

Raymond High School

Senior Year Calendar – Class of 2011

August

- ✓ Time to review your career plans and start deciding what kind of post secondary education is best for you.
- ✓ Request admissions information and school catalogs.
- ✓ Obtain registration materials and testing dates for SAT and ACT assessments.
- ✓ Visit <http://going2college.org/> for info about career, college, and financial aid resources.
- ✓ If you plan on competing in Division I or Division II college sports, check with your counselor and Athletic Director to make sure you will qualify for NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.

Related links

- * Scholastic Aptitude Test:
<http://www.collegeboard.com/testing/>
- * ACT Assessment:
<http://www.act.org/aap/>
- * NCAA Eligibility Center
http://web5.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#

September

- ✓ 1st - First Day of School at RHS
- ✓ 7th-10th Add/Drop window for your classes
- ✓ Your counselor plays a big role in helping you get into college, so keep her/him informed. Meet to talk about your college plans and review your transcript.
- ✓ It is not too soon to start planning for college campus visits.
- ✓ Get started on your applications right away if you plan to apply through an early decision or early action program. Deadlines for early applications tend to fall in October or November.
- ✓ Start working on your college essays. Write essays that focus on your experiences and make you stand out from the crowd.
- ✓ Update your resume—your list of accomplishments, involvements, and work experiences—with your senior year activities. Your resume will help you complete your applications and essays.

Related links:

- * Early Decision & Early Action:
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/104.html>
- * College Application Checklist:
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/8435.html>
- * Choosing an Essay Topic:
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills/109.html>

October

- ✓ 8th – Deadline to register for Nov. 6 SAT
- ✓ 9th First SAT testing of the year
- ✓ 23rd – Second ACT testing of the year.
- ✓ 29th – Josten's Rep here to handout Graduation Order forms
- ✓ Ask your counselor, teachers, and coaches or employers for letters of recommendation. Give them plenty of time to meet your deadlines, provide them with your resume and/or an outline of possible points to cover, and make sure to provide them with stamped and addressed envelopes.
- ✓ Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges.
- ✓ If you are applying under an early decision or early action program, be sure to get all forms in as soon as possible. Applying online might be the right option for you.

Related link:

* Letters of Recommendation:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/119.html>

November

- ✓ 4th – Josten's Graduation Order forms due
- ✓ 5th – Deadline to register for Dec. 11 ACT
- ✓ 5th – Deadline to register for Dec. 4 SAT
- ✓ 6th – SAT test
- ✓ Submit early decision and early action applications on time.
- ✓ Work hard at completing your college essays. Proofread them rigorously for mistakes.
- ✓ Follow up with your teachers to ensure that letters of recommendation are sent on time to meet your deadlines.
- ✓ Mail applications as early as possible for colleges with rolling deadlines (admissions decisions are made as applications are received).
- ✓ Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges.

Related links:

* Three Steps to a Great Essay:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills/9405.html>

* Essay Writing Tips:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills/9406.html>

December

- ✓ 4th – Third SAT testing of the school year
- ✓ 11th – Third ACT testing of the school year
- ✓ 23rd – Deadline to register for Jan. 22, 2011 SAT
- ✓ Sign up for a PIN to complete your FAFSA online. Let your parents know that they will need a PIN as well.

- ✓ Wrap up college applications before winter break. Make copies of each application before you send it.
- ✓ Take SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each one of your colleges.
- ✓ Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.

Related link:

- * Financial Aid Info:
<http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

January

- ✓ ASAP after January 1 – complete your FAFSA online.
- ✓ 7th – Deadline to register for Feb. 12 ACT
- ✓ End of 1st Semester
- ✓ 22nd – Fourth SAT testing of the year
- ✓ 31st – Collections of Evidence (CoE) due
- ✓ Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.
- ✓ Some colleges include your first-semester grades as part of your application folder. This is called the mid-year grade report. Have your counselor send your grades to colleges that require them.

Related link:

- * FAFSA Web Site:
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>

February

- ✓ Early in month – Deadline to submit Collection of Evidence
- ✓ 11th – Deadline to register for Mar. 12 SAT
- ✓ 12th – Fourth ACT testing of the school year
- ✓ Contact your colleges and confirm that all necessary application materials have been received.
- ✓ Finish Strong!!! Fight senioritis! Colleges want to see strong second semester grades.

Related links:

- * What to Do About Senioritis:
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/8626.html>

March

- ✓ 4th – Deadline to register for Apr. 9 ACT
- ✓ 12 – Fifth SAT testing of the school year
- ✓ 15th-17th – Testing window for Writing HSPE
- ✓ 22nd – Reading HSPE test date
- ✓ Don't Let Up!
- ✓ This is a good month to make college campus visits.

- ✓ Some admissions decisions arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.

Related links:

* Decision-Making Guide:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/letters-are-in/103.html>

April

- ✓ Deadline to register for May 7 SAT
- ✓ 9th – Fifth ACT testing (and last opportunity to get results before June graduation)
- ✓ 12th – Science HSPE testing date
- ✓ Most admissions decisions and financial aid award letters arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.
- ✓ Make a final decision, and mail the enrollment form and deposit check to the school you select before May 1 (the enrollment deadline for most schools).
- ✓ Notify each of the schools to which you were accepted that you will not be attending in writing so that your spot can be freed up for another student.
- ✓ On the waiting list? Contact the admissions office and let them know of your continued interest in the college and update them on your spring semester grades and activities.

Related links:

* Rejected? Now What?:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/letters-are-in/126.html>

* What to Do if You're Wait-Listed:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/letters-are-in/124.html>

May

- ✓ 6th – Deadline to register for June 4 SAT
- ✓ 6th - Deadline to register for June 11 ACT
- ✓ 7th - Sixth SAT testing in the school year (and last opportunity to get results before June graduation)
- ✓ 8th-11th – Advanced Placement testing window. Make sure your AP score report is sent to your college.
- ✓ 27th (3:10pm) - Last date to complete all classes, assignments, exams etc in order to participate in RHS graduation ceremony on June 4. Study hard for final exams. Most admissions offers are contingent on your final grades.
- ✓ Prepare a realistic student budget.
- ✓ Thank your counselor, teachers, coaches, and anyone else who wrote you recommendations or otherwise helped with your college applications.

Related link:

* Next Steps:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/letters-are-in/9940.html>

June

- ✓ Senior Trip - TBD
- ✓ Raymond HS Class of 2011 Commencement – June 4 at 2PM
- ✓ Have your counselor send your final transcript to your college choice.
- ✓ If you plan on competing in Division I or Division II college sports, have your counselor send your final transcript to the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.