

Salesian High School

Guidance Department



College Application Checklist

Fall 2015



www.salesianhigh.org

Important Upcoming Dates

- September 24, 2015: Senior Parent Presentation: College Application Information
7:00 PM – Salesian High School
- October 28, 2015: Salesian High School College Fair
1-3PM, Salesian High School
Br. Jim Wiegand Athletic Center
- October 21, 2015: Westchester Putnam College Conference
Westchester County Center College Fair (White Plains, NY)
6:30–9:00 pm <http://www.wpccc.org/collegeconference.html>
- November 5, 2015: Financial Aid Workshop for Senior Parents
7:00 PM – Salesian High School
- November 17, 2015: Scholarship Workshop for Senior Parents
7:00 PM – Salesian High School
- November 23, 2015: Latino College Fair
Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus
- December 1, 2015: **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT COLLEGE APPLICATIONS!!**
- January 6, 2015: FAFSA Workshop for Senior Parents
7:00 PM – Salesian High School

There will also be after-school help with the Common Application for interested students

Helpful Links *For more resources and helpful links, visit the Naviance site!*

SAT I & SAT Subject Tests

<http://www.collegeboard.org>

ACT

www.actstudent.org

Naviance Sign In:

<https://connection.naviance.com/salesianny>

Common Application

<http://www.commonapp.org>

NCAA Clearinghouse

<http://www.eligibilitycenter.org>

Financial Aid Information

www.fafsa.gov

*You can also watch videos to help you with
the Financial Aid Process on the
FederalStudentAid YouTube Channel*

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Fall 2015 Senior College Checklist

To Consider as you begin Senior Year:

- Deadlines are **IMPORTANT**—Be mindful of them!

****DEADLINES—IMPORTANT NOTE****

Specific Majors and/or Scholarships may have deadlines that are **earlier** than the December 1, 2015 Guidance Deadline.
Please carefully review your college admissions requirements for **each** school!

Parts of the Application

1. Letters of Recommendation—Teacher(s) & Counselor

- Remind Recommenders in Person
- “Request Transcripts” on Naviance at least 1 month before deadline

2. Resume

It is suggested that you submit a resume with your application, if you have been involved in a number of activities.

- Your resume is a glimpse into who you are and what you have spent your four years of high school doing outside the classroom.
- Work on the draft you developed in the spring. Format and add information to reflect up-to-date activities awards, honors, community service, and employment.
- Click on “Customize Your Printable Resume” and save as “Final Draft 2015”

3. College Essay

- Writing samples provide the college admissions rep. insight into who you are as a person. They know from the transcript what you can bring to the academic side of campus—let them see what kind of personality and character you can bring to the student body as well.

Be sure to draft it over and over again, until it’s perfect!

- The Common Application has a Personal Essay portion:
Personal Statement—choose one of the 5 prompts that will tell the admission representative something about you they cannot tell through your transcript—**BE ORIGINAL!** Let your voice and personality be heard.
- Common App. Colleges: Do they require a Supplement ?
If so, then does the Supplement require additional writing samples?

Important tip: If the application articulates a word limit, **STICK TO IT!**

Reps. will read thousands of essays and writing samples—be mindful of their requests for word limits. *Common App requires between 250–650 words

Standardized Testing

- SAT I and ACT Fall Dates are open—please be mindful of registration dates (avoid late fees at all costs)
 - Use www.collegeboard.org, actstudent.org, and Naviance for question of the day, sample tests, and tips and strategies to improve scores
- SAT Subject Tests may be required for some schools and/or programs—**see the college’s website for their specific requirements**

**** SENDING SCORES TO COLLEGE—IMPORTANT NOTE ****

Once you have submitted your applications, it is the student’s responsibility to submit standardized test scores **officially** from College Board (SAT) and/or the ACT site directly to the college/university. Sending scores does not happen overnight (unless you want to pay A LOT more); leave yourself enough time and plan ahead!

The Process:

- When you have submitted an application, please print out the confirmation that says you have applied, and fill out the “College Application Tracking Sheet” available in Guidance (and downloadable on our website)—**we cannot begin processing your materials until these forms have been submitted to Guidance**
- In order for your transcript, letters of recommendation, to be submitted from Guidance by your college’s deadline, you must allow for a minimum of 2 week turnaround time, and adhere to Guidance Deadlines:

Finally, Pace yourself—though it may be stressful, it’s also an exciting time.

College Application Postmark Deadline	Application Must be Submitted & Paid for (Forms given to Guidance) BY:
November 1, 2015	October 15, 2015
November 15, 2015	November 1, 2015
December 1, 2015	November 15, 2015
Last Day to Submit Applications to Guidance	DECEMBER 1, 2015

For Student Athletes Only:

- If you plan to play sports at the collegiate level for Division I or II, and you have not registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse, do so now!
- **Meet with your coach and counselor ASAP!!**