

# Calendar For High School



## CALENDAR FOR SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMAN

### September

- Check high school courses that will fall under your pathway.
- Explore career options.
- Study hard in all your classes. The grades you earn in 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be included in your final high school GPA and class rank.
- What courses will you need for your career option?
- Will you need to have some other training after high school?
- Will you meet college requirements?
- Get involved in activities; genuine involvement in one is better than token participation in several. Start a file on activities, time spent, and adult advisors involved.
- Consider community service options.
- Attend Back to School Night.

### October

- Sophomores register for the PSAT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test).
- Read PSAT Student Bulletin. Take the Practice test and score it.
- Sign up for student search services to receive information on colleges and universities.
- Attend College Night at the Riverside Convention Center.
- Develop a list of your interests.
- Counselors begin visitations to freshman and sophomore classes to discuss transcripts and four year plans.
- Check with your teachers for tutoring.
- Sophomores will receive a copy of their transcript and be taught how to read them.

### November

- Attend Parent Conference Day/Night.
- Be thinking about your initial career and college interests.
- Involve your parents in your career and college choices.
- Become familiar with general college entrance requirements.

### December

- Review your PSAT scores.
- Talk with graduates home from college or out working. Ask how they like what they are doing.
- Continue to work hard in all of your classes.

### January

- Check your credits and your required classes.
- Continue career exploration.
- Prepare for semester exams.

## **February**

- Begin the college search. What colleges are best for your career interest?
- Visit some campuses.
- Get involved in activities; join a club, athletic team or be active in your class activities. Work towards leadership positions.
- Listen for ASB election times and **GET INVOLVED**.
- Find out what ROP classes you can take once you turn 16 to get a head start on your career goals.
- Classroom visitations by counselors.
- Check for teachers available for tutoring.

## **March**

- Check out various career options in the Career Center and find out what you need to take in school.
- Work hard in your present courses.
- READ, READ, READ!
- Classroom visitations by counselors.

## **April**

- Develop a preliminary list of colleges that interest you and write to them for information.
- Plan visits to colleges that interest you or have a focus on your career goals.
- Work on your writing skills.
- STAR testing.
- Attend the National Fair at the Ontario Convention Center. Log on to [www.ontariocc.com](http://www.ontariocc.com).
- Attend the Military Academy Night if you are interested in joining the military.

## **May**

- Think about going to summer school or getting a summer job.
- Make a profile of colleges that interest you - use Barrons' The College Handbook, college catalogs, or the internet.
- AP testing.
- Golden State Exams.
- Begin preparing for finals.

## **June**

- Study hard for finals.
- Start your summer classes.
- If you don't have a job, try volunteering in your career area (community service hours).
- Begin studying for the SAT. Check registration dates for next year at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).
- Get summer work for AP and Honor classes.
- HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION.
- READ, READ, READ!

## CALENDAR FOR JUNIORS

### September

- Junior classroom visits by counselors. Juniors will receive a copy of their transcript. All juniors will be seen individually between September and January to review classes, pathways, and grades.
- Clarify your college and career plans. Continue studying hard.
- Check high school courses. Will you meet the college requirements?
- Club Rush – get involved in activities; genuine involvement in one is better than token participation in several.
- Find your Social Security Number – you'll need it for college applications and testing registration.
- Attend Back to School Night.
- Start or continue community service. Keep a folder with names, dates, and times.
- If eligible, apply to CSF. Membership based on previous semester grades.

### October

- Explore college opportunities through the following means:
  - Visiting with the college reps that come on campus.
  - Attending college day and night programs.
  - Read college resources in college and career center.
- Make a list of colleges that meet your goals and interest.
- Involve your parents in the college choice process.
- Put forth your best academic efforts in these last two years. It is never too late to improve your grades!
- Register for the SAT if you are interested in a U.C. Honor's program.
- Attend Parent Conference day/night.

### December

- Review your PSAT scores.
- Read Taking the SAT. (Available in the Career Center). Check into other SAT study guides.
- Talk with graduates home from college regarding college life, how they like their school, etc.

### January

- Continue career exploration.
- Prepare for semester exams; colleges look at your junior grades.
- Plan and take the SAT I and SAT II and/or the ACT.

### February

- If eligible, apply to CSF. Membership based on previous semester grades.
- Plan senior courses; do they meet the college requirements?
- Begin to college search. Visit some campuses.
- Classroom visitation by counselors.
- Check for tutoring.

## **March**

- Register for the SAT I or the ACT for tests in April, May and June.
- Ask your counselor about summer enrichment programs.
- Consider taking the SAT II in courses you are taking this year.
- Complete your senior schedule with your counselor.
- Work hard in your present courses.
- Classroom visitation by counselors.

## **April**

- Attend the National College Fair at the Ontario Convention Center [www.ontariocc.com](http://www.ontariocc.com).
- Develop a preliminary list of colleges. Write to them for information.
- Plan visits to colleges that interest you.
- File ROTC scholarship applications.
- Look at financial aid opportunities.
- STAR testing/CSU Early Assessment Program testing for Language Arts and Math.
- Take the ACT test.
- Register for the May or June SAT II and the June ACT if you plan to take that test.
- Attend the Military Academy Night if you are interested in joining the military.

## **May**

- Identify teachers you can ask for recommendations.
- Take SAT.
- Make a profile of colleges that interest you; use Barron's The College Handbook, college catalogs and/or the internet. Visit the college/career center at your high school and other resources available.
- Check out different careers and find out what post-secondary education and/or training are needed.
- AP testing.
- Golden State Exams.
- Begin preparing for finals.

