SEPTEMBER

1. Set up an appointment with your counselor to review your finalized college list and the application process.

2. Review unofficial transcript for any necessary changes.

3. Register for October SAT or ACT with writing exam if you haven’t yet taken them or want to take them one last time.

4. Create Common App account and link it to Naviance. (Make sure your e-mail account is the same for both). Your counselor can help you to make the link if you’re having a problem doing it yourself.

5. When you are applying to your colleges, remember earlier is always better.

If applying for Early Decision or Early Action be sure you know the requirements, conditions and deadlines. **Blue sheets with application confirmations are to be handed in to School Counseling Office by October 16th.**

**Early Decision:** Usually for highly qualified students, one applies in early October and receives a reply in early December. Since Early Decision is a **binding decision,** it should be considered only after the student has investigated other colleges and decides on one in particular. **Note:** You can only apply Early Decision to one school.

**Early Action:** Used by some colleges instead of Early Decision. Acceptance is not binding but Early Action indicates a very strong preference for the college. You can apply Early Action to more than one school.

**Rolling Admissions:** No specific deadline, but earlier is better.

6. Those intending to play a sport in college **MUST FILE AN NCAA ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION** online at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) Don’t forget to have your SAT or ACT scores submitted to the Clearinghouse. The code is 9999.

7. If playing a sport in college – some colleges will require NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) application instead of an NCAA application. Please check each college website for their requirements.
COLLEGE TUESDAYS

1. Xaverian hosts “College Tuesdays” beginning in September and running through the end of November. The schedule is posted online, as well as outside the School Counseling Office. Xaverian also hosts a number of colleges for on-site application and decision days. Again, this information is posted outside the School Counseling Office and announcements are made. Check College Corner for the latest information on colleges, deadlines, and visits. Keep in mind that the college reps who come to visit us will be the ones reading your applications.

OCTOBER

1. Start to complete applications on Common App.

2. If applying for Early Decision or Early Action, please review the conditions of the application.

   **Remember – School Counseling deadline for Early Decision/Early Action is October 16th.**

3. Upon completion of all applications students should fill out one Blue Sheet per college, available in the School Counseling Office, attach college confirmation and bring to School Counseling Office along with the $5.00 processing fee for each application. **BE MINDFUL OF INTERNAL DEADLINES POSTED ON SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

4. Take the October SAT and ACT exams.

5. **By this time counselors should have already received letters of recommendation, essays and personal outlines from students**

6. Fill out CSS Profile, short for the College Scholarship Service Profile for those schools that require it. Some schools require it in addition to the FAFSA form.

7. Fill out FAFSA form as soon as possible after October 1st. Remember you will need your parents’ tax information to complete the forms.

**EARLY ACTION AND EARLY DECISION APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**

**ALL REGULAR DECISION APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE**
COMMON APPLICATION
All students must create a Common Application account. The Common Application is available online (www.commonapp.org). This account will eventually be linked to your Naviance account so make sure that your email is the same for both.

Please be aware that some schools will ask for supplemental forms, which will be available through Common App as well. Make sure you are aware of your colleges’ requirements and deadlines and send all required forms.

At this time you should have submitted to your counselor your pink slips stating which teachers will be writing you letters of recommendation.

Your resume and essay should be ready for review by your counselor.

NOVEMBER

1. Continue with application process. Be mindful of deadlines.

2. Send SAT and ACT/Writing scores if you haven’t done so already. Remember this is your responsibility. Colleges will not accept SAT or ACT scores from us.

3. Check College Corner for dates for on-site/college decision days. A list of the colleges participating will be posted. Remember, you will get a decision the same day, so it is important to go to School Counseling to sign up. Space is limited, so listen for announcements. There will be no same day sign-up.

4. Keep your grades up. Remember colleges will ask for mid-year reports. In some cases colleges will request first quarter grades. These are not sent automatically by us. You need to come in and fill out a white Quarter Grade Request.

5. Look for scholarship information in our College Corner or check the web for scholarship opportunities:
   - www.scholarships.com
   - www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
   - www.studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarshipsfinding-scholarships
   - www.zinch.com/scholarships
   - www.suny.edu/student/paying-scholarships.cfm
   - www.cuny.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships.html
DECEMBER

1. If you waited for the last minute, this is your last chance to submit applications. Make an appointment with your counselor if you need help.

2. If you haven’t done so as of yet, send SAT/ACT scores.

3. **Check, double check and triple check School Counseling Department deadlines. They are not the same as your college deadlines. The School Counseling Office needs time to process your applications. Make sure to bring your applications in at least three weeks in advance.**

JANUARY

1. As you receive acceptances and scholarships, bring them into School Counseling.

**NCAA ELIGIBILITY**

Athletes intending to play college sports must register with the NCAA. Effective August 1, 2007, an institution may not provide an official visit to a high school student-athlete until he registers with the NCAA Clearinghouse.

