



SANTIAGO HIGH SCHOOL



Senior Checklist: How to Prepare for Your Post High School Plan

AUGUST

- Create a **professional** email address. No funny emails!
- Visit your top school choice. If possible, make an appointment with faculty, staff, and students.
- Mark your calendar with registration, admissions, and financial aid deadlines and fees.
- Register with NCAA if you considering playing college sports at t.ly/8AN_E
- UC's application window opens **August 1st**.
- Private schools and scholarships require a letter of recommendation so be prepared to request your letter early. Download the letter of recommendation request from t.ly/lzcyj

Please give your counselor 3 weeks to complete a letter of recommendation.

SEPTEMBER

- College and Career Center presentations: check College/Career Smore t.ly/tkyGY and SHS website for upcoming dates

OCTOBER

- Dec 1st FAFSA window opens. Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible: t.ly/txS36
- Students sign up for an **FSA ID** to complete your **Free Application Federal Student Aid** online at t.ly/rQMnj Parents will need an **FSA ID** as well.
- Download and complete **Santiago Local Scholarships package**. Window opens on October 1st.
- CSU admission period begins OCT 1st: t.ly/rQMnj. CSU **no longer uses** ACT or SAT examinations in determining admission eligibility for all CSU campuses.
- Work on your admissions essays if you are applying for UC's or private schools. Essay Workshop TBA
- Complete applications for eligible scholarships. Please see Mrs. Wendt (Lisa.Wendt@cnsud.k12.ca.us) or click on this Smore for more information: t.ly/tkyGY.

NOVEMBER

- Oct 1st through Nov 30th is the University of California application submission period.
- CSU window closes on Nov 30th. Do not wait until the last week!
- Check and complete admission applications by their deadlines. ***Always use your personal email***
- Check your email and college student portals weekly.

DECEMBER

- Research and apply for scholarships. Please see Mrs. Wendt (Lisa.Wendt@cnsud.k12.ca.us) or click on this Smore for more information: t.ly/tkyGY.
- Check your email and college student portals weekly!

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- Local Scholarships are due February 8th, 2024 submitted online.
- Check your email and college student portals. Watch out for deadlines. Always submit info on time!
- Watch for the email notice indicating your Student Aid Report (SAR) is ready.

MARCH

- Check with the financial aid office to ensure your paperwork is complete. **March 2nd** is the priority deadline.
- Narrow your school choices and make campus visits. (www.californiacolleges.edu)
- Be on the lookout for acceptance letters.
- Work on Community Colleges application
- Check your email and college student portals weekly!

APRIL

- Take time to tour campuses where you applied to help determine the school you would like to attend
- Decision time. Universities day of intent is May 1st. You will need to file your SIR (statement of intent) by that date to guarantee your space is held at the university.
- Plan for registration, orientation and housing and make sure you make your deposit. **Mark your calendar with important dates.**
- Check your email and college student portals weekly!
- If you miss your orientation/deadlines, the college may rescind your admission.

MAY

- Remember that final grades will be seen by your schools of choice. If you receive a D or lower in any A-G courses your admissions can be revoked.
- It is your responsibility to order your final transcripts. Click here for information: t.ly/6pti-
- Be aware of any summer orientation sessions that you **MUST** attend and plan accordingly.
- Notify your high school counselor of your college selection and any scholarships received.