## **June**

- Take SAT I, SAT II, or ACT tests.
- Continue the college search and discuss with your counselor.
- If you don't have a job, try volunteering in your career area (community service hours).
- HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION.
- Visit some campuses of your top colleges.
- Compose rough drafts of your college essays.
- Gather work samples for PORTFOLIOS for job interviews.
- READ, READ, READ!
- Apply to the NCAA Clearinghouse if you plan to be a college student-athlete.
- Get summer work for AP and Honors classes.

## CALENDAR FOR SENIORS

### September

- Register for the SAT I, SAT II, or ACT. (Note early deadline for the October exam).
- Check senior courses. Do they meet the requirements?
- Write for college applications for private and out of state colleges.
- Research what forms and tests are necessary to apply to colleges of interest.
- Begin first drafts of any essays required.
- Reduce your preliminary list of colleges to a manageable number (five or six schools).
- Check your PSAT scores to see if you are a National Merit Scholar.
- Classroom visitations by counselors. Seniors will receive a copy of their transcript.
- Counselors begin individual credit checks and help solidify college/career plans.
- Turn in Brag Sheet to your counselor for a letter of recommendation.
- Attend Back to School Night.

### October

- Begin checking for available scholarships. Listen for announcements and check with the College and Career Center. The scholarship newsletter comes out frequently.
- Review for the SAT (Career Center has copies of Taking the SAT I or SAT II).
- Attend college representative presentations/visit campuses.
- Attend programs for seniors and parents – go to college fairs.
- Check for teachers available for tutoring.
- Ask teachers and counselors for recommendations. Provide them with a stamped, addressed envelope.
- Begin filling out college applications.
- Check application deadlines.
- If eligible, apply to CSF, membership is based on previous semester grades.
- Request a preliminary transcript from the Registrar (A219) if colleges are requesting one.
- Take SAT or ACT in October, November, or December if applying to UC or CSU.
- Attend the Riverside College & Career Fair at the Riverside Convention Center.

### November

- If you are applying under an “early decision” program, you must submit the application now.
- Pick up financial aid applications after Thanksgiving.
- UC/CSU application deadline is **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- Mail in the profile if applying for financial aid from private colleges.
- Attend Parent Conference Day/Night.

### December

- Talk with graduates home from college.
- Check announcements for scholarships regularly.
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) requires information from taxes. Encourage parents to complete their taxes early. Attend the workshop at King.
- **December is the last time you can take the SAT I, SAT II and/or the ACT unless you are going to a private school or an out of state school. Check.**

## **January**

- Finish any other college applications.
- Attend financial aid workshop at King High School.
- Complete the student aid application for California.
- Check with your references-have they sent recommendations?
- Continue scholarship search.

## **February**

- Have mid-year transcripts been sent? See the registrar (A219).
- Check announcements for scholarship information.
- Have you sent in all applications? Your FAFSA? Have you filled out a GPA verification form to qualify for Cal grants? Due date changes annually.
- If eligible, apply to CSF. Membership based on previous semester's grades.
- If applying to RCC, consider taking guidance 45. Ask your counselor.
- Counselor's classroom visitations.
- If you are applying to RCC, sign up for the assessment test in the career center.

## **March**

- Explore the colleges you have applied to as thoroughly as possible.
- Register for the advanced placement tests if you are taking them.
- Have you reviewed the SAAC (student aid application for California) acknowledgment and the student aid report from the Pell grant program?
- If you applied to the University of California or California State University, you should hear by mid-march. Private colleges send acceptances throughout the spring, before mid-April.

## **April**

- Review your acceptances and financial aid offers with your counselor.
- Check about housing opportunities at your colleges.
- Wait to hear from all colleges before you make your final decision.
- Visit the college of your choice before you make your final decision.
- Notify the college of your choice.
- If applying to a community college, complete your application, placement testing and orientation.
- Attend the military academy night if you are interested in joining the military.

## **May**

- Notify the schools that you decided not to attend.
- Keep the counselor informed of your decisions and the scholarships you receive.
- Send your Pell Grant Student Aid Report to your chosen college. Keep a copy for your records.
- Check on placement exams at various colleges.
- Take advanced placement exams if you want college credit for your courses.
- Prepare a budget for the following year.
- If necessary, apply for a student loan at a local bank.
- Apply for a summer job to help pay for college costs.

- Keep in contact with the college you plan to attend. Is all of your paperwork completed?
- Begin preparation for finals.

## June

- Order final transcripts from the registrar (A219) to be sent to the college or university you will be attending in the fall. Supply the registrar with a stamped envelope addressed to the college.
- Graduation!!

Although we would like to expand our College and Career Night to include colleges throughout the nation, there are too many constraints to provide that service to our families at King. Instead, plan to attend the Inland Empire National College Fair in April.

**Inland Empire National College Fair  
Ontario Convention Center  
2000 Convention Center Way  
Ontario, CA**

**Admission is free!**

Morning Session 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Evening session 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- More than 2000 colleges will be represented. Students and parents will be able to talk with admission representatives.
- Parking available at the convention center.
- Local colleges and universities will provide a variety of workshops. Topics included
  - \*Financial aid and scholarships
  - \*How to choose a college and major

If you are interested in a fair closer to home, plan to attend the Riverside College & Career Fair in October.

**Riverside College & Career Fair  
Riverside Convention Center  
3443 Orange Street  
Riverside, CA 92501  
951-683-7100  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Explore job opportunities for high school students.  
Get information about vocational school programs.  
Talk to representatives from local colleges and universities.  
See local business representatives about career paths.  
Attend workshops about college preparation, admission, financial aid, how to interview for a job, writing cover letters and resumes, and more.  
**\*Some workshops will be available in Spanish.**