- Online filing is preferred at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- **Athletes are responsible for having the College Board and ACT Board forward scores (SAT and ACT)**
- The NCAA Clearinghouse code is 9999.
- Students should work with their coaches to make sure that eligibility requirements are met.

**It is strongly suggested that students file with the NCAA early in the school year so eligibility can be determined and problems, if any, can be addressed.**

**NAIA**

The National Association of Interscholastic Athletics (NAIA) headquartered in Kansas City, MO., is a governing body of small athletics programs that are dedicated to character-driven intercollegiate athletics, whose purpose is to enhance the character building aspects of sport.

If your college participates in the NAIA, be sure to register with the NAIA Eligibility Center, where prospective student-athletes are evaluated for academic and athletic eligibility.
HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
The High School Transcript is sent by the School Counseling Office to each college to which the student applies. There is a fee of $5 for each transcript, which is to be paid when student submits the completed Blue Sheet to the School Counseling Office. Applications cannot be accepted without the transcript fee.

Your high school transcript will be sent electronically through Naviance, unless otherwise specified by the college.

For each college that you apply to you must fill out a Blue Sheet (available in the School Counseling office) and submit it to Mrs. Frerichs in the School Counseling Office along with a $5.00 processing fee. Fees can be paid with cash or a check made out to Xaverian High School (Example: for five applications submit one check for $25.00). Without this blue sheet transcripts and supporting documentation will not be sent out.

PLEASE NOTE: A BLUE SHEET MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR EVERY SCHOOL APPLIED TO WHETHER VIA COMMON APP OR NOT.

SENIOR GRADE REPORTS
Please note that senior grades are not sent out automatically. It is the student’s responsibility to know if colleges applied to need first quarter and/or midyear grades. Student must inform School Counseling Office and fill out a Student Quarter Grade Request, available in the School Counseling Office.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS
- If possible, choose teachers in whose courses you did well.
- Try to receive a letter from a teacher whose class reflects your intended college major.
- Vary teachers from different academic areas: Math, English, etc.
- Give the teacher plenty of time to write recommendation; avoid last minute rush.
- The same recommendation can be sent to different colleges..
- Unless otherwise directed, limit recommendations to 2 teachers.

CAMPUS VISIT and/or INTERVIEW
The college or university catalog cannot give you a complete idea of the institution, but you should be familiar with its contents. If possible, a campus visit and/or an interview is strongly recommended. The cost of a college education is expensive, so check out the school before you make the financial investment. If you plan on visiting a college, write or telephone the Admissions Office and set up an appointment. While some colleges require an interview, most do not. Required or not, you should make it a point to visit your top priority schools. Questions concerning your personal and academic backgrounds, interests, goals and why you want to attend this particular college, are some of the areas that may be covered. Speak to your counselor for a list of possible questions.
TESTING

If you haven’t taken any standardized tests (SAT or ACT) it is highly recommended that you take these tests in the fall.

It is the student's responsibility, not Xaverian’s, to have the SAT Reasoning Test and/or SAT Subject Test, as well as any ACT scores sent to the different colleges.

SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test with Essay

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Xaverian’s CEEB Code: 330920
Xaverian’s Test Center Code: 33-262

SAT Subject Tests

It is the student’s responsibility to determine whether or not he is required to take this exam. Student should check the catalog of the college(s) in which he is interested to determine the requirements for admission.

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ACT/Writing (American College Test) - www.act.org

*Tests administered at Xaverian (Xaverian H.S. ACT Test Code # 219020)
Do not confuse this with the SAT code.

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WE STRONGLY ADVISE ALL SENIORS TO TAKE THEIR LAST SAT OR ACT BY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. WAITING UNTIL THE LATE WINTER/SPRING IS REALLY TOO LATE.
Steps to Federal Student Aid

The following steps will help you keep track of what you need to do when applying for federal student aid.

**STEP 1**
Get free information and help from a school counselor, the financial aid office at the college or career school you plan to attend, or the U.S. Department of Education at StudentAid.gov or 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Free help is available any time during the application process. You should never have to pay for help.

**STEP 2**
Collect the documents needed to apply, including income tax returns and W-2 forms (and other records of income). A list of what you need is at www.fafsa.gov. Tax return not completed at the time you apply? Estimate the tax information, apply, and correct the information later.

