**Harrison High School**

**Helpful Links**

SAT I & Subject Tests:

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT:

[actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

Test Optional:

fairtest.org

Naviance:

student.naviance.com/harrison

NCAA Eligibility Center:

 [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

Common Application:

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

Coalition Application:

www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/

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**Spring & Summer 2020**

**College Checklist**

**Class of 2021**

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**To Consider Now and throughout the Winter and Spring:**

**College Visits** – Start to develop a list of colleges– Reach, Target, Likely, Scholarship Colleges

The purpose of a college visit is to learn about a variety of campus settings to help determine your best fit- take notes and enjoy!

  After a visit or tour, send a thank you email to the rep. or student who showed you the campus (take notes while on the tour of names and information of the people you meet)

 Use your HHS email address or create a professional email address for corresponding with colleges

**Standardized Tests:**

 SAT & ACT Preparation for Spring Exams

 Use [collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [act.org](http://www.act.org) for subject lessons, sample tests, and tips and strategies to improve your scores

Resource: [khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat](https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat)

 Register for SAT & ACT early as test centers fill up quickly

 Check individual college websites to determine if they require the SAT Subject Test and/or the Writing component of the SAT and/or ACT

**To Consider Before the end of Junior Year:**

**The Green Book –** to be handed out at College Bound Day in May

 Please return by **June 3, 2020**

**Letters of Recommendation:**

 Consider asking a teacher for a letter of recommendation in May/June

 As soon as you return in September, remind your writer about the letter

 Consider teachers you have a strong relationship with – your writer doesn’t necessarily have to be a teacher you earned the highest grade from – maybe it’s a class you struggled in, but you attended extra help, you asked for extra credit, etc., and the teacher is someone who can speak to your motivation and character

**Student Athletes:**

  If you plan to play sports at the collegiate level, register online with the NCAA Eligibility Center

  Connect with your coach for assistance

  Communicate plans to play college sports with your counselor ASAP!

**To Consider During the Summer Months:**

**College Essay** – register for our College Essay Writing Workshop

 Your writing provides the college admissions rep insight into who you are as a person. They know from paper 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.

 Choose one of the questions provided that will give the admissions rep. information about you they cannot learn from scores and grades – *be original,* allow them to hear your voice and personality.

If the application indicates a word limit, you must stick to it. Reps will read thousands of essays – be mindful of their request for word limits.

**College Application:**

 After August 1, 2020 – College and Common Applications for Fall 2020 become finalized online ([commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))

 Common app. colleges: Do they require a supplement?

 -If so, then does that supplement require additional writing samples?

 -If so:  Do not use the essay topic from the common app. to satisfy the supplemental questions. All parts of your application are going to the same place – be original.

 Create list of prospective colleges and requirements using College Admissions websites. See the example below:

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| **College** | **Common App?** | **Supplement?** | **Supplement Extras?** | **App Fee** | **Take Interviews?** |
| HarrisonUniversity | Yes | Yes | 2 short answer questions | $70 | Yes |

 **Important Note**: Specific majors and/or scholarships may have deadlines that are earlier than the general college deadline – please carefully review your college admissions requirements for each school

**Standardized Tests:**

 SAT I & ACT Preparation for Fall exams

 First SAT Date: August 2020

 First ACT Date: September 2020