard account with your Khan account, see your guidance counselor.
- Go to cb.org/opportunity to begin your College Board Opportunity Scholarship process. Start with step one - Build your College List.
- Go to www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org to research colleges that are the right fit for you.
- Complete the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse form if you hope to play Division 1 or 2 sports.
- Go to www.collegeboard.com if you'd like to register for an SAT test not offered on OCP campus.
- Go to www.act.org if you are interested in taking the ACT. Register and utilize the practice tools on this site.
- Use SCOIR often for college searches, recommendation letter requests, college visits, and more!
- Sign up to start earning scholarships on www.raise.me/join/orlando-christian-prep!
- Attend the Florida Christian College Fair.
- Sign up for the National College Fair at www.virtualcollegefairs.org. There are eight upcoming dates to choose from in October and November.
- Visit colleges either on-campus or virtually - you can check college websites through SCOIR to see what is being offered.
- **Meet with your guidance counselor** to go over your list of colleges, review transcripts, and make sure you're on the right track.
- Register for winter SAT/ACT if you are working on improving your scores.
- Attend all senior meetings offered.
- Finalize your college essay. Your English teacher will be giving you tools and help in class to work on this.

Winter

- December 1 - you will complete your Bright Futures Application as instructed by guidance. Once your application is complete, Mrs. Rodriguez will begin inputting your transcripts into the Bright Future database.
- If you applied for the FAFSA in October, you should receive your SAR (Student Aid Report). Review it carefully and check for inaccuracies. If necessary, make corrections and return it to the FAFSA processor.
- If more than four weeks have passed since completing your FAFSA and you have not received your SAR, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 319-337-5665. To identify you, they will need your name, social security number, address, and date of birth exactly as it is written on your FAFSA.
- Work on completing scholarship applications - contact the college financial aid offices for more information on what's available.



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Winter (continued)

- Review your SAT's with your Guidance Counselor - discuss ways to improve your score
- Have your official test scores sent to colleges you are applying to.
- Go to www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org to register for the February SAT/ACT if you are working on improving your scores.
- Begin preparing for AP testing in May. See AP teachers for tools and tips.
- Continue researching colleges and scholarships. Keep your raise.me account up to date and continue working on your Opportunity Scholarship Steps at www.cb.org/opportunity.
- Attend the Central Florida College Fair. Location, date, and time TBD.
- Meet with your Guidance Counselor to discuss your list of colleges and progress on Opportunity Scholarships and raise.me.
- If interested, go to www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org to register for the March SAT/ACT.

Spring

- Register for the April SAT/ACT if you are still working on improving your score.
- Attend all scheduled individual guidance meetings.
- Prepare for AP tests in May. See AP Teachers for tools and tips.
- Take AP exams
- Evaluate financial aid packages. Make any final campus visits and PRAY about your decision.
- May 1 - Decision Day. You must notify colleges of your final decision by this date (unless otherwise communicated by college).
- Notify other colleges that accepted you that you have selected another college.
- All students must complete their Bright Futures application before they graduate in order to qualify.
- Request final transcripts to be sent to the college you will attend. Notify the college of any private scholarships or grants you will be receiving. Transcript request forms are also in the school office and on our school website.