


St. Augustine High School
College Night - Class of 2023



Counseling Department

- Students were assigned a counselor to stay with through graduation, based on the first letter of their last name
 - Academia-Gagliardi: Mr. Tim Golden – tgolden@sahs.org
 - Garcia-Moran: Ms. Briana Colorado – bcolorado@sahs.org
 - Morfin-Zavala: Dr. Jerry Rey – jrey@sahs.org
- This counselor will work with their students on building and maintaining a college application list, and will be the counselor used to write letters of recommendation to schools that require a counselor letter.

College Counseling Handbook

- SAHS.org
 - Academics □ Counseling □ College Counseling
 - Important information and links to sites regarding Financial Aid, ACT/SAT info, NCAA Eligibility, and our [College Counseling Handbook](#)

Spring Semester checklist

- Work hard to earn good grades and boost GPA
- Register for senior year courses
- Schedule Tests: ACT, SAT
- Schedule a family meeting with your assigned counselor
- Complete taxes and work to get your finances in order

Tests

- PSAT
 - Scores can be seen now on Socr
 - Electronic score reports available on student's College Board account.
 - National Recognition Program (Hispanic, African American, Indigenous)
 - National Merit Semi-finalists are notified in September of Senior Year
 - National Merit Finalists are notified in February of Senior Year
- SAT & ACT
 - Register through collegeboard.org or act.org
 - Can be taken multiple times (including Fall of 12th grade)
 - Fee Waivers available for low-income students
 - [Coltest.org](http://coltest.org) for test optional schools
 - [College Board has discontinued the SAT essay and SAT Subject Tests](#)

SAT Collegeboard.org	ACT Act.org
March 12	February 12
May 7	April 2
June 4	June 11

Testing Preparation

- There are many ways to prepare for SAT/ACT testing...
- SAHS partners with **Tired & True Tutoring** to offer Test Prep Bootcamps on campus leading up to the March (SAT) and April (ACT)
- **SAT Bootcamp at Saints: Targeting the March 12 SAT Exam**
 - Saturday, Feb. 26 - 9:00am - 1:00pm
 - Saturday, March 5 - 9:00am - 1:00pm
- **ACT Bootcamp at Saints: Targeting the April 2 ACT Exam**
 - Saturday, March 19 - 9:00am - 1:00pm
 - Saturday, March 26 - 9:00am - 1:00pm



Cost: \$199

Financial Aid

- Financial Aid comes in many forms: Aid from state or federal government, scholarships, grants, etc.
- You can begin filing your FAFSA in October, based on the taxes you file in April (prior-prior year)
- Use Net Price Calculators on each school's website to help understand what you may be expected to pay
- Use websites like FastWeb to begin researching and even applying for different scholarships.

NCAA

- Students that are considering playing NCAA sports should create an account at www.eltibillivcenter.org during the spring semester
- Athletes interested in competing at the Division I or II levels need to create a Certification Account and pay a \$90 fee.
- Athletes interested in Division III or unsure about what level they will pursue need to only create a free Profile Page.
- Refer to the NCAA handout for the requirements of Div. I and II athletes

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College admissions simplified.

SCOIR (pronounced "scoir") simplifies the process to college search and connects students, parents, counselors, and colleges for an improved admissions process.

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Family Meetings

- One or both parents AND the student
- Takes about 30 minutes
- Can be during school, lunch, after school, or in some cases evenings
- Email your assigned counselor with several options that work for you
- Complete **Parent Survey in SCOIR** before meeting
- Students should complete **Junior Survey in SCOIR**
- Having a list of colleges in SCOIR before meeting is helpful

Visiting Colleges

- There is no better way to learn about a school than setting foot on their campus and experiencing it first hand.
- Public colleges have daily tours and usually do not require a reservation
- Private schools like you to call a few weeks ahead of time to schedule a tour
- Try to see the campus when classes are in session if possible

College Fairs

- The **in-person NACAC College Fair** will take place in Orange County on Sunday, April 24 from 1:30-4:30pm. Register at nacacfair.org
- Instead, multiple **virtual fairs** will be offered throughout the Spring by NACAC
 - January 30th
 - February 8th (VAPA)
 - February 15th
 - February 24th (STEM)
 - April 3rd
 - April 12th
 - April 26th
- Register at <http://nacacattend.org>

Summer

- Students are encouraged to be as productive as possible over the summer
 - Having a job
 - Taking a class
 - Securing an internship
 - Applying to an enrichment program
 - Visiting colleges
 - Preparing to retake SAT or ACT
- **College Application Workshop** at Saints in August
 - 5 days long – 3.5 hours per day (morning & afternoon sessions available)
 - Begin applications, write & revise essays, apply for scholarships, organize this process

Senior Year – Fall semester

- Attend **Senior Parent Night** (usually during the first week of school)
- Many colleges will begin accepting applications in September
- Students need to request letters of recommendation from teachers in September & October
- Attend **Financial Aid Night** in early October
- Submit **FAFSA** in October for priority in financial aid (we submit Cal Grant forms automatically for you)
- November is a major month with many Early Action/Decision deadlines, and in California, all UC and CSU applications are due by November 30th
- Try to have all applications completed by Christmas, and all testing must be completed by December
- Pray and keep a sense of humor!

Senior Year – Spring semester

- Continue to research and apply for scholarships
- Inform the counseling center about your acceptances
- Choose and deposit at one college by May 1st
- Coordinate final transcripts to be sent to the enrolled college
- Graduate, Celebrate, and get ready for College!

