

WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE –CALENDAR FOR SENIORS

SEPTEMBER

- _____ Register for SAT Reasoning Test or SAT Subject Tests –Deadline for Nov. 4 SAT is October 5
- _____ Check announcements and sign up on Naviance for college representatives’ (obtain a pass)
- _____ Access college applications from college admissions office, college web sites and www.commonapp.org
- _____ Begin first drafts of any essays required
- _____ Reduce your preliminary list of colleges to a manageable number
- _____ Talk to your counselor and explore career possibilities
- _____ Make appointments for college and other school interviews
- _____ Ask teachers for recommendations if you haven’t yet done so-this will be done in Naviance.
- _____ Register for ACT – Deadline for October 28 ACT is September 22
- _____ Students interested in playing Division I or II sports must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. ncaaclearinghouse.org and click on Prospective Student Athletes
- _____ Attend college fairs: Old Saybrook High School, September 18 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

OCTOBER

- _____ If you are applying to colleges that require the completion of the CSS/Profile, you can begin completing the online application at www.collegeboard.com after October 1
- _____ Further develop essays for your applications
- _____ Review your transcripts with your counselor if not already done
- _____ Review for SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests – Registration for December 2 test is November 2
- _____ Attend college representative meetings held in Guidance Office
- _____ Begin filling out college and other school applications
- _____ If you apply for “early decision” program, you should request your transcript by October 1
- _____ Compose resume for college/employment
- _____ Register for ACT – Deadline for December 9 ACT is November 3
- _____ Attend financial aid workshop at WHS – Wednesday, October 25 @ 7:00 PM – WHS Library
- _____ Review the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) website www.FAFSA.ed.gov and copy Pre-application worksheet
- _____ Complete a PIN registration www.pin.ed.gov so you can electronically sign your FAFSA
- _____ Talk to your parents about paying for college
- _____ Check with Financial Aid Offices about forms they require.
- _____ Attend College Fair at Guilford High School October 12, 7:00 to 8:30 PM
- _____ Ask teachers to complete recommendation forms or letters on Naviance

NOVEMBER

- _____ Take the SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Tests. Do you want your scores sent to additional colleges?
- _____ Find out exactly what forms, test results, etc. are necessary to apply to colleges and other schools you are interested in
- _____ Complete college application forms and submit to guidance office at least 10 days (excluding vacation days)
- _____ When friends come home from college, talk with them about their first year experience.

DECEMBER

- _____ Many universities have a priority deadline for students interested in academic and leadership scholarships. Is your application in?
- _____ Take SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests.
- _____ Check application deadlines
- _____ Use holiday break to finish applications, complete essay/resume before returning to school.
- _____ Receive Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA and make any corrections if needed

JANUARY

- _____ Continue checking in Guidance for scholarship opportunities
- _____ Submit mid-year grade request forms for college to Guidance
- _____ Complete any additional college financial aid applications
- _____ Write thank you notes to teachers who have provided letters of recommendation
- _____ GAP Year USA Fair, Fairfield High School TBA
- _____ GAP Year USA Fair, Conard High School, West Hartford TBA

FEBRUARY

- _____ Check announcements for scholarship information/Guidance Newsletter
- _____ Have you sent in all applications? Your Financial Aid form?

MARCH

- _____ Begin Westbrook Foundation and Local Scholarship Applications
- _____ Visit colleges to which you have applied.
- _____ Explore the colleges, career areas or other schools you have applied to as thoroughly as possible
- _____ Register for Advanced Placement Tests if you are taking them
- _____ Have you received your student aid report (SAR) form?
- _____ Remember the importance of second semester grades

APRIL

- _____ Deadlines for Westbrook Foundation and Westbrook Local Scholarships
- _____ Read Local Scholarship Booklet, gather applications and begin to complete
- _____ The big date you have been waiting for – acceptance letters!
- _____ Review your acceptances and financial aid offers with your counselor
- _____ Visit the college or school of your choice before final decision
- _____ Notify the college or school of your choice with written acceptance (email).
- _____ Send deposit to be received by May 1
- _____ Pick up and complete scholarship applications in Guidance
- _____ Notify schools you have decided not to attend, this opens space for other students, is common courtesy.
- _____ If unhappy with the financial aid anywhere you have been accepted, call them and discuss it.
- _____ Look into tuition payment plans and decide if you want to use one

MAY

- _____ May 1st the National Candidate reply date
- _____ If applicable, send your Student Aid Report (SAR) to your chosen college – keep a copy for your records
- _____ If necessary, apply for a student loan at a local bank
- _____ Apply for a summer job to help pay for college and other costs
- _____ Contact employers for interview appointments/complete applications
- _____ New students must sign up for orientation at college

JUNE

- _____ Complete the Senior Survey to let Guidance know where your final transcript will be sent.
- _____ Notify Guidance Office of final decision and request that final grades be sent to your chosen school
- _____ GRADUATION!!!
- _____ Write thank you notes to local organizations that awarded you scholarships.
- _____ Notify the college you will be attending of any private scholarships you may have received

CONGRATULATIONS!!!