

DARLINGTON SCHOOL

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

TWELFTH GRADE

1. Get off to a good start in your senior year! Do your very best in everything!
2. Reduce your preliminary list of colleges and come back to school with a definite list of colleges you plan to apply to. Have applications in hand or already requested from the colleges.
3. Confirm that all of your information on *Naviance* is accurate. Change prospective colleges to active applications as you complete the paperwork.
4. Continue to meet with your college advisor regularly.
5. Turn in Early Decision, Early Action, or Early Notification applications to Darlington's College Guidance Office thirty days prior to college's deadline **at the latest! These deadlines come very early in the school year!**
6. Take the **SAT** in October and November; international students take the **TOEFL** in October as well. You may also take the **ACT** in October if you wish.
7. Take the **SAT Subject Tests** in December if required or recommended by any of your colleges.
8. If a candidate for Early Decision, Early Action, or Early Notification, take the **SAT** in October and the **SAT Subject Tests** in November instead of the above, if needed.
9. Attend college meetings, college nights, college fairs.
10. Refine your essays for the colleges which require them.
11. Early in the fall, fill out your college applications and turn them in to Darlington's College Guidance Office according to the deadlines set by Mr. Moss - **Do it early!** Don't wait until near the colleges' deadlines!
12. Pick up the Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (**FAFSA**) and the College Scholarship Service's **PROFILE** registration form (if applicable) for your parents in the College Guidance office in the fall or **access them online**. Have your **parents** fill out and mail these forms well in advance of the deadlines if they wish to apply for financial aid.
13. Take an additional **SAT** or **SAT Subject Tests** in January if you need to.
14. Pay additional or last-minute visits to colleges if still trying to choose among several or between two institutions.
15. Be sure to send any additional **significant** information to colleges while awaiting their decisions (improved grades, higher SAT, major awards, etc.).
16. Wait patiently (sure!) for colleges to make their admission and financial aid decisions!
17. **May 1 - Candidates Reply Date** - Notify all colleges which have accepted you of **your decision!** Do so as soon as you know - **but definitely by May 1!**