

# PROJECT LAUNCH

## Oct

- Build College & Career Wishlist and add to Senior Profile (meet with Norway for support and final review)
- Begin Personal Essay Draft (*Share with Project Launch on Google Drive*)
- Create Common Application Account
- Think of two (2) teachers that you can ask for Letters of Recommendation
- Work on art school/ film portfolios
- Take Senior Headshot!
- Check RAW Scholarship Database for October & November scholarships
- Register for the November SAT (*registration deadline is October 5th*)
- Use your agenda book to stay organized

## Nov

- Complete the Common Application (*Review with mentor*)
- Edit Common Application writing supplements
- Finalize personal essay (*Share with Launch and mentor for support & review*)
- Submit any Early Action applications - if needed (*Check with Launch for approval*)
- Create an FSA ID with a Parent/Guardian(s)
- Search for application fee waivers (*free lunch=no fees*)
- Register for SAT or ACT (*SAT Subject Tests if required by colleges*). **The deadline is Nov.2nd for the December SAT! Nov. 21st late deadline**
- Work on art school/film portfolio in Slideroom
- Request RAW Letters of Recommendation
- Begin December scholarships

## Dec

- Let's hit submit on early apps w/ Launch
- Be prepared for any January 1st & 15th application deadlines by applying early
- Begin the FAFSA (Opens in December)
- Meet with TRIO if you attend a LPS school
- Submit CSS Profile (*If requested by specific colleges - know which colleges require it early*)
- Submit updated HS transcript to Launch (*you'll need it for scholarships!*)
- Finalize and submit art school/film portfolio
- Submit Official SAT Score reports through College Board (if needed)
- Distribute any rec letter thank you notes
- Submit December scholarships & begin January scholarships
- Apply to Salem State University and North Shore CC on-the-spot at RAW!



### PRO-TIP

Send in your free SAT/ACT score reports when you register for the exam.



### TIME SENSITIVE

Request your letters of recommendation early on.



### DID YOU KNOW?

National Portfolio Day is on October 28th. Register for the field trip!

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## Jan

- Ensure college applications are submitted prior to their deadlines
- Confirm that your colleges have received all required application materials (*Check your portal first! If not, email Admissions*)
- Submit the FAFSA & any other documents
- Submit CSS Profile (*Only if the private college requires it*)
- Research careers or volunteer opportunities
- Check in with Launch about career pathway programs
- Distribute rec letter thank you notes
- Complete January scholarships and begin February scholarships
- Submit art school/ film portfolios in Slideroom

## Feb

- Be Prepared for February 1st & 15th application deadlines by applying early
- Share admissions decision letters with Project Launch
- Turn in & discuss ALL financial aid award letters with Project Launch
- Prep for Mock Interviews
- Review Your FAFSA with Launch
- RSVP for February Field Trips
- Confirm that your colleges have all required application & financial aid materials
- Check your email frequently and mailbox (*Be aware of deadlines and missing items!*)
- Complete February scholarships & begin March scholarships
- Attend Paint Night with your mentor

## Mar

- Be prepared for March 1st & rolling application deadlines
- Share ALL admissions decision results with Launch
- Bring ALL financial aid award letters you receive to Project Launch
- Stay active in school - colleges will require your mid-year & final transcripts
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- Prepare & study for any Advanced Placement (AP) Exams you plan to take
- Tour campus & attend any Admitted Student Days
- Complete March scholarships and begin April Scholarships
- Create and/or finalize resume with your mentor or Launch team



### PRO-TIP

Scholarship season is in full swing! Inquire about local scholarships and check the Project Launch Scholarship Database



### BUILD YOUR BEST SELF

Find volunteer opportunities to strengthen your resume.

### STAY ORGANIZED



Keep your admissions decisions organized and track the status of each application in your Senior Profile.

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## Apr

- Schedule a meeting with Launch to discuss your final decision (*Turn In ALL Financial Aid Letters to Launch*)
- Visit colleges & attend events for admitted students
- Decide where to enroll in college of Choice (*Meet w/ Launch Before making your final choice*)
- Contact any colleges or career programs that you have not heard from (*Call/Email Admissions!*)
- Contact the Financial Aid Offices of the colleges you were accepted to
- Get support applying for scholarships (*Keep track in Senior Profile!*)
- Complete April scholarships & begin May scholarships
- RSVP for April break field trips

## May

- Submit your enrollment deposit by May 1st (*Congrats you're in college!*)
- Schedule a meeting with Launch to discuss your final decision (*Turn In Award Letters to Launch*)
- Check your portal (*Your college or career program will be notifying you of your next steps*)
- Finalize your resume
- Complete any financial aid appeals
- Meet with Launch to discuss loans options to cover your balance
- Notify colleges you Will NOT be attending
- Notify Project Launch of any scholarships you earn
- Complete May scholarships & begin June scholarships
- Follow through w/ senior obligations to earn RAW Hoodie

## June

- Check your email & portals frequently
- Inform your guidance counselor of your post-grad plans
- Ask your high school to send your final transcript to your chosen college in Naviance
- Know your balance or payment plans & apply for loans to cover any remaining costs
- Complete June scholarships (*It's not too late to apply*)
- Notify Project Launch of any scholarships you earn
- Graduate from high school
- RSVP for the RAW Senior Graduation Ceremony
- Join RAW Alumni Facebook Page
- Join FLY program by completing the FLY enrollment survey
- Have a good goodbye meeting with mentor



**MONEY TALKS**  
Schedule a meeting with Project Launch to analyze your award letters.



**FIGHT SENIORITIS**  
Stay actively engaged in school and prioritize time management during those last busy weeks!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
May 1st is National Decision Day!