



Christian Academy of America

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Calendar for the *College-Bound*

Dear Parent and Supervisor,

This letter is being sent to all of our 9th – 12th grade students to help you plan appropriately for higher education. Please follow the steps according to your student's current grade. We hope this will be of a help in continuing your student's education.

Please help your student complete the following tasks.

Sophomore Year (10th Grade) —

- Sign up to receive the ACT Online Prep, the Official ACT Prep Guide, and the ACT Sample Test Questions at:
<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>
- Sign up to use the SAT Practice App, Practice Tests, and Khan Academy SAT Practice at:
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>
- Plan out the remainder of your high school courses with the help of your CAA Academic Advisor.
- Begin considering career options.

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Junior Year (11th Grade) —

- Continue with the practice tests and questions from ACT and SAT using the links above.
- Talk to people in careers that interest you. If you aren't sure, take an assessment that will identify your strengths. Then, explore potential career options.
- Begin visiting colleges.
- You can take the ACT and SAT multiple times. Take the SAT or ACT in your Junior year. Also, take the PSAT/NMSQT to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. See the registration information at the bottom of this document.
- Begin considering choices of financial aid. You can check the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> to determine how much federal aid you might receive.
- Investigate opportunities to earn college credit during high school (CLEP Exams & Dual Credit).

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Senior Year (12th Grade) —

September —

- Register to take the ACT or SAT, even if you took it in your Junior year. **See the registration information at the bottom of this document.**
- Go online to view colleges and universities in which you are interested.
- Seek out colleges that offer Preview Days for prospective students.
- Begin researching scholarships from private, institutional, and governmental sources. All financial assistance begins by looking at your FAFSA information. The FAFSA application is available online at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>.

October —

- Complete and submit college applications if “early decision” is required.
- Check financial aid and admissions deadlines for each college to which you may apply.
- If you did not register for the ACT or SAT, do it now. **See the registration information at the bottom of this document.**

November --

- Parents should be encouraged to be ready to complete income tax forms and submit them as early as possible (February or March). FAFSA will not be considered secured until IRS forms are submitted.
- Register for the ACT or SAT, now. You can re-take these tests, if you feel you did not do your best. See the registration information at the bottom of this document.
- All colleges and universities must provide an estimated tuition cost for interested persons. This is usually available on the website. If not available on the website, call and obtain this information.

December --

- Register and take the ACT or SAT. See the registration information at the bottom of this document.
- Begin applying to colleges in which you are interested.

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January --

- Update your FAFSA information, if necessary.
- As soon as parents have all tax information together, begin filling out the FAFSA (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>). Many colleges have financial deadlines in early February, so don't delay.
- If you have questions about federal financial aid, call 1-800-4-FED-AID

February --

- Update your FAFSA information and make corrections if necessary.
- Complete research for private scholarships and making application when research is complete.
- Make application for institutional scholarships to the individual colleges and universities.
- Start planning your graduation ceremony gathering.

March --

- Submit copies of tax forms if required by the financial aid office.
- Begin looking for a summer job.
- Make final plans for graduation gathering plans and send invitations.

April --

- Make final decision as to the college you wish attend and send the required deposit.
- Begin applying for student loans.

May --

- Notify the colleges which accepted you, but you will not be attending.
- Finish all course work for graduation from Christian Academy of America.
- Write parents and tutors thank-you notes and letters.
- Nail-down that summer job.

June/July --

- Request your final transcript from the Academy office.
- Consult with your college as to the dates for Freshman Fall Semester Orientation.

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Registration Information for the ACT and SAT Testing

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These tests are not Pass or Fail tests. These tests' scores are used by college counselors to evaluate a student's education experience. The SAT will test a student's your knowledge of reading, writing, and math.

Important Note: Christian Academy of America does not rank its graduates. Therefore, high scores on the ACT and SAT are vital for every CAA graduate.

The ACT and SAT Tests are given at almost every university, college, and at least one high school in your area. The list of testing locations is on the website of each testing board.

The easiest method to register and find your most convenient testing location is online.

Here are the dates and the web addresses for the tests:

The ACT Test

www.actstudent.org

Cost: \$50.50 (No writing) or \$67.00 (with writing) Late Registration Cost: Add \$30.00

Test Center Change Fee: \$30

**** Additional fees are located on the website

Telephone Registration call: 1-319-337-1270 8:am – 6:pm CST

When asked for the high school code of Christian Academy of America, please use the following code: **442432**.

The SAT Test - The College Board

http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/?s_kwcid=TC|7002|sat%20test%20dates||S|e|18684988244

Cost SAT w/out Essay: \$47.50 SAT with Essay: \$64.50 Late Registration Cost: \$29.00

Changes: Change Fees apply Telephone Registration call: 1-866-756-7346 – Additional fee of \$15.

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God bless you as you endeavor to continue developing your student's full potential for the Lord.

Sincerely,



**Jonathan M. Pulaski
Principal**