COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

Fall, senior year

<u>September:</u>

- **Make sure all required junior year writings have been submitted so the College Recommendation Committee can commence composing your letter**
- Continue to meet with Mr. Kahn
    - Meet during:
        - Study hall
        - Pod
        - Lunch
        - After school
        - During class only as a last resort, and only with teacher's permission
    - Plan to schedule meetings a week to a week and a half ahead of time
    - Work on finalizing the college list
    - Work on brainstorming essay topics
    - Get feedback on drafts of college essays
        - Find essay writing prompts at www.commonapp.org or http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/apply/pdf/APPInstructions_FR.pdf (p.19)
- Consult college visit schedule on Naviance to see which school's representatives will be visiting San Diego Jewish Academy, and when
    - Attend representatives' presentations from schools you are applying to, **when possible (with teachers' permission** when necessary)
- Consult Facebook for duplicate information
    - "Like" SDJA College Counseling"
- Register for September ACT as well as October, November, and December ACT's and/or SAT I's.
    - Determine which schools that will receive your application require SAT II's, and make sure the requisite number are taken by December
    - Remember that SAT I and SAT II exams cannot be taken at the same administration
- Request letters of recommendation from one or two teachers
    - Confirm the number of letters of recommendation, besides the counselor letter, you need by consulting www.commonapp.org for those schools that subscribe to the Common Application; **do not request letters simply to have them on file for yourself**
    - Make sure to request letters from teachers at least 6 weeks before the application's due date

<u>October:</u>

- Finalize the college list by the beginning of the month

- Finalize list of schools that require CSS/Profile, and submit: http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/scholarships-and-aid/8374.html
- Consult www.fastweb.com for scholarship opportunities to apply to
- Post to Naviance the finalized list of schools that will receive your application
- Request transcripts through Naviance
    - Located on the left side of your account's screen
    - **Note any ED or EA applications**
    - **Allow 10 days to process paperwork**
- Sign the FERPA agreement after completing the Education Section of the Common Application
- Link your Naviance account with your Common Application account, when prompted by Naviance to do so
- Continue to meet with Mr. Kahn to discuss your essays
    - Meet with other teachers for their feedback on your essays
- Establish contact with representatives who will read your application at any private schools that will receive your application
- Arrange for interviews at any private schools that will receive your application
- Begin to fill out UC and Cal State applications
    - http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/
        - The UC application opened on 8/1 for students to work on completing
    - www.csumentor.edu
        - The Cal State application will open on 10/1 for students to work on completing
- Plan to complete applications for schools with rolling admissions by 11/1
- Set up your Common Application account at www.commonapp.org
    - Attend to which schools on the Common Application require supplementary essays

November:

- Continue to solicit feedback on college essays
- Finalize UC and Cal State applications
    - Submit UC application (until 11:59 pm on November 30th)
    - Submit Cal State application (until 11:59 pm on November 30th)
- Work towards finalizing Common Application and supplements

December:

- Finish taking any SAT I, SAT II, or ACT exams
- Finalize your Common Application and supplements
    - Attend to due dates of Common Application schools
- Realize that mid-December is the last time to have drafts of applications and essays read prior to application due dates during the first week of January

REMEMBER TO SEND TEST SCORES THROUGH WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG OR WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

Spring, senior year:

January:

- Plan any college visits
- Compile financial information to file FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by March 2nd: http://www.fafsaonline.com/
- Arrange with Mrs. Watt to have your letter of recommendation read to you

February:

- Plan any college visits
- Don't forget to attend SDJA classes!

March:

- Plan any college visits
- Don't forget to attend SDJA classes!
- Expect to hear admissions decisions by the end of the month
    - Inform Mrs. Watt of all admissions decisions you receive

April:

- Plan any college visits
- Receive all college acceptances and denials
- Inform Mrs. Watt of all college admissions decisions and merit scholarship awards

May 1st—National Commit Date:

- Send in your Statement of Intent to Register and deposit to **one** school
    - In many cases, it is unethical to send a deposit to more than one school to buy additional time to decide which school to attend
- Inform Mrs. Watt which school you will attend so your final transcript can be sent

July-August:

- Anticipate the outstanding years of college that are to come!