**STEP 3**
For the 2018–19 year, you can complete the FAFSA between Jan. 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019 (subject to change). However, apply as soon as possible after Jan. 1 to meet school and state aid deadlines (see note after Step 6). Apply online at FAFSA on the Web (the faster and easier way) by going to www.fafsa.gov. If you don’t already have your PIN to electronically sign your FAFSA, you can get it when you complete the online FAFSA.

**STEP 4**
Within a few days, the U.S. Department of Education will send you your Student Aid Report (SAR)—the result of your FAFSA by mail with a link to your electronic SAR, or by email if you completed a paper FAFSA. Review your SAR and, if necessary, make changes or corrections following the instructions in your SAR. Your complete, correct SAR will contain your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)—the number used to determine your financial need.

**STEP 5**
The college or career school that you plan to attend might request additional information from you. Be sure to respond by any deadlines, or you might not receive federal student aid.

**STEP 6**
All applicants: The college or career school will tell you how much aid you can get at that school. Contact the school’s financial aid office if you have any questions about the aid being offered.

First-time applicants: Compare aid offers from schools to determine which school’s aid (a) meets your needs and (b) is affordable after aid is taken into account.

Student loans, unlike grants and work-study, are borrowed money that must be repaid, with interest, just like car loans and home mortgages. You cannot have these loans cancelled because you didn’t like the occupation you received, didn’t get a job in your field of study, or are having financial difficulty.

Note: You also might be able to get financial aid from your state or local government, your school, or a private scholarship. Research nonfederal aid early (ideally, start in the spring of your junior year of high school). You can find a free scholarship search at StudentAid.gov/scholarships. Be sure to meet all application deadlines!
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For students who are not Pell-eligible due to having less financial need than is required to receive Pell funds whose placement or employment in a critical need field is required to fulfill the contract. For students who do not complete their service obligation, the remaining balance of the grant must be repaid to the U.S. government.

Maximum is same as Pell Grant maximum; payment adjusted for less-than-full-time study.
N.Y.S. STUDENT AID APPLICATION (TAP)
The FAFSA will automatically send financial award information to this State Agency. The State Agency will mail you the TAP application.

N.Y. STATE GOVERNMENT- NEW YORK
1. TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) used only in N.Y. State.
   a. Award is from $500 - $5,165 (varies between private colleges and SUNY or CUNY)
   b. There is no repayment of this grant.

N.Y. STATE EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP
Eligibility

An applicant must:

- be a resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term;
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- have either graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test, as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department;
- have a combined federal adjusted gross income of $110,000 or less;
- be pursuing an undergraduate degree at a SUNY or CUNY college, including community colleges and the statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University;
- be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program;
- if attended college prior to the 2018-19 academic year, have earned at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program prior to applying for an Excelsior Scholarship;
- be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award;
- be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by a NYS award that you have previously received; and
- execute a Contract agreeing to reside in NYS for the length of time the award was received, and, if employed during such time, be employed in NYS.

There is not enough space in this document to present all the variety of scholarships, grants, and other aid that is available. Students and their families are strongly urged to research these resources on their own.
1. ACADEMIC/MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
   Based on high school average, SAT/ACT results and rank in class

   Contact individual Colleges for more information.

2. SCHOLARSHIP GRANT
   Based on high school average, SAT/ACT results, rank in class AND financial need

3. NEED BASED
   Aid is granted based on demonstrated need.


OTHER SOURCES
- Credit unions, employer, union, life insurance, fraternal and civic organizations, ROTC, etc.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS
- Ask high school and college coaches

Some Miscellaneous Suggestions to the Students

1. File your applications as soon as possible. A few weeks difference could be the difference between an acceptance and a rejection letter. **BE AWARE OF DEADLINES!!**

2. Beware of your email address. While sexybeast123@anymail.com may be mad cool with your friends, it probably is not the impression you would like to give to your college admission counselor. Create a professional e-mail such as jsmith@anymail.com

3. Try to relax. As daunting as this may all appear, you will succeed. Patience, diligence, organization and a sense of humor will go a long way!

Don’t get scammed on your way to college!

"This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."
Wrong. No one can guarantee to get you a grant or scholarship. Remember, too, that school guarantees often have conditions or strings attached. Get school refund policies in writing.

You can't get this information anywhere else."
Unlikely. Many free lists of scholarships are available. Check with your school counselor or librarian
for free information about current scholarships before you pay someone for the same or similar information. For more information about paying for college, visit the U.S. Department of Education's web site for students at http://www.ed.gov/studentaid

To find out how to spot, stop, and report a scholarship scam, contact:
  THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
  600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.,
  Consumer Response Center, Washington, D. C. 20580.
  Web site: http://www.ftc.gov
  Telephone # (National Fraud Information Center): 1-877-FTC-HELP